

Presentation (twenty minutes)

1. Introductions
2. Photo Essay of our 5.5 mile bike ride on the Soos Creek Trail
Paul and Dianne
Friends of Soos Creek Park - Joe Miles
3. Personal story - KayLeigh Kidd, Bremerton

Questions and Answers (ten minutes)

Introductions:

Joe Miles: President, Friends of Soos Creek Park

Paul Dutky: West Sound Cycling Club


Dianne Iverson: West Sound Cycling Club

KayLeigh Kidd: Mother of Bentley, resident of Bremerton

Soos Creek Park Trail

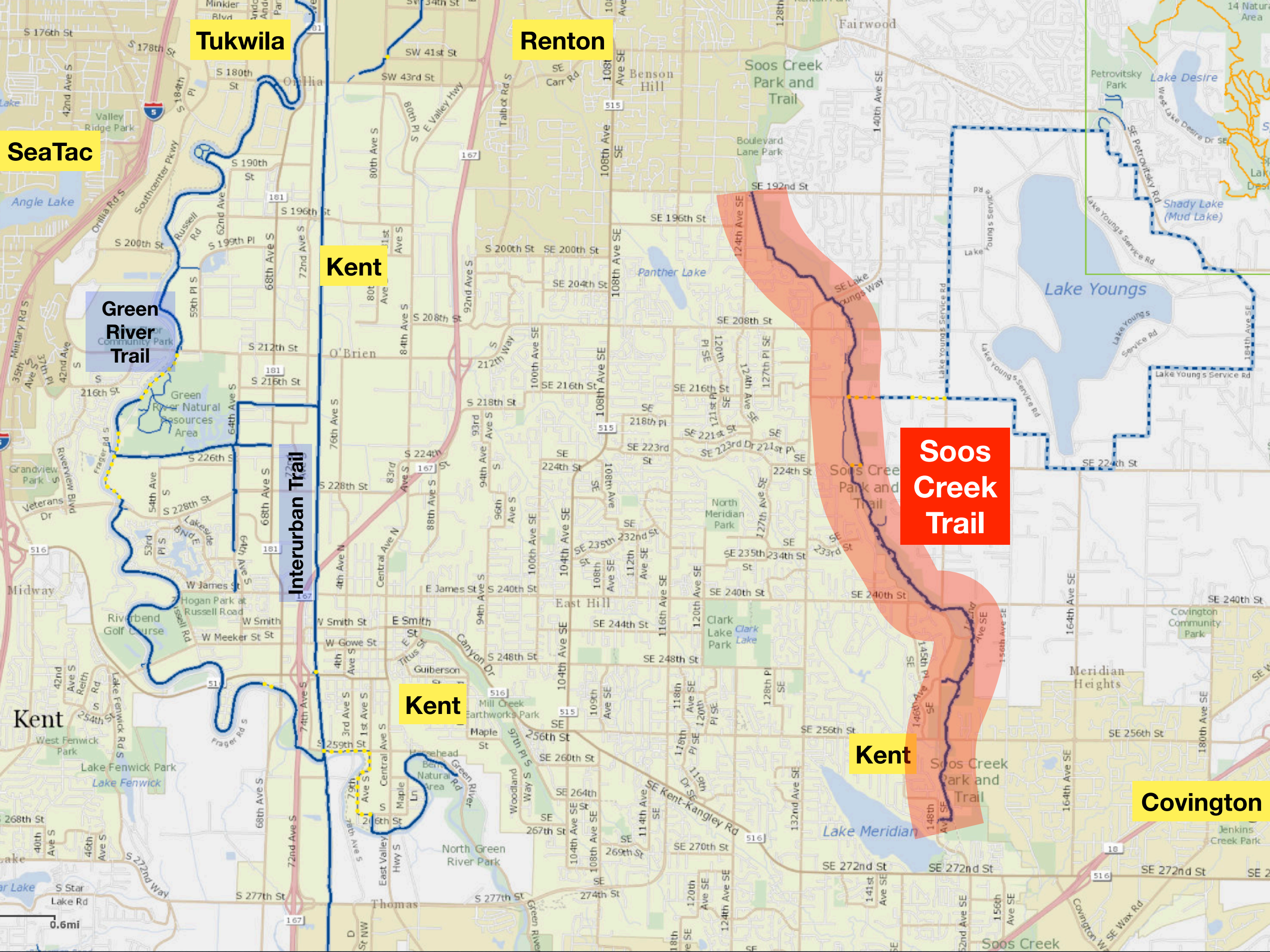
Dianne Iverson
Paul Dutky

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Soos Creek Trail





Tukwila

Renton

SeaTac

Kent

**Soos
Creek
Trail**

Interurban Trail

**Green
River
Trail**

Kent

Kent

Covington

0.6mi

Soos Creek Trail

The Soos Creek Trail is 5.5 miles of paved, shared use path winding through the extensive wetlands of Soos Creek and its tributaries. The Trail and Park are located in unincorporated King County in the Kent/Auburn valley. The link below gives you an excellent overview of the planning process, objectives, environmental analysis and improvements made to the area.

Key stakeholders involved in the planning process who endorsed the attached document are:

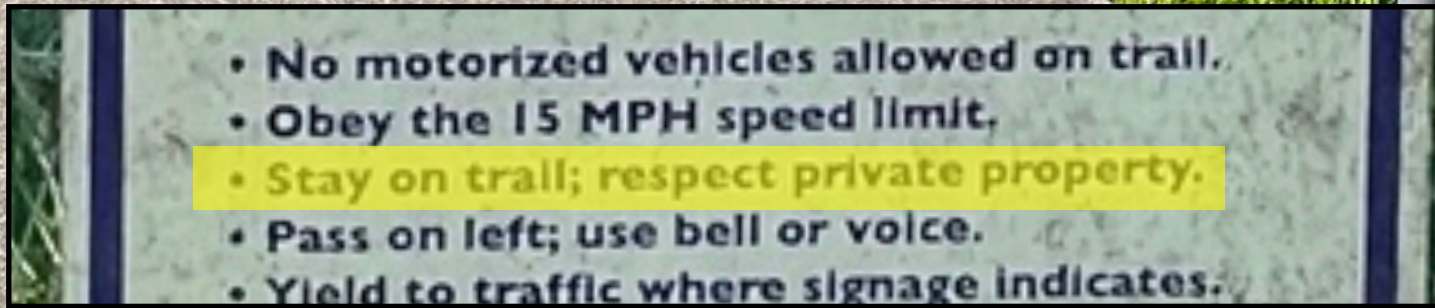
1. King County Parks Division
2. Friends of Soos Creek
3. Middle Green River Coalition
4. Rainier Audubon Society
5. Sierra Club

https://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/parks-and-recreation/documents/Natural_Resources/Soos_Creek_Site_Mngmt.pdf

Site Description

Soos Creek Regional Trail and Park is a 770 acre regional “multi-use” park managed by the King County Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks. The Soos Creek Park and other county park ownership in the vicinity serve as an “urban separator” between the Cities of Renton, Kent and Covington and urban incorporated King County (although some areas of the Park are located within those cities).

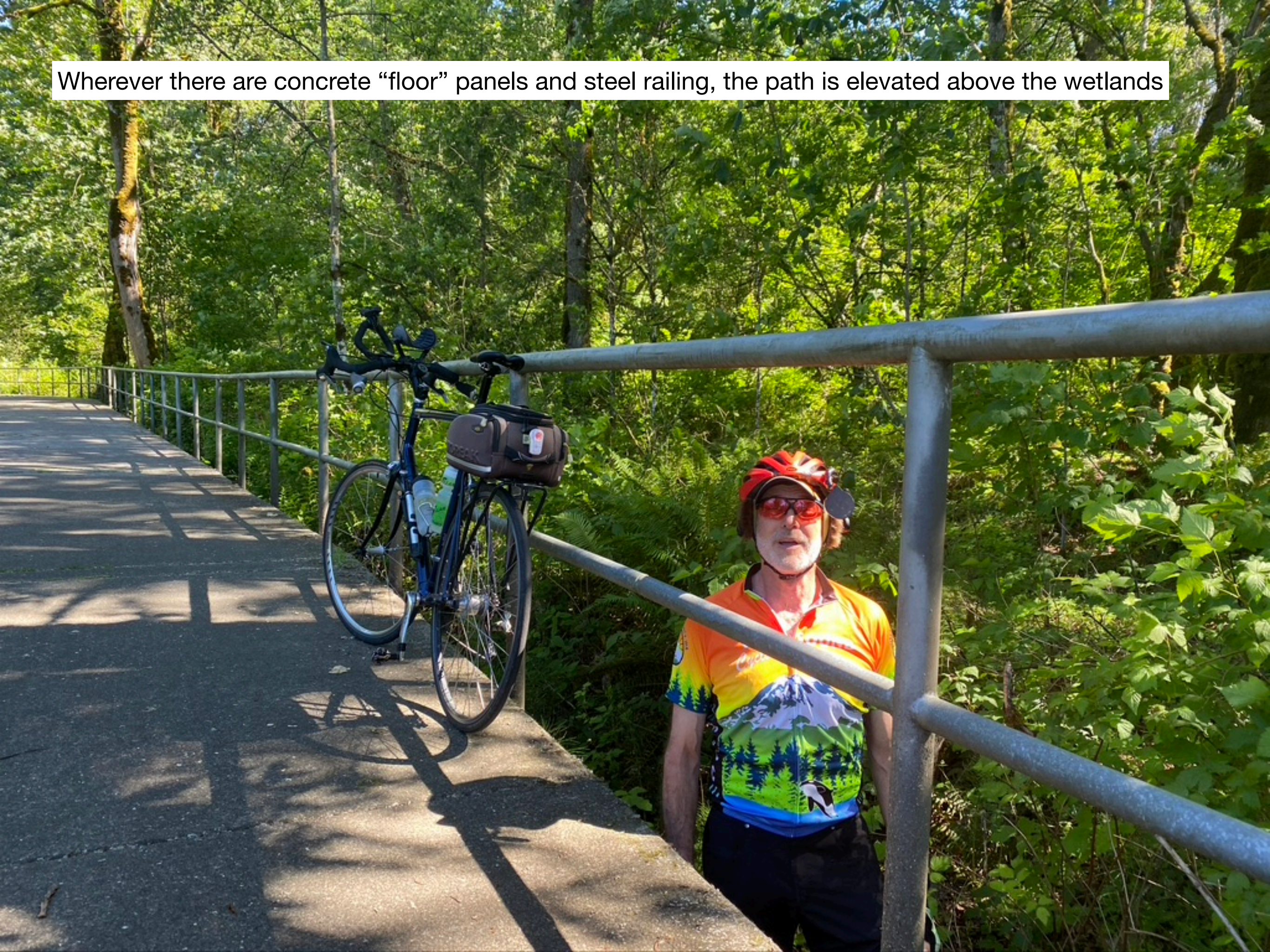
Soos Creek Park lies within two watersheds— the Cedar River Watershed (Lower Cedar River Basin) and the Green River Watershed (Soos Creek Basin). The Park lies within a stream, wetland, and floodplain corridor and has a number of important ecological attributes, including anadromous fish habitat, one of largest wetland systems in the county, a bog, and habitat for myriad wildlife species indigenous to the Pacific Northwest. Some of the fish species are listed by the federal Endangered Species Act, and habitat for many of the fish and wildlife species that use the park is protected by the County’s Critical Areas Ordinance as Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas.





The trail is twelve feet wide, giving sufficient room for bikes and pedestrians

Wherever there are concrete “floor” panels and steel railing, the path is elevated above the wetlands







Elevated trail sections are robust enough to carry maintenance and emergency vehicles



NO
MOTOR
VEHICLES

MAINTENANCE
AND EMERGENCY
VEHICLES
MAX 8,000 GVW
5 MPH LIMIT





Where the trail traverses a slope, the “downhill” railing is more robust than the uphill side. The vegetation is so lush that it is hard to tell there is a slope.









Busy road crossings have pedestrian activated traffic lights.





ATTENTION:
DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH
*King County Code 7.12.410

Help keep the park and trails safe for all visitors.
Leave 'em leashed!



* Citations may be issued for off-leash dogs in the park.
For questions, please contact:
Small Parks and Dog Leashes
Tel: 206.477.4827

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Another road crossing

Trail users are confined to the trail when crossing critical habitat.





A small park is situated in non-critical habitat adjacent to wetlands







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Soos Creek Trail



Critical Area

Help protect and care for these special natural areas.
Please contact King County at 206.266-6660 with questions and concerns.

This short trail leads to a viewing platform above a wetland



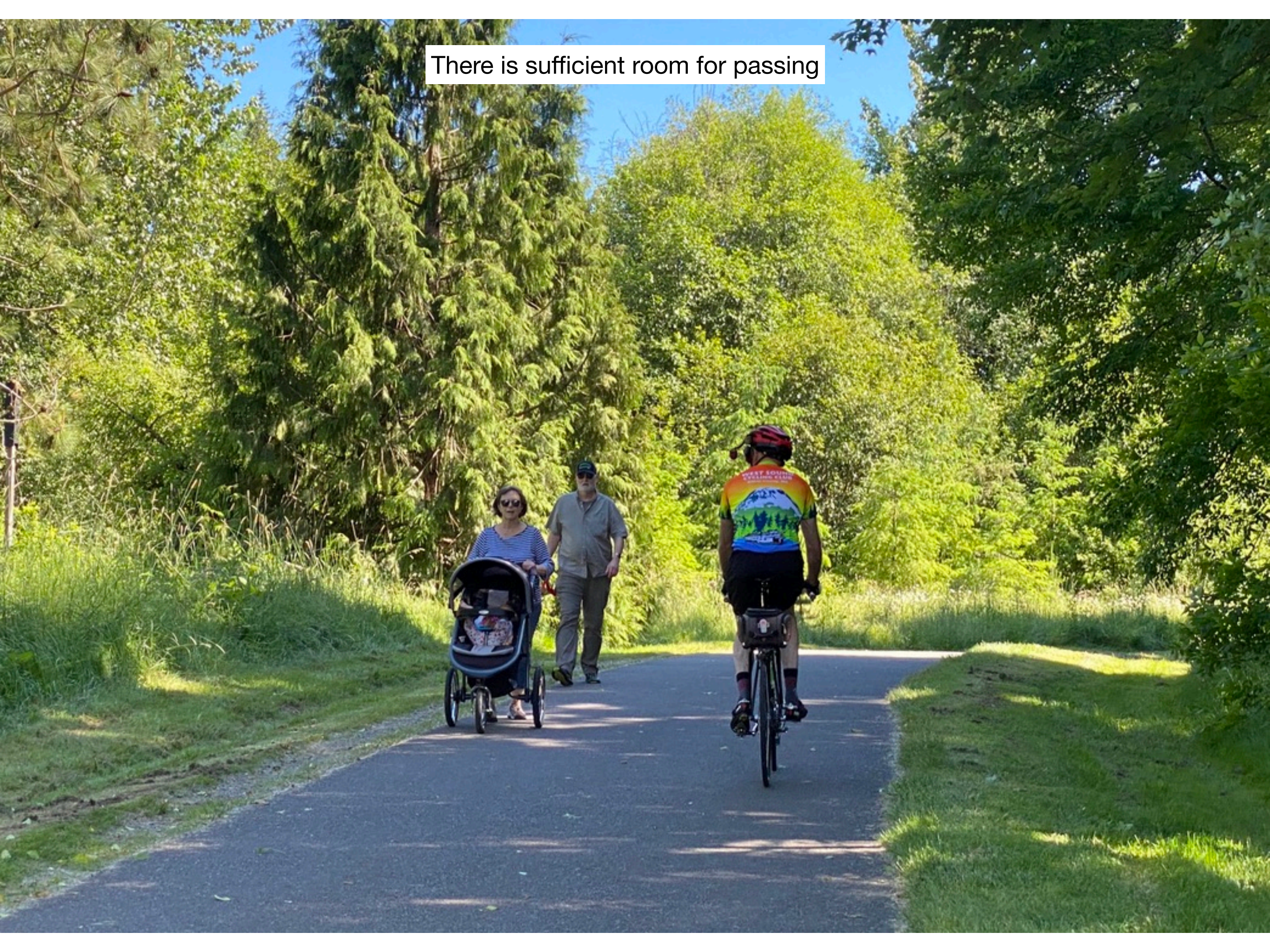
The wetland is fenced off



The southern half of this linear park has equestrian paths adjacent to the trail

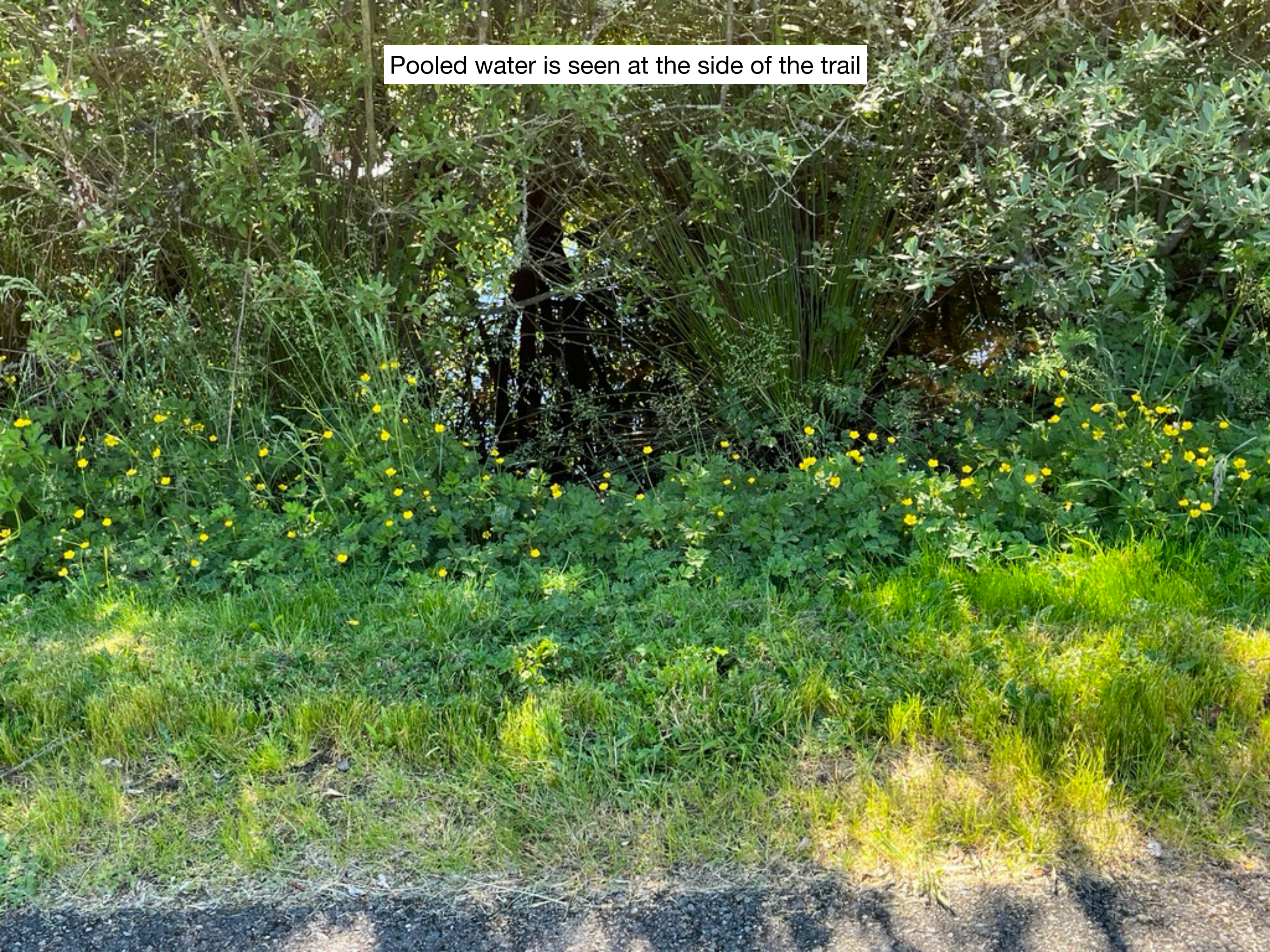


There is sufficient room for passing





Pooled water is seen at the side of the trail







Stream crossing





In this location the trail is connected by 100 yards of low volume road









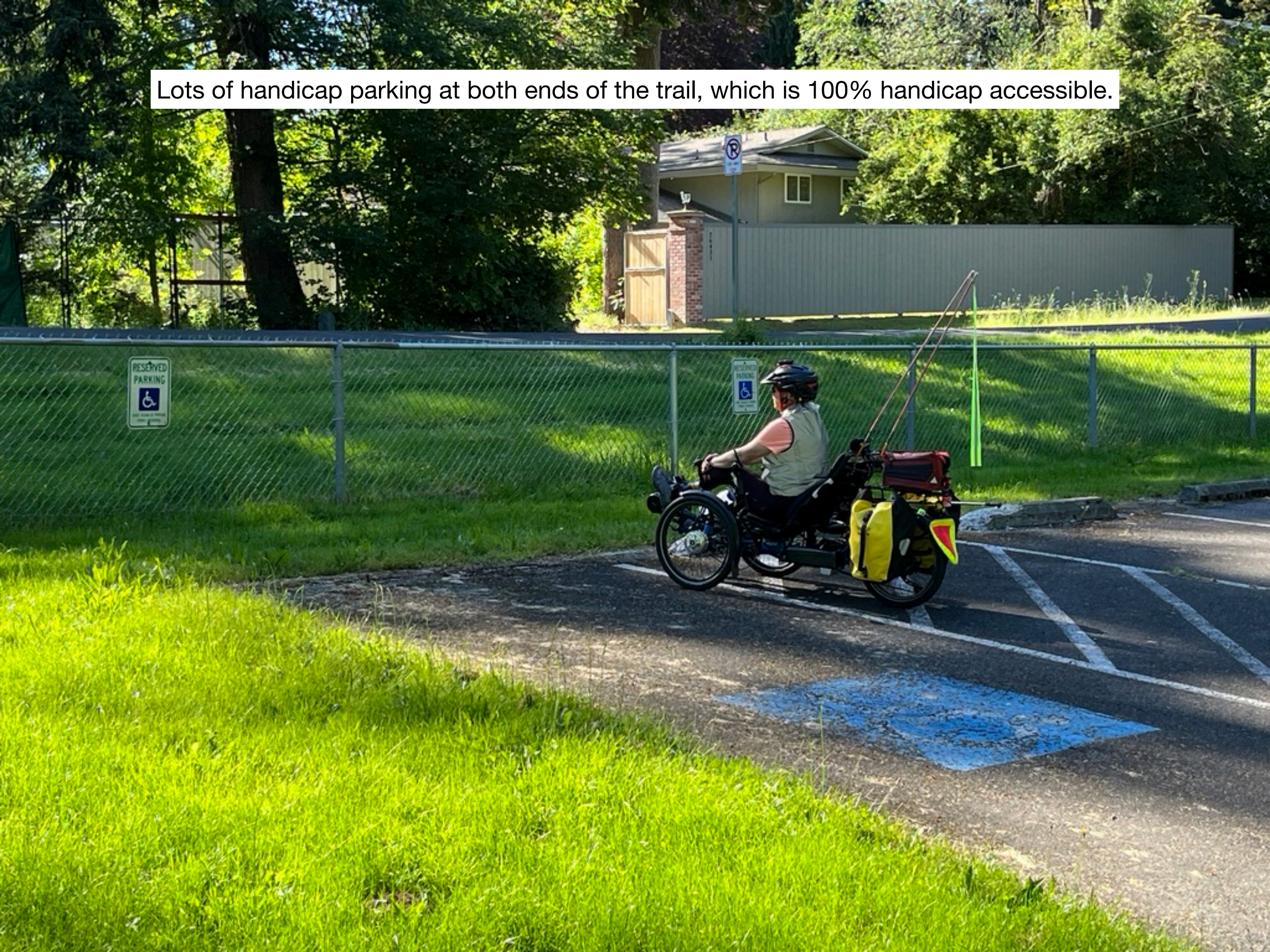






Sewer line along trail in this location

Lots of handicap parking at both ends of the trail, which is 100% handicap accessible.





Joe Miles



Kayleigh and
Bentley Kidd
(with sister and Dad)

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