

Crown Z Trail



Crown Z Trail is a linear park running 25 miles from Scappoose, near the Columbia River, to Vernonia in the Oregon Coast Range. The trail mostly follows the Portland Southwestern Railroad route that began in 1906.

History of the Trail

The railway was sold to the Crown Zellerbach Corporation in 1945 and later converted to a logging truck road. After the road fell into disuse, Columbia County acquired the right of way. The trail was opened to the public in 2014.

The areas adjacent to the trail are rich in both natural and human history. Learn about it by viewing the interpretive signs along this linear outdoor museum or by visiting crownztrail.com.

Crown Z Trail welcomes hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians of all abilities. Most of the trail is packed gravel and follows mostly gentle grades near farmland, streams, and forested hillsides. Trailheads are located every 2-4 miles so visitors can easily explore the trail in segments.

Trail Safety & Courtesy

- Bicyclists travel single file and yield to hikers & equestrians.
- Hikers yield to equestrians.
- Bicyclists announce themselves 25-50 feet before passing slowly.
- Stay on the trail. Adjacent areas are often private property.
- No camping or fires on the trail or private property.
- Pets must be on a leash. Pick up waste.
- Carry water. Water and restrooms are not available at most trailheads.
- Cell phone coverage is not reliable between Pisgah and Holce trailheads.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Enjoy your visit!



Crown Z Trail is a Columbia County park managed in cooperation with the cities of Scappoose and Vernonia.

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Crown Z Trail is 30 minutes from downtown Portland via Scappoose and Hwy 30. It is 50 minutes via Vernonia and Hwy 26/Hwy 47.



Crown Z Trail Map & Guide

Enjoy the 25 mile trail in segments...
from either direction

Chapman Landing-Trtek (1.9 miles): Paved, wide, and flat. Great for children, trikes, strollers, and disabled. Abundant birds and wildlife near Chapman Landing. Bakery, coffee, and pizza are just 1/3 mile south on West Lane Rd, then west on Columbia Ave.

Trtek-Pisgah (2.3 miles): Flat, packed gravel except between Trtek and Hwy 30 where sidewalk and on-street bike lanes are available. West of Hwy 30, trail crosses Scappoose Creek and passes through rural bottom land.

Pisgah-Bonnie Falls (2.7 miles): Flat or gentle slope on packed gravel. Passes through forest with occasional private homesites and farms. Store at Pisgah.

Bonnie Falls-Ruley (2.2 miles): Flat or gently sloped on packed gravel. Passes through forest with occasional private homesites and farms. Use caution when crossing the highway at MP 8.2. Traffic does not stop.

Ruley-Nehalem Divide (4.3 miles): Packed gravel. Gently sloped trail on east half. Steeper on west half to the Nehalem Divide where low geared bikes are most suitable if going uphill (west). Most of this segment is forested.

Nehalem Divide-Floeter (3 miles): Packed gravel on gentle to moderately sloped trail. Entire segment is forested and follows the East Fork of the Nehalem River.

Floeter-Wilark (2.8 miles): Packed gravel on flat to gently sloped trail. Mostly forested.

Wilark-Holce (2.4 miles): Tree farms with forest and clearcuts. Variable surface including loose gravel. Steep grade for 1/2 mile east of Holce Trailhead. Moderate grade for remaining 2 miles to Wilark Trailhead.

Holce-Anderson Park (2.6 miles): Paved off-street trail from Anderson Park to Vernonia Lake. Shared paved road from Vernonia Lake to Holce Trailhead. An off-street route is being planned.

Check crownztrail.com for trail closures before your visit.
Trail conditions are subject to change. To report trail hazards call 503 397-2353.

