The Deschutes River Trail System is a network of trails along the Deschutes River in Bend, Oregon. The trail system is divided into five "reaches" based on landscape characteristics:

- **East Side Reach**: The east-side trail at the northern end of this reach is unimproved, narrow, and rocky but open to pedestrians and not allowed for cyclists. An alternative cycling route connects from the Bill Healy Haul Road Trail to the Old Mill Shops at the Old Mill and areas yet to be developed. Three footbridges connect trail legs on either side of the river.

- **Old Mill Reach**: This section, favored by many locals, is also built over the Tumalo canal and was the first section of river trail to open in 1980. The surface is both soft and uneven, and it is a short and relatively flat trail. The trail runs between the river and a high canopy wall, passing through spectacular views of the river below and the Three Sisters in the distance. A steep climb up the Archie Briggs Canyon Trail connects to Mt. Washington Dr.

- **Aubrey Reach**: The Deschutes River Trail is managed by the Bend Metro Park and Recreation District. The public has access to this trail section thanks to an agreement with the Deschutes National Forest Industry at this site with two interpretive signs. Two additional signs explain the commemoration of the Bend Water Pageant, a favorite community event that ran from 1953-1969. An interpretive sign describes the water highlight, the history of large lighted floats on Mirror Pond.

- **River Run Reach**: This section, owned by many locals, is also built over the Tumalo canal and was the first section of river trail to open in 1980. The surface is both soft and uneven, and it is a short and relatively flat. The trail runs between the river and a high canopy wall, passing through spectacular views of the river below and the Three Sisters in the distance. A steep climb up the Archie Briggs Canyon Trail connects to Mt. Washington Dr.

- **Pioneer Reach**: This reach passes through the oldest and most established sections of Bend. The trail is not only right on the river, but it also passes through neighborhoods and downtown. It passes through beautiful Drake Park on Mirror Pond and ends in Maupin Park. The area has several footbridges along the way, offering opportunities to cross the river.

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**Points of Interest Along the Deschutes River Trail**

1. **Inclusion in the Oregon Cascade Birding Trail System, Drake Park offers the opportunity to spot a variety of birds.**
2. **The Historic Rademacher House and Plaza overlook Mirror Pond and Drake Park, with the Three Sisters visible in the background. This site includes a sign interpreting Bend's history.**
3. **Located across the footbridge from Drake Park,shipment Park was named in commemoration of the Deschutes River Pageant, a favorite community event that ran from 1953-1969. An interpretive sign describes the event highlight, the history of large lighted floats on Mirror Pond.**
4. **The Drake Park interpretive sign (located directly in front of the public restroom) describes Bend's early sense of community spirit.**
5. **Maupin Park is the site of the Oregon Trail/Ballad interpreter sign, which describes the trail's early history.**
6. **Across the river from Emma Bond Park is the new Bloomfield Park, acquired in 2004 as community park space. The first phase of park development is planned for fall of 2005.**

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**Map Legend**
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- Hard Surface Trail
- Natural Surface Trail
- Footbridges
- Parks
- School
- Neighborhoods
- River

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