

Regional Trails in King County

Burke-Gilman Trail

The **Burke-Gilman Trail** runs 20 miles from Golden Gardens Park in Seattle to Bothell where it intersects the Sammamish River Trail. Part of the "locks to lakes corridor," the BGT is a paved, off-road route over its entire length with the exception of a roadway segment in Ballard. The trail crosses Ballard, Fremont, Wallingford, the University District, and View Ridge within the City of Seattle, as well as the cities of Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, and Bothell. The trail follows a historic railroad route and passes the Hiram Chittenden Locks, Fremont Canal Park, Gas Works Park, University of Washington, Magnuson Park, Log Boom Park in Kenmore, and Wayne Golf Course



in Bothell. The BGT is highly popular with cyclists, joggers, skaters and strollers, and it's an important weekday commuter route. Seattle manages the BGT within its boundary.

Sammamish River Trail

The **Sammamish River Trail** runs 11 miles along the Sammamish River from Bothell to Marymoor Park as part of the "locks to lakes corridor." The SRT is paved along its entire length and is one of King County's most popular regional greenways. The trail offers extraordinary views of the river, the broad Sammamish River Valley, Cascade foothills, and Mt. Rainier. Bicyclists, joggers, skaters, walkers, and others enjoy the trail as a regional recreation resource. The SRT is also used extensively by commuters between suburban cities and Seattle. A separate soft-surface path between Woodinville and Redmond provides access for equestrians.



East Lake Sammamish Trail

The **East Lake Sammamish Trail** follows a historic railroad route along the eastern shore of Lake Sammamish within the cities of Redmond, Sammamish and Issaquah. Part of the "locks to lakes corridor," the trail is 11 miles long and follows a path through lakeside communities. The existing "interim" soft-surface trail provides excellent views of the lake and Cascade foothills, and is popular with off-road bicyclists, joggers, walkers, and others. The ELST will be upgraded in phases to become a fully paved trail with soft-surface shoulders. The ELST intersects the Issaquah-Preston Trail in Issaquah near I-90, which provides a connection east to the Mountains to Sound Greenway.



North Creek Trail

The **North Creek Trail** links the "locks to lakes corridor" with Snohomish County via the University of Washington Bothell campus and Bothell's North Creek area. This 2-mile trail starts at the Sammamish River Trail as a paved trail in Bothell, passes UW Bothell and Cascadia Community College to Beardslee Boulevard, crosses I-405 on NE 195th Street, then turns north as a paved trail along North Creek and continues into Snohomish County to terminate at 240th Street SE. A paved spur trail also provides access south to the North Creek Sportsfields and beyond.



Issaquah-Preston Trail

The **Issaquah-Preston Trail** provides a 7-mile link between the "locks to lakes corridor" and the Mountains to Sound Greenway. The trail starts at a junction with the East Lake Sammamish Trail in Issaquah and continues east along Interstate-90 toward Preston. The trail is paved to Issaquah Highlands where it connects that community with downtown Issaquah and other regional trails. From Issaquah Highlands the trail continues east as a soft-surface route above Issaquah Creek and I-90 to High Point. From High Point eastward the route follows High Point Way, a winding rural road, to Preston. In Preston the trail connects with the Preston-Snoqualmie Trail. Portions of the trail are managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation.



Preston-Snoqualmie Trail

The **Preston-Snoqualmie Trail** is a 7-mile-long paved regional trail through steep terrain within the Mountains to Sound Greenway. The PST runs east from High Point Way near the Interstate-90 Preston Park-and-Ride to just west of Snoqualmie Falls. The PST retraces a historic railroad route with gentle grades ideal for walking, running, and bicycling. The demolition of a historic railroad trestle in Preston provides one exception where the route detours into the Raging River Valley before climbing again to the north side of Snoqualmie Ridge. The trail continues along the ridge through secluded woodlands with exceptional views of the Snoqualmie River Valley and ends with a viewpoint overlooking Snoqualmie Falls. The trail is linked to Snoqualmie Ridge via City of Snoqualmie soft-surface community trails.



Snoqualmie Valley Trail

The **Snoqualmie Valley Trail** is King County's longest and perhaps most majestic regional trail. This soft-surface greenway parallels the Snoqualmie River for more than 31 miles from Duvall southeast to Rattlesnake Lake and Seattle's Cedar River Watershed above North Bend. The SVT follows a historic railroad route through the lower and upper Snoqualmie River valleys to the Cascades and provides access to the rural towns of Duvall, Carnation, and Fall City, as well as Snoqualmie and North Bend. The trail offers exceptional opportunities to experience the rural King County landscape and Cascade foothills and is popular with hikers, off-road bicyclists, joggers, and equestrians. Highlights include Snoqualmie River Valley views, river natural areas, the historic 100-foot-high Tokul Trestle, nearby Snoqualmie Falls, and ever-changing views of Mt. Si along the upper valley portion of the trail. The trail includes one roadway segment around the historic Snoqualmie Mill in Snoqualmie and intersects Washington State's John Wayne Pioneer Trail at the Rattlesnake Lake Recreation Area.



I-90 Trail

One of urban King County's most important regional routes, this 10-mile paved trail follows Interstate 90 across Lake Washington to link the cities of Seattle and Bellevue. The trail begins just south of downtown Seattle in Rainier Valley at 12th Avenue S near Sturgis Park, and continues eastward to Lake Washington where it crosses on the I-90 bridge to Mercer Island. At Mercer Island the trail passes through the I-90 Lid Park and continues by way of the extensively landscaped freeway corridor to Bellevue and Mercer Slough Nature Park. Connecting trails and on-road routes provide access through Bellevue and to points north and south along Lake Washington. The trail continues to Factoria. An easterly segment also provides connections from Eastgate. The trail is managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation.



SR-520 Trail

The **SR-520 Trail** follows the north side of State Route 520 within the cities of Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Bellevue, and Redmond. Starting in Hunts Point, the trail generally follows the highway through hilly wooded habitat, and then becomes an on-road segment through Yarrow Point and along the southern edge of the City of Kirkland's Yarrow Bay Wetlands to Lake Washington Boulevard. The trail starts again along the north side of SR-520 east of Northrup Way and continues to Willows Road NE in Redmond. The SR-520 Trail is paved, has a combined length of about 7 miles, and is managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation.



Interurban Trail (North)

The north segment of the **Interurban Trail** runs through the cities of Seattle and Shoreline. The trail starts in north Seattle at NW 110th Street and continues as a paved route for almost a mile to NW 128th Street. The trail starts again in Shoreline at NE 145th Street at a distinctive gateway reminiscent of the historic Interurban rail line and continues north to Snohomish County. The trail is a paved off-road route over most of its 4-mile run through Shoreline and includes pedestrian bridges over 155th Street and Aurora Avenue. The trail continues north past Echo Lake to N 200th Street, just opposite the Aurora Village Transit Center, where it turns east and then north to NE 205th Street. The trail continues on-road into the City of Edmonds and Snohomish County. The trail is managed by the cities of Seattle and Shoreline within their boundaries.



Interurban Trail (South)

The south segment of the **Interurban Trail** links the cities of Tukwila, Kent, Auburn, Algona, and Pacific along a nearly straight 15-mile alignment that follows the historic Interurban rail line. The trail starts at Fort Dent Way just south of Fort Dent Park in Tukwila and then immediately crosses over the Green River. After passing beneath Interstate 405, the Interurban Trail turns south within the Puget Sound Energy power line corridor. The alignment traverses a variety of landscapes with views of many regional activities as it follows the BNSF Railway through historic industrial areas and suburban lands before crossing the broad Green River Valley. Access is provided to Southcenter, Renton Junction, downtown Kent, the Emerald Downs racetrack in Auburn, and the communities of Algona and Pacific. The trail currently ends at 3rd Avenue SW in Pacific. The Interurban intersects the Green River Trail in Tukwila and again in south Kent to create a recreational loop through the Green River Valley. The Interurban Trail is popular for both recreation and commuting.



Green River Trail

The **Green River Trail** winds more than 19 miles from Cecil Moses Park near Seattle's south boundary to North Green River Park in south Kent near Auburn. The GRT follows the Green River through industrial lands at the Duwamish Waterway in Tukwila to the broad Green River Valley. The trail provides excellent views and access to the Green River and surrounding river valley. The trail is paved with some short roadway segments. To the north the GRT passes industrial areas and manicured office parks, which give way to open fields and hedgerows as the trail winds its way south along the river. The GRT is highly popular with a variety of users for both recreation and commuting.



Soos Creek Trail

The **Soos Creek Trail** follows the scenic Soos Creek Valley 6 miles as it meanders through woods, wetlands, and meadows. This paved trail with a separate soft-surface equestrian path starts southeast of Renton at 192nd Street SE and continues south to near Lake Meridian in Kent. The trail traverses extensive riparian and wetland areas on elevated decking, wanders through upland forests, and crosses open meadows offering wildlife views. Highly popular with walkers, hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians seeking to explore the natural environment, the trail provides a quiet respite among south King County's urban communities and a destination for active recreation. Access is provided at Soos Creek Park at SE 208th Street and near Lake Meridian Park at 148th Avenue SE at SE 266th Street. A convenient connection with the Lake Youngs Trail is available via SE 216th Street.



Lake Youngs Trail

The **Lake Youngs Trail** encircles Seattle's Lake Youngs Watershed east of Kent and provides more than 9 miles of regional greenway popular with walkers, joggers, and equestrians. This soft-surface route provides a rustic rural experience as it passes from suburban neighborhoods to rural lands, open space, and forest landscapes. The trail varies in character as it traces its way around the watershed—from road-like segments to well-worn, narrower tracks. While the watershed is fenced from the public, the trail allows ample opportunity to experience the area's natural environment. The Lake Youngs Trail provides a special rural experience within a growing metropolitan area, and offers users miles of scenic views and rambling opportunities. A convenient connection with the Soos Creek Trail is available at the southwest corner of the loop via SE 216th Street.



BPA and West Campus Trails

The **BPA Trail** offers 5 miles of paved wandering within the City of Federal Way. The trail follows the Bonneville Power Administration power line corridor from the city's southern boundary to Celebration Park via the King County Aquatics Center. A spur known as the **West Campus Trail** also provides a greenway connection to SW 320th Street. The trails are managed by the City of Federal Way.



Cedar River Trail

The **Cedar River Trail** follows the Cedar River from Lake Washington in Renton upriver to the community of Landsburg at Seattle's Cedar River Watershed. At 17 miles in length the CRT is a paved, off-road trail for the first 12 miles, and features a soft surface for the last 5. The trail follows a historic railroad route between the river and State Route 169, and passes through or near Renton, Maplewood, Cedar Mountain, Maple Valley, and Rock Creek. It offers views and access to Lake Washington, downtown Renton, Cedar River Park, Maplewood Golf Course, Ron Regis Park, Cedar Grove Park, and Maple Valley. The CRT also provides excellent views and access to the Cedar River. At Maple Valley the trail intersects the Green-to-Cedar Rivers Trail before continuing to the more secluded Rock Creek area and then to Landsburg in a wooded river valley.



Green-to-Cedar Rivers Trail

This 3-mile regional trail links Maple Valley with the Cedar River Trail and metro areas to the northwest. The trail follows an abandoned railroad route and was formerly known as the Lake Wilderness Trail because of its close proximity to the lake and surrounding Lake Wilderness Park. The trail provides access to the park as well as surrounding neighborhoods. The **Green-to-Cedar Rivers Trail** currently ends at Kent-Kangley Road in Maple Valley. Eventually the trail will be developed south through Maple Valley and beyond to the Green River Valley to link with the future Green River Trail.



Elliott Bay Trail

The **Elliott Bay Trail** follows the shoreline of Elliott Bay for 5 miles from S Royal Brougham Way near Qwest Field and Safeco Field to Smith Cove Park in Magnolia. The trail provides excellent views of Elliott Bay, Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains, and the Seattle skyline. The route follows Alaskan Way along Seattle's waterfront and provides access to waterfront amenities, Pike Place Market, and the Olympic Sculpture Park. The trail continues along the bay via Myrtle Edwards Park and Elliott Bay Park, crosses industrial Interbay at the BNSF Railway yard, then turns west and south under the Magnolia Bridge to access Smith Cove and the Elliott Bay Marina. The trail is paved with some roadway segments and is managed by the City of Seattle and Port of Seattle.



Alki Trail

The **Alki Trail** is a popular route along Seattle's Alki Beach. This 5-mile paved trail begins at West Marginal Way S and continues past Harbor Island to West Seattle via Seattle's Swing Bridge on SW Spokane Street. At West Seattle the trail turns north along Harbor Avenue SW and the shore of Elliott Bay and continues to Alki Beach Park. The **Alki Trail** provides extensive access to the Elliott Bay shoreline and Alki Beach. On sunny summer days the Alki Trail is busy with walkers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters, and others seeking access to Puget Sound. The trail is managed by the City of Seattle.



Chief Sealth Trail

The **Chief Sealth Trail** is a 4-mile greenway with both paved and roadway segments. The trail follows a Seattle City Light power line corridor over most of its length and provides an open-space greenway through Seattle's southeast urban neighborhoods. The Chief Sealth Trail begins at Beacon Avenue S at S Dawson Street near Dearborn Park and meanders southeast to the New Holly Community where it becomes a neighborhood street route. Further south the trail again continues as an off-road paved trail to Martin Luther King Jr. Way S, crosses MLK Way, and continues as a paved trail until its end at 51st Avenue S and S Gazelle Street near Seattle's Kubota Gardens park. The trail provides an excellent open-space experience and access to surrounding urban areas. The Chief Sealth Trail is managed by the City of Seattle.



Tolt Pipeline Trail

The **Tolt Pipeline Trail** runs almost 14 miles between Bothell and Duvall alongside Seattle's Tolt Water Pipeline. The trail is provided through an agreement between King County and the City of Seattle and makes use of the pipeline's wide right-of-way and soft-surface access road. The Tolt Pipeline Trail is popular with off-road bicyclists, equestrians, and hikers who like the trail's straight, east-west alignment, varied terrain, and rustic ambiance. Starting near the Sammamish River Trail above Blyth Park in Bothell, the trail traverses King County's eastside cities and suburban neighborhoods, rural towns, and natural areas. Along the way, the route passes Norway Hill, Woodinville's wineries and breweries, equestrian estates in Hollywood Hills, Avondale, Bear Creek, Trilogy, and the Snohomish River before reaching Big Rock Road near Duvall. The trail offers territorial views of distant Seattle and the Cascades. The route has some steep grades and roadway detours.



PSE Trail

Formerly known as the Puget Power Trail, this 6-mile trail is mostly soft-surface and favored by hikers, off-road bicyclists, and equestrians. The trail is located in Redmond over most of its length. Beginning at Willows Road NE the trail is a paved route to the Sammamish River. The trail crosses the river, intersects the Sammamish River Trail, and continues east as a well-worn soft-surface trail to Farrel McWhirter Park. East of the park the trail follows a roadway connection to the Redmond Watershed Preserve. Rural character defines this greenway, which is managed by the City of Redmond.



East Plateau Trails

This developing trail system links neighborhoods on the Sammamish Plateau via a network of routes. The system currently runs from approximately 229th Place SE in Sammamish eastward to Klahanie Park, then loops around the Klahanie community. The system also includes segments within two utility corridors. The 3 miles of trails include both paved and soft-surface routes as well as roadside segments along SE Klahanie Boulevard. Convenient access is provided from nearby streets and parking is available at Klahanie Park.



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Federal Way
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www.ci.issaquah.wa.us

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www.ci.kent.wa.us

Redmond
www.ci.redmond.wa.us/insidecityhall/parksrec/parks.asp

Renton
www.rentonwa.gov

Seattle
www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikeprogram.htm

Shoreline
www.cityofshoreline.com/

Snoqualmie
www.ci.snoqualmie.wa.us

Tukwila
www.ci.tukwila.wa.us

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike/contacts.htm

King County Public Transportation

King County Metro Transit
<http://transit.metrokc.gov/>

Sound Transit
www.soundtransit.org/

Other Public Transportation

Community Transit
www.commtans.org/

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www.piercettransit.org/

Bicycling Information

Bike Station Seattle
www.bikestation.org/seattle/

King County Cycling Guidemap
www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/roads/bike/map.cfm

Seattle Bicycling Guide Map
www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaps.htm

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Welcome to King County's Regional Trails System map!

Riding my bike is one of the most enjoyable ways for me to exercise, so it is with great pleasure that I send greetings on our updated Regional Trails System map. Thousands of people use the regional trails every day for bicycling, walking, hiking, running, skating, horseback riding, sports events, and other activities. I'm also glad to see that more people are biking to work and school, making our trails an important part of our public transportation system.

These trails are a wonderful part of our exceptional quality of life and the result of the work and vision of King County and many of the cities on the trail network.

Trails can transform a community to one that is not only greener but also one whose residents are healthier.

I look forward to seeing you on the trails!



Ron Sims, King County Executive

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The future is not someplace we are going to, but a place we are creating. The paths to it are not found, they are made.

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Primary Regional Trails

- Paved
- Soft-surface
- Road link connector

Secondary Regional Trails

- Paved
- Soft-surface

Public Facilities (near trails)

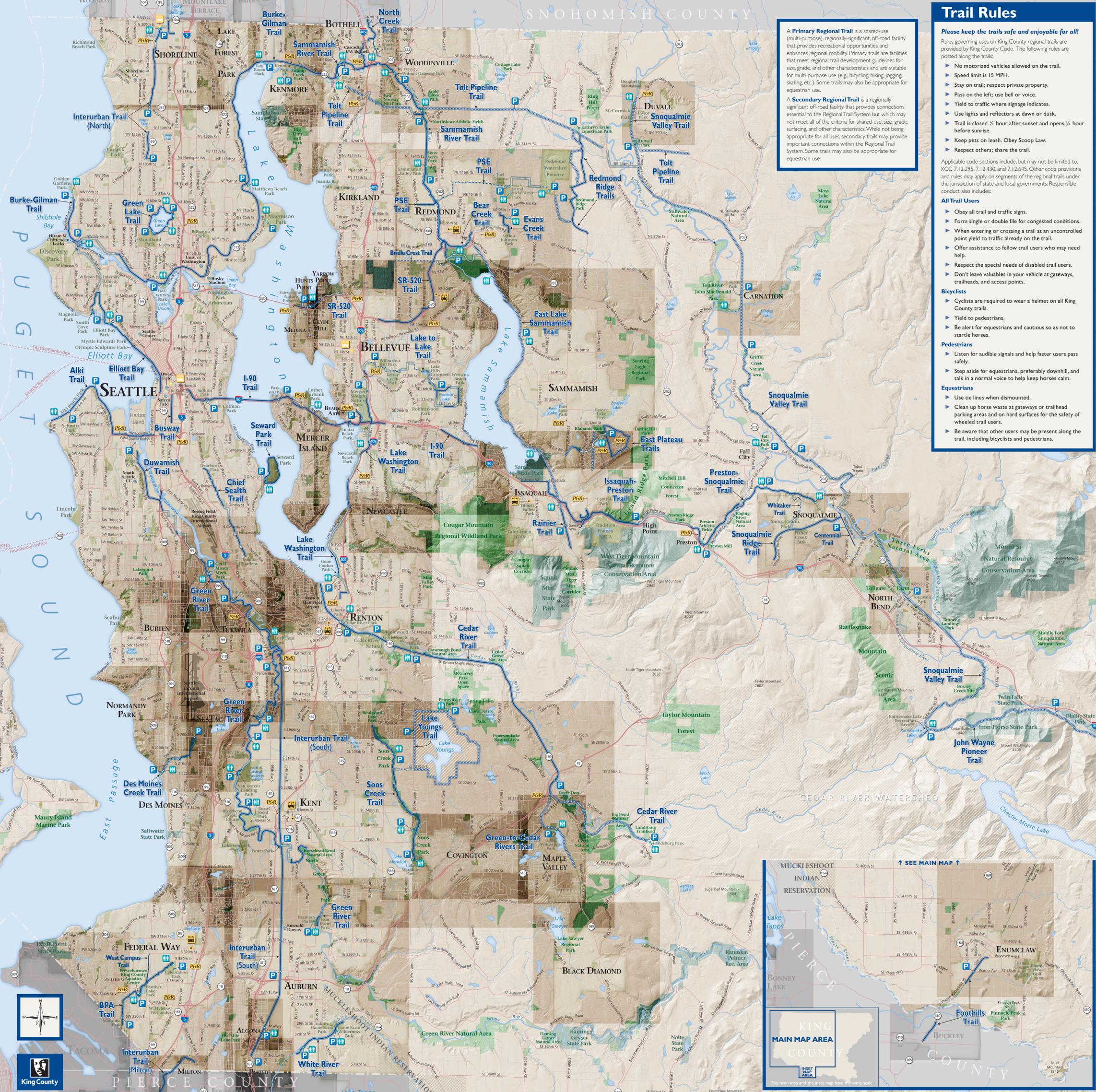
- Park & Ride
- Transit center with Park & Ride
- Transit center
- Off-street parking
- Restrooms

Streets and Highways

- Freeway
- Arterial street
- Local street
- Ferry route
- Interstate highway
- State highway

Land Types

- King County park land
- City park land
- State park land
- Other park land or open space
- Incorporated city
- Municipal watershed: no public access



A Primary Regional Trail is a shared-use (multi-purpose), regionally-significant, off-road facility that provides recreational opportunities and enhances regional mobility. Primary trails are facilities that meet regional trail development guidelines for size, grade, and other characteristics and are suitable for multi-purpose use (e.g. bicycling, hiking, jogging, skating, etc.). Some trails may also be appropriate for equestrian use.

A Secondary Regional Trail is a regionally significant off-road facility that provides connections essential to the Regional Trail System but which may not meet all of the criteria for shared-use, size, grade, surfacing, and other characteristics. While not being appropriate for all uses, secondary trails may provide important connections within the Regional Trail System. Some trails may also be appropriate for equestrian use.

- ## Trail Rules
- Please keep the trails safe and enjoyable for all!**
- Rules governing uses on King County regional trails are provided by King County Code. The following rules are posted along the trails:
- No motorized vehicles allowed on the trail.
 - Speed limit is 15 MPH.
 - Stay on trail; respect private property.
 - Pass on the left; use bell or voice.
 - Yield to traffic where signage indicates.
 - Use lights and reflectors at dawn or dusk.
 - Trail is closed ½ hour after sunset and opens ½ hour before sunrise.
 - Keep pets on leash. Obey Scoop Law.
 - Respect others; share the trail.
- Applicable code sections include, but may not be limited to, KCC 7.12.295, 7.12.430, and 7.12.645. Other code provisions and rules may apply on segments of the regional trails under the jurisdiction of state and local governments. Responsible conduct also includes:
- All Trail Users**
- Obey all trail and traffic signs.
 - Form single or double file for congested conditions.
 - When entering or crossing a trail at an uncontrolled point yield to traffic already on the trail.
 - Offer assistance to fellow trail users who may need help.
 - Respect the special needs of disabled trail users.
 - Don't leave valuable items in your vehicle at gateways, trailheads, and access points.
- Bicyclists**
- Cyclists are required to wear a helmet on all King County trails.
 - Yield to pedestrians.
 - Be alert for equestrians and cautious so as not to startle horses.
- Pedestrians**
- Listen for audible signals and help faster users pass safely.
 - Step aside for equestrians, preferably downhill, and talk in a normal voice to help keep horses calm.
- Equestrians**
- Use tie lines when dismounted.
 - Clean up horse waste at gateways or trailhead parking areas and on hard surfaces for the safety of wheeled trail users.
 - Be aware that other users may be present along the trail, including bicyclists and pedestrians.

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