



THE
Light
AT THE END OF THE
**Mitchell Point
Tunnel**

2024 RECONNECTION REPORT
**HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY
STATE TRAIL**

Above: Looking out the east entrance of the new Mitchell Point Tunnel to an arched hand-placed stone wall overlooking the Columbia Gorge.

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Completing the Reconnection



The original Historic Highway was 72 miles. During the construction of I-84, 22 miles were left abandoned or destroyed. When the Mitchell Point Tunnel opens in 2024, nearly 20 of those 22 miles will be open as the State Trail. Once the two miles of trail on either side of the Mitchell Point Tunnel are complete, there will be over 11 miles of continuous State Trail surrounding the Mitchell Point Tunnel.

23 Miles to The Dalles



Viento State Park

Upgraded South Viento Park Campground with hiker/biker sites and new restroom. Head west for 4 miles of trail to Wyeth Trailhead. Head east for 2 miles of trail.



2 miles opened 2023

0.7 miles 2026-2027 construction

1.5 miles opens 2024

1.6 miles 50% designed Construction unfunded: \$52 million

11 Miles to Cascade Locks
39 Miles to Troutdale

Perham Creek

Opening in 2027: There are two new bridges needed to cross Perham and Mitchell Creeks along the 0.7 mile gap between the Viento State Park segment and the Mitchell Point Tunnel. The design for the two bridges are both consistent with historic design aesthetics (see renderings)



Mitchell Creek



Mitchell Point Tunnel

Opening in 2024: A 655-foot tunnel with 5 arched windows looking out over the Columbia. The new Mitchell Point Tunnel is reminiscent of the iconic, historic tunnel destroyed during construction of I-84. The west end has an overlook, plaza with picnic tables, and expanded restroom. When it opens, take transit or use I-84 Exit 58 to visit.



Future Ruthnton Point

We will restore a historic viaduct at Ruthnton Point north of I-84. The trail overlooks orchards and the Columbia River.

After traveling east on the north side of I-84, the trail will connect to Hood River on Westcliff Drive, ending at Ruthnton Trailhead with circular bus loop, limited parking, restroom and picnic area.


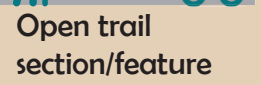
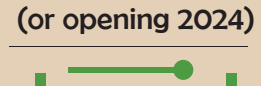
Future Ruthnton Trailhead



Future undercrossing

The trail will cross under I-84 and continue north of I-84 with a new pedestrian tunnel (on right in rendering) next to the existing undercrossing. A pedestrian signal may be used temporarily.

Key

-  Open trail section/feature (or opening 2024)
 -  Trail section/feature not open yet.
 -  Tunnel
- *Not to scale.



Left: Historic view of east Mitchell Point Tunnel entrance. Right: November 2023 view of new east tunnel entrance.

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Constructed between 1913 and 1922, the Historic Columbia River Highway overcame all odds. This road would lay lightly on the land and take its users to the most beautiful spots and breathtaking vistas of the Columbia River Gorge. Guided by the 1986 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, we remember the design and aesthetics, restore existing segments to maintain quality, and reconnect the Historic Highway between Troutdale and The Dalles by transforming abandoned sections into the State Trail for people walking, biking and rolling.

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