WELCOME TO THE BEND URBAN TRAILS SYSTEM!

The Bend Urban Trail System, developed and managed jointly by the Bend Park & Recreation District and the City of Bend, connects our community and encourages recreation and non-motorized transportation.

Trails in the system traverse many different landscapes, including established parks, natural forested areas, and urban areas both separately and in combination. The Urban Trails System currently includes approximately 63 developed miles with more trails under development. Each year, the Bend Park & Recreation District is committed to improving and maintaining the number of miles and connector trail sections as one-way and multi-use trails. Opportunities become available.

BEND URBAN TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES

LAKESPUR TRAIL

The Lakespur Trail connects 4.1 miles between Pilot Butte Middle School and Lakespur Park, passing through Powell Natural Park and Pilot Butte State Park. With an uphill climb and challenging terrain, make sure you are prepared for the day.

CENTRAL OREGON CANAL TRAIL

From the Lakespur Trail, the trail follows along the west side of Discovery Park, and then travels through Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) property to an intersection with the Deschutes River Trail. The trail is open and can be accessed via theDeschutes River Trail.

OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS

There are seven areas for people to enjoy with their dogs off-leash. The rules vary at each park; make sure to check the park's specific rules before visiting.

Shevlin Park

Shevlin Park is Bend’s largest park, encompassing 860 acres in a natural setting. The park offers many different types of trails and provides a variety of recreational experiences. Tumalo Creek flows through the length of the park.

TRAIL ACCESSIBILITY

It is the goal of Shevlin Park to provide equal access for all. However, not all existing trail segments have been evaluated yet, and all trails are considered to be fully accessible routes. The trail is also a natural setting with some obstacles, running slopes, cross slopes, narrow tread widths, and unstable surfaces, making them reasonable for some users. Trails to the northeast, northwest, and east of the property are not fully accessible. Information about the condition and accessibility of trails is available by calling 541-383-7800. It is up to the trail user to determine if trail difficulty is appropriate for one or two skill levels.

Bend Urban Trail System

SEE SHEVLIN PARK INSET

For information on OA Trail Services Trails call Bend Park & Recreation District Ranger Station at 541-383-4000.
West Bend Trail connects trail legs on either side of the river, providing convenient walking loops. The bridge offers spectacular views of the river below and of the Three Sisters in the distance. A steep climb up the Antelope Loop Trail connects to Mt. Washington Drive. Visitors can look across a trail from Drake Park. There is limited on-street parking at Drake-Bolduc Park with a surrounding, multi-level view down to the river.

River Run Reach

This section of River Run Trail is located on the west bank of the river near the Tumalo Irrigation Canal. The wide walk surface is ungraded and relatively flat. It runs between the river and a high-speed wall, and passes through the River’s Edge golf course and adjacent neighborhoods. A narrow section of the trail located on the east bank connects Pioneer Park to River House Avenue. Boat landings at First Street Rapids Park and Riverview Park provide water trail access. There are several wetlands in this reach, including by sewage, tranquil streams, creeks and Towers. Enjoy frequently nest and fish here.

Old Mill Reach

Once the site of two large panoramas, the park and trail today the Old Mill reach is a river park, trails and the Shops at the Old Mill District. Trails over both sides of the river in addition to an extensive private trail system throughout the Old Mill District. Three footbridges connect trail legs on either side of the river, providing convenient walking and biking opportunities. On the east side, the trails are used for the shops at the Old Mill District to the upper end of the Footbridge Park and the Old Mill Bridge. The trail on the west side ends after the west end of the Footbridge Park. Farwell Field and Woodland parks provide trailheads for joggers using the Deschutes River water trail.

South Canyon Reach

This reach has trail sections on both sides of the river as connected by a binding approximately 1/2-mile upstream of the Farwell Field Park Bridge. The river flows have been through a carved canyon, extending over rocks and hills.

North Unit Canal Trail

The North Unit Trail is a separate trail on the west side of the river, providing convenient walking and biking opportunities. The trail continues on the north side of the river and connects Drake Park and the Drake Bridge. The trail on the west side ends after a river of panel and ungraded surfaces. Farwell Field and Woodland parks provide trailheads for joggers using the Deschutes River water trail.

Water Trail

The Deschutes River canoe facilities provide for both land and water-based trail opportunities. The water trail allows paddlers to enjoy the river and connect to parks and other destinations along the river. Access points and boat landings are available at several locations along the water trail. Be aware that the river difficulty changes dramatically from gentle to rough water to Class IV floods along the Tumalo Irrigation Canal. Floating the section above the Holyoke Bridge is recommended only for expert boaters. The Columbia Street, Big Eddy and Tumalo Irrigation class IVA river canyons create enjoyable paddling.

Floating the River

Floating is possible from Walker Park at Columbia Street (across from Farwell Footbridge) to Drake Park on Riverside Blvd. Be cautious. The current is strongest along the Columbia Street. Watch for the warning signs and exit the river on the left on the right to the Colorado Bridge. Floaters must remain on the river and paddle around the dams.

The water level changes between these two points throughout the summer season. For a schedule visit the Columbia East website at columbiaeast.com or call 541-389-4665. For non-motorized boats/launch ideas, look for the “sustained” nature on the map.