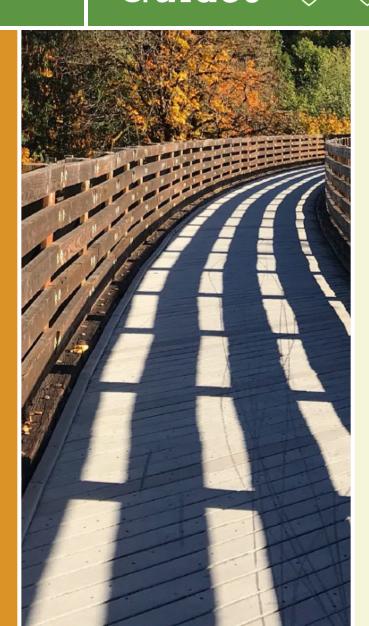




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The footbridge itself is also an attraction as it's dotted with beautiful sculptures created by famed glass artist and Tacoma native Dale Chihuly, such as a pair of 40-foot-tall blue crystal towers. Adjacent to the bridge is the Museum of Glass, serving as both a gallery and art studio for glass artists. A distinctive feature of the museum is its stainless steel cone-shaped dome. On the other (west) side of the bridge, trail goers can visit the Washington State History Museum and easily hop on the <u>Prairie Line Trail</u>, running down the center of the University of Washington campus.

About a mile north of Thea's Park, the <u>Ruston Way Path</u> is also worth checking out. Situated in the Old Town neighborhood of Tacoma, the paved pathway offers lovely views of Commencement Bay and majestic Mount Rainier.



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States: Washington Counties: Pierce Length: 1.9miles Trail end points: Thea's Park to Dock Street Trail surfaces: Boardwalk,Concrete Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

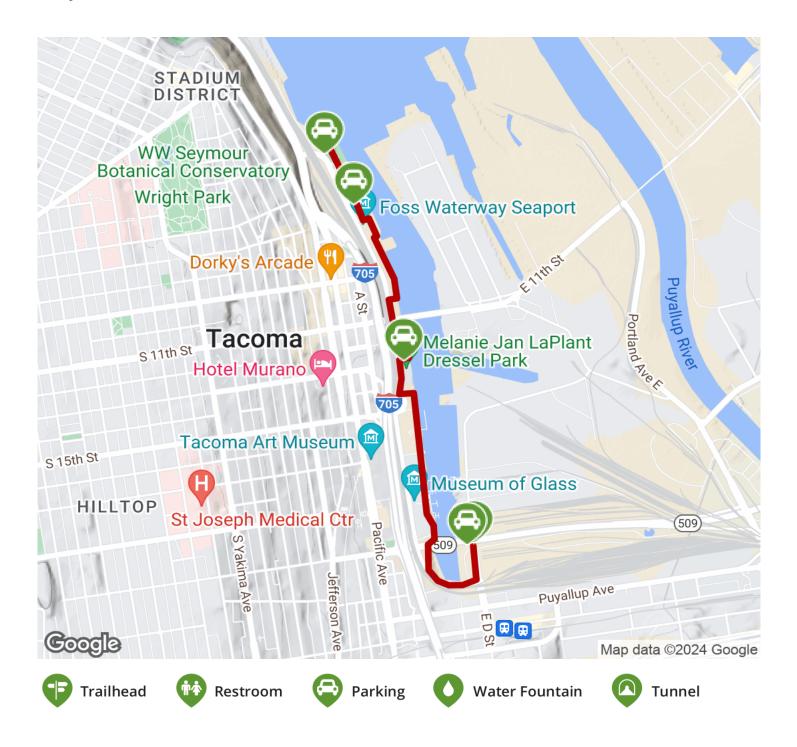
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the north end of the trail in Thea's Park (535 Dock St.).



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