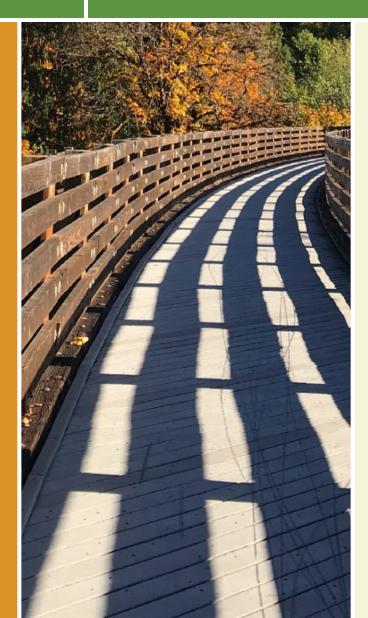




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# The Cross Kirkland Corridor is the bustling centerpiece of a former railbed that once carried freight and passengers through towns



The Cross Kirkland Corridor is the bustling centerpiece of a former railbed that once carried freight and passengers through towns now in the eastern suburbs of Seattle. Just 5.8 miles long, the level, crushed-limestone trail links destinations in the lakeside city of Kirkland while connecting to other trails heading east and south for regionwide commuting or recreation. It's a segment of the Leafline Trail Network, which will eventually connect 900 trail miles in the central Puget Sound region.

#### About the Route

Starting from the southern end, the nearby South Kirkland Park and Ride offers parking as well as service from bike rack–equipped buses. A 0.1-mile climb up 108th Ave. NE takes trail users to the Cross Kirkland Corridor on the left. Trail users will be treated to close-by glimpses of Lake Washington (the ancestral home of several Coast Salish tribes), the Seattle skyline, and the Olympic Mountains far to the west, especially in the wintertime when the leaves have fallen.

In 1.6 miles, the trail passes Terrace Park, which is accessible down a stairway to the left. Trail users will probably notice that many neighborhoods connect to the trail. Homes and businesses are largely hidden by wildflowers, trees, and bushes; much of the vegetation is native and maintained by volunteers.

Feriton Spur Park emerges in 0.2 miles and continues alongside a paved section of trail for nearly 0.5 miles through the Google campus. The park features basketball and pickleball courts, a sandy volleyball court, a zip line, a yearround garden, and a taproom and ice-cream parlor housed in a refurbished caboose. At the far end are an amphitheater, restrooms, and a drinking fountain.

About 0.4 miles past the park, a short section of rails and a vintage semaphore (signaling apparatus) mark the Kirkland Rotary's pavilion at the site of the former depot, which provided regular passenger service until 1922. This is also the location where, in 1942, Japanese Americans were ordered to gather for relocation by train to internment camps during World War II.

In a mile, the trail meets the sculpture of a frog clamoring over the fence. A trail on the left uses a stairway to climb a hill to Crestwood Park, which has restrooms and a drinking fountain.

About 0.7 miles past the "frog crossing," the trail passes warehouses and businesses at the south end of the Totem Lake commercial area. Finding a way through here was difficult until the 2023 completion of the elevated Totem Lake pedestrian bridge that spans two major roads. The trail passes



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States: Washington Counties: King Length: 5.8miles Trail end points: 108th Ave. NE (Kirkland) to 132nd Ave. NE (Bellevue) Trail surfaces: Cinder,Crushed Stone Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Walking

## **Parking & Trail Access**

The Cross Kirkland Corridor runs between 108th Ave. NE (Kirkland), where parking is available, and 132nd Ave. NE (Bellevue).

Parking is also available at:

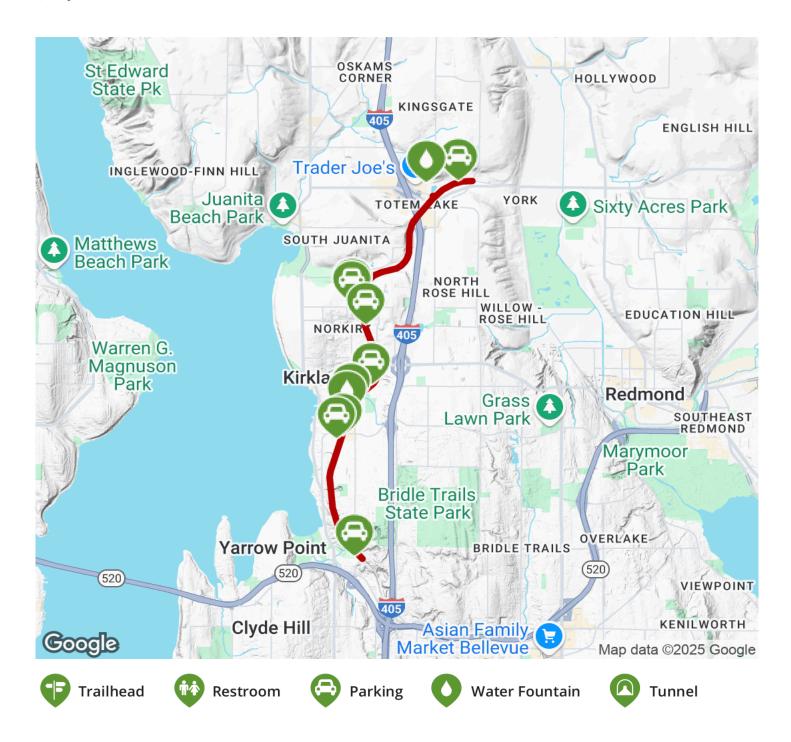
- 10333 NE 67th St. (Terrace Park)
- 6711 106th Ave. NE (Central Houghton)
- 1 Railroad Ave. (Kirkland)

Please see <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.



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