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Guides



**Tilikum  
Crossing**  
*Oregon*



## Tilikum Crossing

Oregon

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On the east bank, it's possible to get on the [Vera Katz Eastbank Esplanade](#) to continue nearly 2 miles along the river. A few blocks south of the esplanade, you can also pick up the [Springwater Corridor](#) to head south and east; that trail is in the Rail-Trail Hall of Fame.

The [Waterfront Bike Path](#), not far from the western end of the bridge, mirrors the esplanade's path along the other bank of the Willamette River.

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Originally known as the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Bridge or as Caruthers Crossing, the project was renamed "Tilikum" after the word for people in the native Chinook language. Its distinctive look comes from 180-foot-tall stay-cable towers, as well as a system of LED lights that can colorfully illuminate the bridge at night.



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**States:** Oregon

**Counties:** Multnomah

Length: 0.6 miles

**Trail end points:** SW Moody Avenue to SE 2nd Place

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

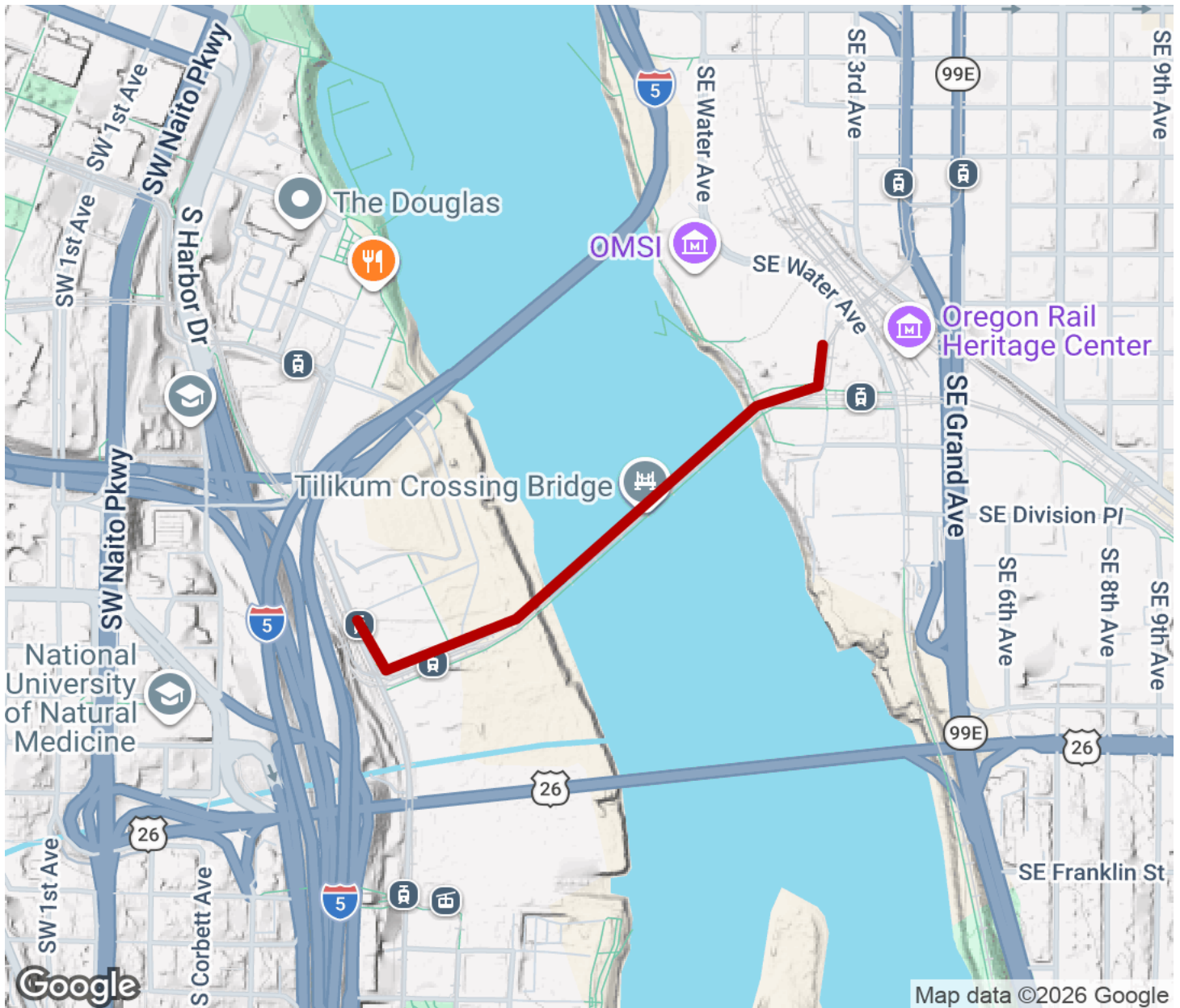
## Parking & Trail Access

A MAX light rail station is located at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) on the east bank of the Willamette River. Another station, South Waterfront, is located on the west bank.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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