

# Cowiche Canyon Trail

## Trail Information

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### Narrative

This hike follows the Cowiche Creek through Cowiche Canyon along an old railroad bed from the parking area at Weikel to the parking area at the west end of Cowiche Canyon Road. The trail crosses the creek 9 times as it winds its way through the canyon. The south (right hand) walls of the Canyon are Columbia Basalt while the north walls are Columbia Basalt topped by the more convoluted forms of Tieton Andesite. Just prior to bridge #8 is a junction with the Winery Trail, which climbs the north hillside to the Tasting Room of Yakima & the Wilridge Vineyard. Shortly past bridge #8 is a junction with the Uplands Trail, which climbs the south hillside and then crosses the Cowiche Canyon Uplands to the parking area on Scenic Drive Extension. Just past this junction the trail leaves the railroad bed and follows the route of the old country road, which was built prior to the railroad. The thick riparian vegetation is close at hand along this stretch. After about a quarter mile the trail rejoins the railroad bed and follows it on to the parking area at the west end of Cowiche Canyon Road.

The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy is the owner and sole caretaker of this portion of the trail. Maintenance can be supported by contributions made to Cowiche Canyon Conservancy.

### Trail length (and terrain)

The trail is 3.13 miles long in the riparian area of Cowiche Creek. It is flat with a stable surface and some loose gravel.

**Difficulty: Easy to Moderate**

### Trail uses (hiking, biking, skiing, horseback)

Hiking, biking, skiing, snowshoeing, & horseback riding are all permitted

### Trailhead directions (from visitor center)

#### Cowiche Canyon Weikel Trailhead

1. Head **northwest** on **N Fair Ave** toward **b St**
2. Slight right onto **N 10th St**
3. Take the 1st left onto **E Lincoln Ave**
4. Turn left onto **N 16th Ave**
5. Take the 3rd right onto **Summitview Ave**
6. Turn right onto **N Weikel Rd**

#### Cowiche Canyon East Trailhead

1. Head **northwest** on **N Fair Ave** toward **B St**
2. Slight right onto **N 10th St**
3. Take the 1st left onto **E Lincoln Ave**
4. Turn right onto **N 40th Ave**
5. Turn left onto **W Powerhouse Rd**
6. Take the 2nd left onto **Cowiche Canyon Rd**