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Guides



**Crown  
Zellerbach  
Trail**  
*Oregon*



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accessible only for its first 2 miles in the Scappoose area. The general grade of the eastern end of the trail is less than 5% percent for its first 11 miles heading west from Scappoose. From there, the maximum grade is 12% near Nehalem Divide and 20% near the Holce Trailhead in Vernonia on the western end of the trail.

Along the route, 34 kiosks explain the area's geology and wildlife, as well as provide historical information created by the Columbia County Museum Association with QR codes (where there is cell service) for additional content. Many of the trailheads (spaced roughly every 3–4 miles) also include restrooms, picnic tables and bike repair stations.

In Vernonia, the CZ Trail ends about a quarter mile from the paved [Banks-Vernonia State Trail](#), which offers another 22 miles of scenic riding through wooded and rural landscapes.

The Crown Zellerbach Trail, known locally as the Crown Z Trail or the CZ Trail, follows a former logging railroad through quiet and picturesque forests in northwest Oregon. Its east end begins at Multnomah Channel and, from there, the trail continues for 25 miles on a northwest course largely paralleling the Scappoose-Vernonia Road from Scappoose to Vernonia. (Note that the last 4.2 miles of the route are on-road.)

In June 2023, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland designated the Crown Zellerbach Trail a National Recreation Trail in a celebration of National Trails Day.

Primarily packed gravel, the trail is suitable for walking, mountain biking and horseback riding, plus cross-country skiing in the winter. It is paved and wheelchair



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**States:** Oregon

**Counties:** Columbia

Length: 25.8miles

**Trail end points:** Chapman Landing  
(Scappoose) to Scappoose-Vernonia Highway  
(Vernonia)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt,Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Wheelchair

Accessible,Horseback Riding,Mountain  
Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the following trailheads, listed from east to west along the trail:

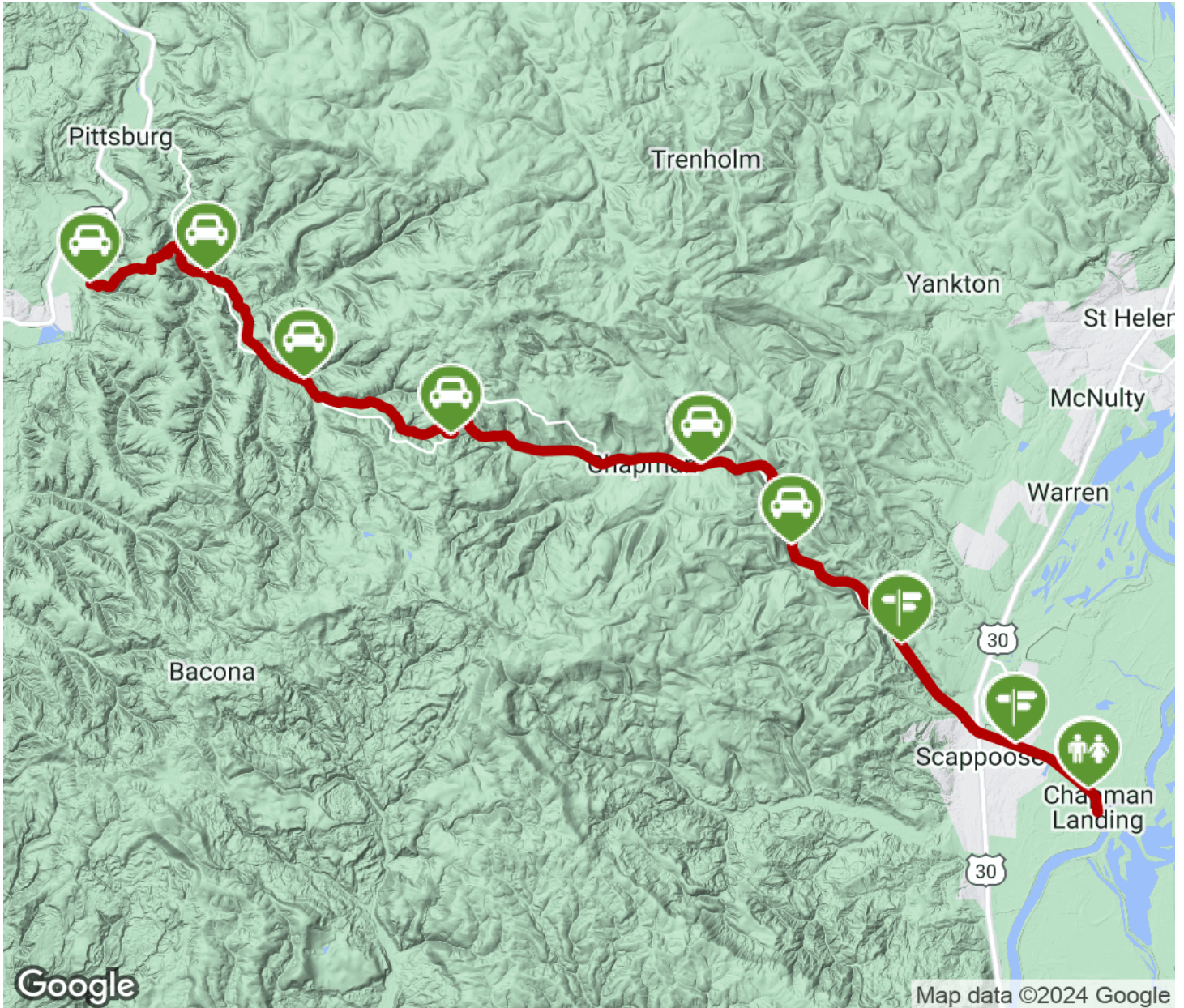
- Chapman Landing Trailhead: 370 feet southeast of the intersection of E. Columbia Avenue and Dike Road in Scappoose
- Scappoose Trailhead: NE Crown Zellerbach Road, 0.1 mile east of W. Lane Road
- Pisgah Trailhead: Scappoose-Vernonia Highway, 0.1 mile northwest of Wikstrom Road
- Bonnie Falls Trailhead: 30715 Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy.
- Ruley Trailhead: Scappoose-Vernonia Highway, 0.4 mile west of Hale Road
- Floeter Trailhead: Columbia Forest Road Travel and Hawkins Road, 75 feet north of Scappoose-Vernonia Highway
- Holce Trailhead: 1780 E. Knott St., Vernonia





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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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