

Park Name: Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes		Statute #: 67-4212(25)	First Established: 2004	Acres: 1,056
Classification: Trailway		Primary Attraction: Old railroad right-of- way		
Secondary Attractions: Scenic forests, lakes, river, bridges, trestles				
Recreation Activities: Bicycling, in-line skating, picnicking, hiking, snowshoeing, nordic skiing.				
History				
Local History: Silver was discovered in the valley in 1884. The Union Pacific Railroad began construction of a line to connect Plummer to Mullen in 1884. The railroad bed was unfortunately built with mine waste rock and tailings containing heavy metals. The trail was part of an environmental cleanup between the Union Pacific Railroad, the U.S. government, the State of Idaho, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The placing of asphalt on the trail serves to isolate the contaminants.				
Park History: Construction of the 73 mile trail was completed in 2002 and opened as a state park in 2004.				
Natural Resources				
Types of Ecosystems Present: Ponderosa pine/Douglas fir forest, lake, river, riparian, wetlands			Environmental Quality: Fair	
Significant Fauna: Moose, otters, beavers, osprey, eagles, herons				
Significant Flora: Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, willows, cottonwood, water lilies, cattails, wild rice				
Invasive/Noxious Species: Unknown			Elevation: 3,000	
% Developed: 100%	% Undeveloped: 0%		Non-conforming uses: Contaminated with heavy metals	
Visitation				
Day Use: 53,619	Camping: 0	Annual Total: 53,619 (2017)		
Economic Impact as provided in 2018 BSU Study: \$ 566,000				
Recreation Amenities				
Paved Roads (Miles): 0		Gravel Roads (Miles): 0		Day Use Areas: 39
Paved Parking Lots: 15	Gravel Parking Lots: 4	Boat Ramps: 0	Docks: 0	Group Shelters: 0
Miles of trail (paved/gravel): 73		Miles of Trail (unimproved): 0		Visitor Centers: 0
Entrance Stations: 0	Improved Restrooms: 1	Vault Toilets: 14	Campsites Serviced (W,E,S): 0	
Campsites Serviced (W, E, or W&E): 0		Companion Campsites Serviced (W,E,S): 0		Dump Stations: 0
Companion Campsites Serviced (W,E): 0		Campsites Primitive/ Standard: 0	Group sites (including equestrian): 0	
Camping Cabins: 0	Deluxe Cabins: 0	Yurts: 0	Cottages: 0	
Future Plans				

A state park master plan is not available.

Issues and Remarks

The park consists of a 73 mile, 10' wide asphalt trail. There are 36 bridges and trestles, the most prominent of which is the 300 foot Chatcolet Bridge over the lake at Heyburn State Park. There are 39 day use areas with tables and benches along the way and some of these have vault toilets. There are 19 developed trailheads on the route. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe operate the following trailheads and waysides: Gathering Place, Stopping Place, Place for Racing, Canoe Landing, A familiar Place and Steamboat Landing. Heyburn State Park operates the Plummer Point and Chatcolet trailheads. The IDPR manages the all the trailheads and waysides from Harrison to Mullan. About 49 picnic tables are provided at the various trailheads and waysides. Where tree shade is not readily available, some sites have shelters built over the picnic tables.