

A walk along the Warrenton Waterfront Trail

Trail features wildlife, views of local sights

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The Warrenton Waterfront Trail is expansive, bordering the Columbia River at parts and the Skipanon River at others.

The trail runs from the Hammond Boat Basin past Carruthers Memorial Dog Park, connecting to the Skipanon River Trail. Part of the trail is paved, welcoming hikers, cyclists, folks with strollers and the occa-

sional skateboarder.

The trail is maintained by volunteers and city employees. The trail itself weaves along the water, with some detours alongside streets.

Those visiting the trail are rewarded with spectacular views of the Columbia River, Astoria Bridge, Washington state, Astoria and many ships.

The paved trail borders a woodland and swamp rich with birds,

including ducks and herons. Deer and elk are also often seen near the trail. It's also common to see sea lions, river otters, eagles and other creatures while walking along the trail.

Britney Brim and her daughter, Jaycee, regularly visit the trail for family bike rides, jogs and walks.

"We use the trail year-round,

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FROM TOP: Ashley Hayes regularly pedals along the Warrenton Waterfront Trail. Hayes' dog, 'Sammy,' trots as she pedals. A view of Astoria from the trail. **ABOVE:** The trail.



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