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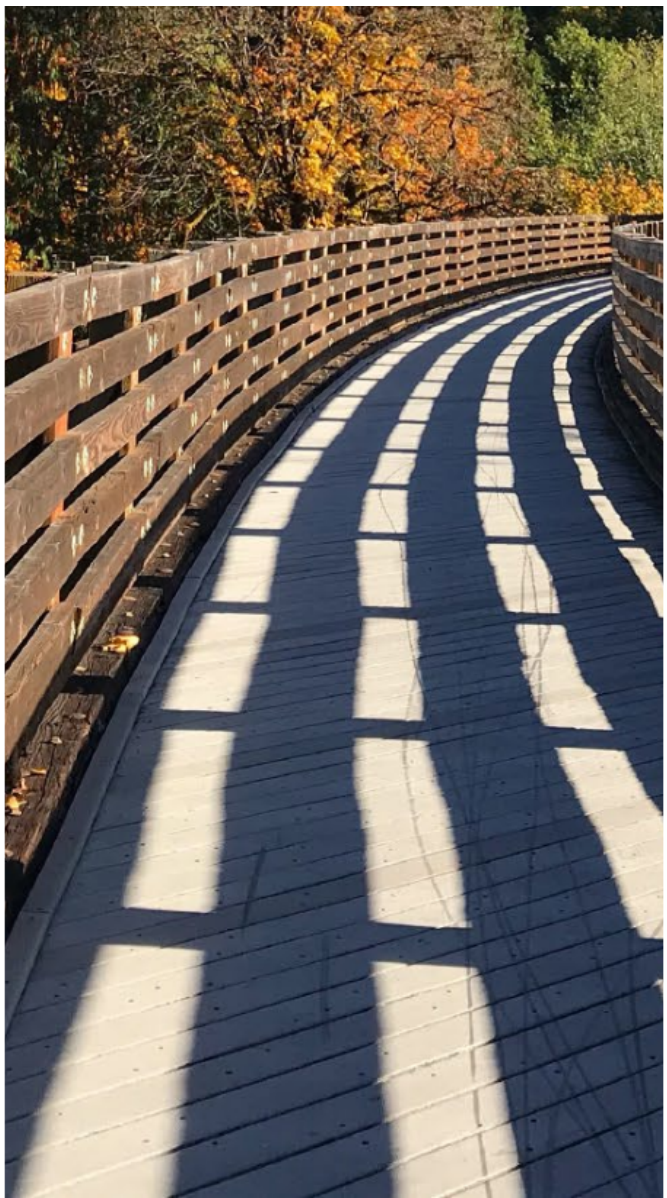

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About the Route

On the trail's western end, the route traverses a mix of commercial, light industrial,l and residential areas. The route connects to McCormick Park and Ogren Field, which is a hub for several local trails. East of the 'hub', the trail is often called the Kim Williams Nature Trail, as it passes through a namesake nature preserve.

The trail and preserve was named in memory of Kim Williams, a long-time Missoula resident, in 1987. With a degree in human ecology from Cornell University, she was a naturalist with a knack for writing, publishing the book Eating Wild Plants (among others), and penning a nature column in The Missoulian. For more than a decade, she also frequently appeared as a guest commentator on the popular National Public Radio program "All Things Considered." The pathway runs by the University of Montana, where she earned a master's degree and taught classes on plants; today, the school offers a fellowship in her name for journalism students interested in the environment. The section through the nature preserve is a bit rougher in quality, whereas most of the rest of the rail is paved.

The Milwaukee Road Path comes to its eastern end at Deer Creek Rd.

Connections

At the McCormick Park hub, trail users can connect to the Bitterroot Trail, which heads south, and the Riverfront Trail which heads northeast.

The Milwaukee Road Path is part of the Great American Rail Trail, a developing 3,700-mile route between Washington D.C. and Washington State.

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States: Montana
Counties: Missoula
Length: 6miles
Trail end points: N Grove St. (Missoula) to Deer Creek Rd. (Missoula)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Dirt,Gravel
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Milwaukee Road Path runs between N Grove St. (Missoula) and Deer Creek Rd. (Missoula).

Parking is available at:

- McCormick Park, 600 Cregg Ln. (Missoula)
- 905 E Broadway St. (Missoula)

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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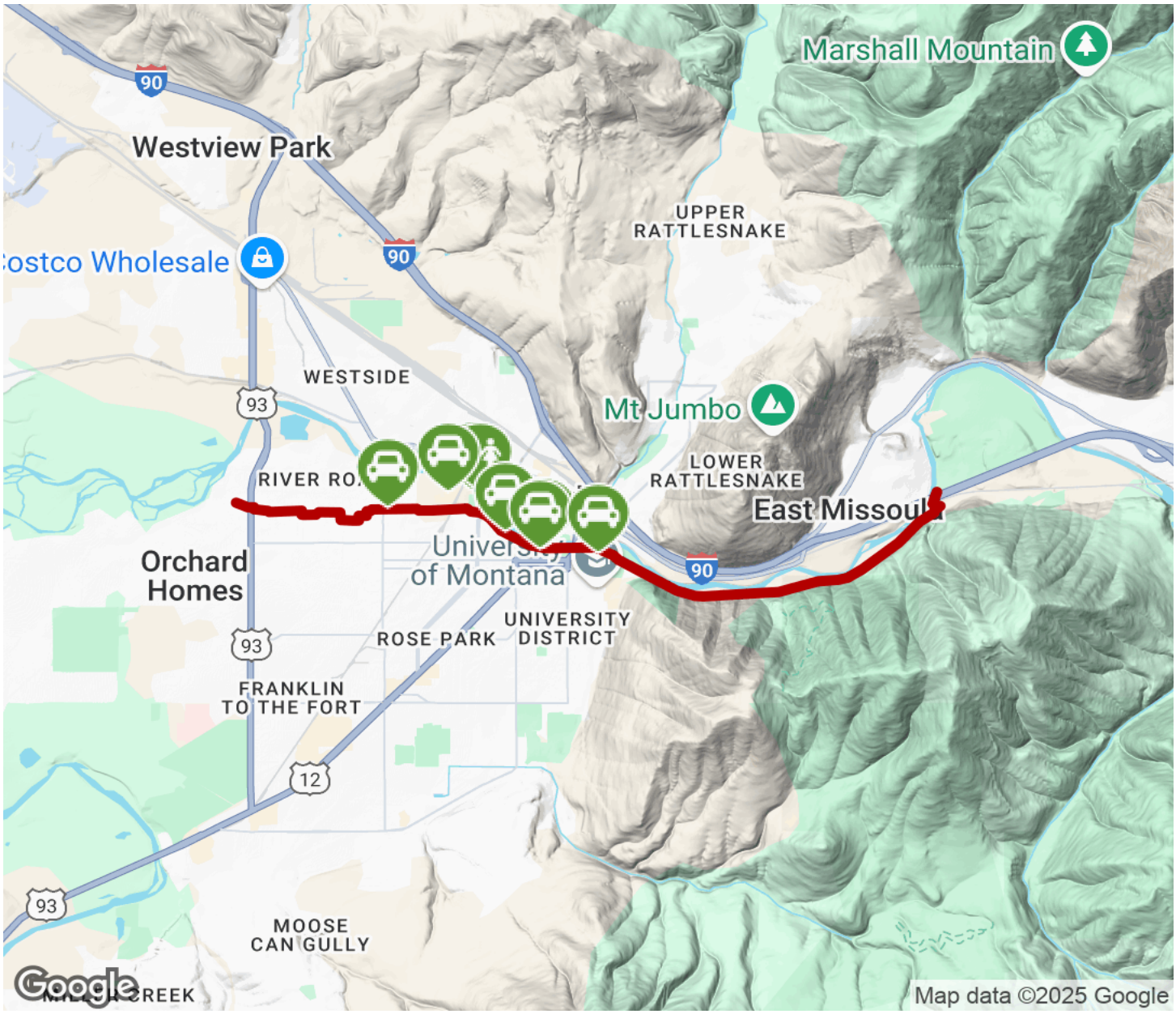

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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