



2024

TrailLink Unlimited



Guides



# Water Flume Line Trail

*Washington*



# Water Flume Line Trail

Washington

*Overview The Water Flume Line Trail runs for 2.4 miles through the City of Tacoma, WA. The wide, paved trail follows the route of a*



## Overview

The Water Flume Line Trail runs for 2.4 miles through the City of Tacoma, WA. The wide, paved trail follows the route of a wooden structure, known as a flume, that carried water from Spanaway Lake into city over a hundred years ago. Operational pump houses are located along the trail and are still used during periods of high demand or low river water.

## About the Route

The northern end of the trail is at the corner of S 47 Street and S Tacoma Way. From there, the trail heads south through South Park, which is next to Tacoma Cemetery. The park has restrooms, drinking fountains, picnic tables,

benches, a playground, a baseball field, and a basketball court. Please note that the restrooms and water fountains may be closed during the off-season.

Leaving the park, the trail continues south through residential neighborhoods and passes two elementary schools. The trail runs along S Clement Avenue and includes several street crossings, so please exercise appropriate caution. After crossing S 74th Street, the trail curves through Oak Tree Park, which has a playground and benches.

The southern end of the trail is on S Tacoma Way at the southwest end of Oak Tree Park and next to a shopping complex. There is trail signage at the entrance to the trail on S Tacoma Way.

## Trail History

Construction of a trail along the Flume Line began in 1898. Made primarily of wooden planks, the original trail included a bridge over the flume that was advertised as the "longest, highest, and only exclusive bicycle bridge in the world." Although the 110-foot-high and 450-foot-long bridge no longer exists, the nearby modern-day Delin Street Bridge has bike lanes.



# Water Flume Line Trail

Washington

**States:** Washington

**Counties:** Pierce

Length: 2.4miles

**Trail end points:** S 47 St & S Tacoma Way  
(Tacoma) to S Tacoma Way (Tacoma)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

The Water Flume Line Trail runs between S 47 St & S Tacoma Way (Tacoma) and S Tacoma Way (Tacoma).

Parking is available in several paved parking lots at South Park (4851 S Tacoma Way, Tacoma).

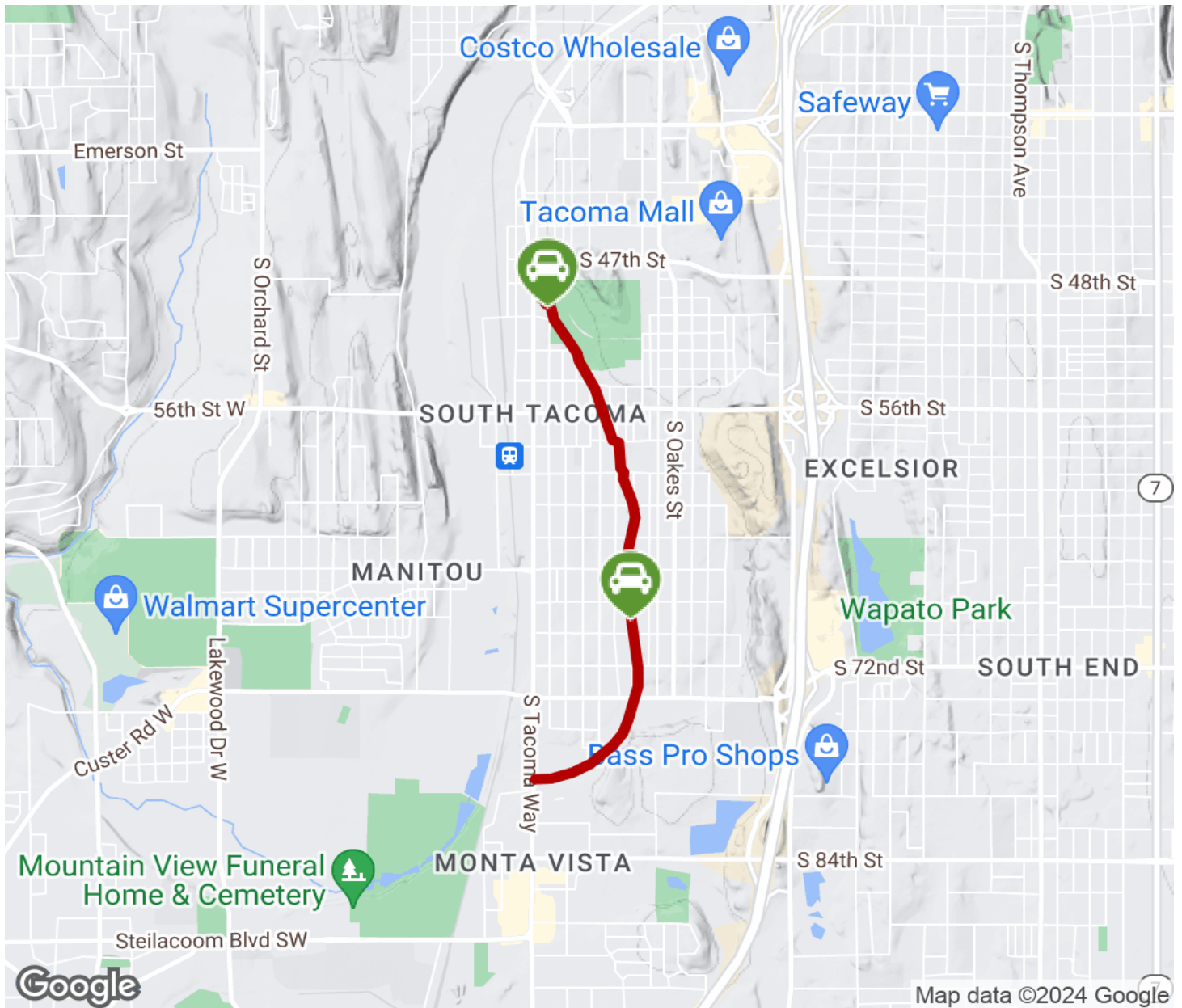
The Pierce Transit system has several bus stops that provide access to the trail.

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all transit options and detailed directions.



# Water Flume Line Trail

Washington



Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



**TrailLink**  
by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

**TrailLink.com**