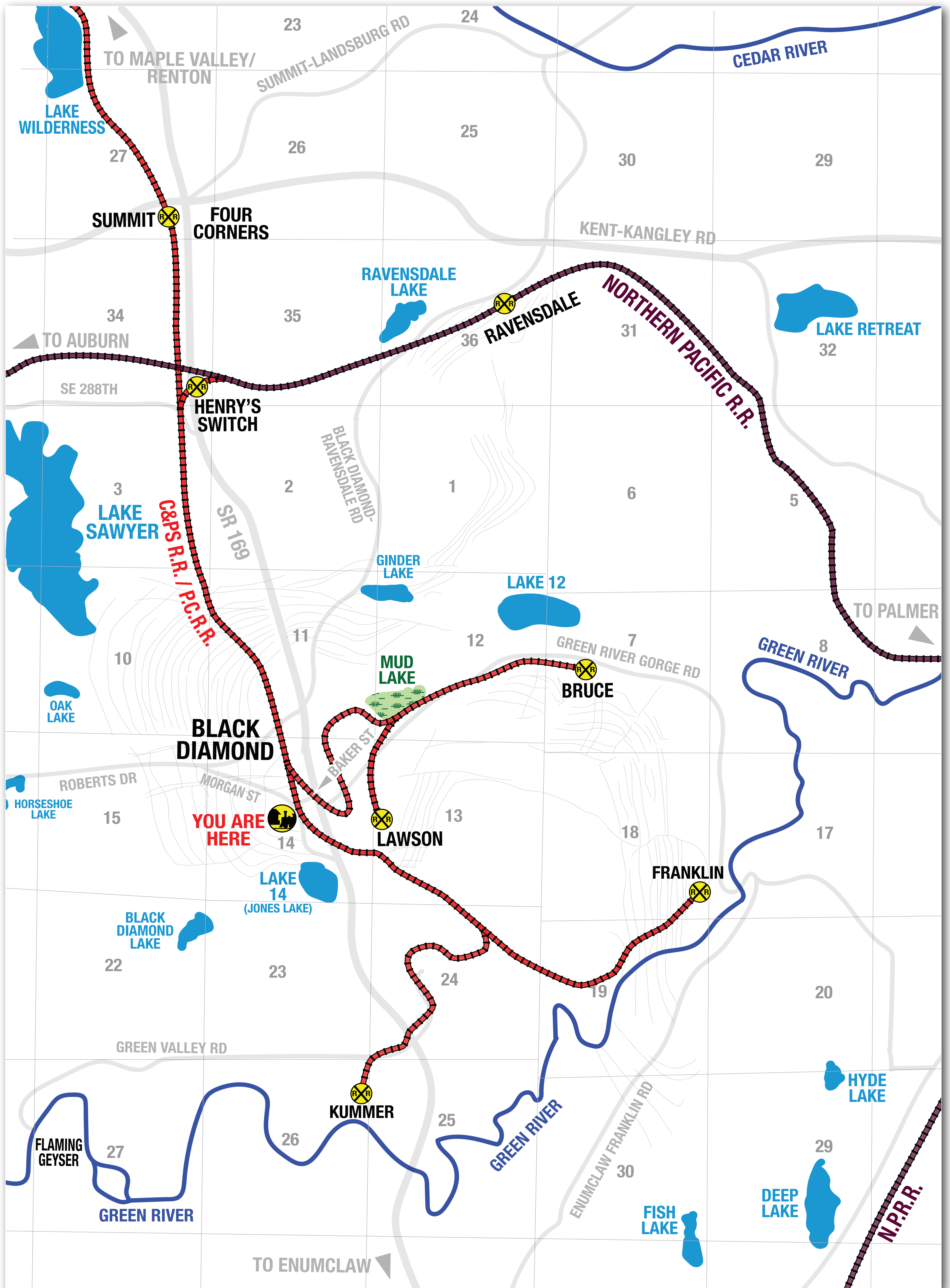


# BLACK DIAMOND RAILROADS



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# Black Diamond Railroad Timeline

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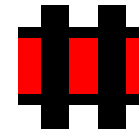
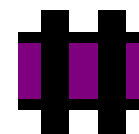
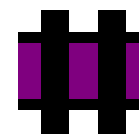



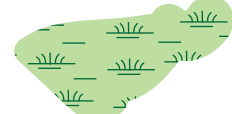
- ◆ Northern Pacific Railroad: N.P.R.R.
- ◆ Columbia & Puget Sound Railroad: C&PS R.R.
- ◆ Pacific Coast Railroad: P.C.R.R.

## Dates

- ◆ Northern Pacific Railway: 1864-1970
- ◆ Columbia & Puget Sound Railroad: 1880-1916
- ◆ Pacific Coast Railroad: 1916-1951
- ◆ Great Northern Railway: 1951-1970
- ◆ Burlington Northern Railroad: 1970-present

- 1873** Tacoma announced as the terminus of Northern Pacific's transcontinental railroad.
- 1873** Galvanized by that news, Seattle announces formation of Seattle & Walla Walla R.R. with plans to build east to Walla Walla.
- 1877** Seattle & Walla Walla R.R. completed to Renton.
- 1878** Seattle & Walla Walla R.R. completed to Newcastle, as far east as it would extend.
- 1880** Seattle & Walla Walla R.R. collapses financially with the C&PS R.R. rising from its ashes.
- 1880** Victor Tull discovers coal near Lake #14 while Bailey Willis does the same in the Green River Gorge in areas soon to be known as Black Diamond and Franklin.
- 1882** Work begins to extend C&PS R.R. tracks to Black Diamond and Franklin.
- 1884** C&PS R.R. reaches Black Diamond on Dec. 12, 1884.
- 1885** C&PS R.R. extended to Franklin in April 1885.
- 1893** C&PS R.R. constructed to Taylor.
- 1897** C&PS R.R. completed to Kummer.
- 1897** Pacific Coast Company is organized and immediately acquires Franklin's coal mines plus the C&PS R.R.
- 1897** C&PS R.R. converts to standard gauge rails.
- 1898** Pacific Coast Company purchases Lawson Mine.
- 1904** Pacific Coast Company acquires Black Diamond Coal Mining Company, including Mines #11 & #14.

## LEGEND

 <p><b>Columbia &amp; Puget Sound Railroad (C&amp;PS R.R.)</b></p>  <p><b>Pacific Coast Railroad (P.C.R.R.)</b></p>  <p><b>Northern Pacific Railway (N.P.R.R.)</b></p>	 <b>Rivers</b>  <b>Lakes</b>  <b>Roads</b>  <b>Wetland</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;">22</div> <b>Section #</b>
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- 1916** C&PS R.R. changes its name to P.C.R.R.
- 1918** Lawson branch of P.C.R.R. abandoned.
- 1922** Bruce branch of P.C.R.R. abandoned.
- 1925** P.C.R.R. ends regular passenger service. A special service for miners traveling between Black Diamond and Indian Mine continues until 1931.
- 1931** Kummer branch of P.C.R.R. is abandoned.
- 1933** Newcastle branch of P.C.R.R. is abandoned.
- 1934** Franklin branch of P.C.R.R. is abandoned.
- 1945** Taylor branch of P.C.R.R. is abandoned.
- 1951** Great Northern Railway acquires P.C.R.R.
- 1969** Last coal train leaves Black Diamond in April, destined for University of Washington from Palmer Coking Coal's Mine #11 plant.
- 1970** Merger of N.P.R.R., Great Northern, and two others create Burlington Northern Railroad.
- 1982** Black Diamond spur line officially abandoned.
- 1980s** Railroad tracks and ties between Black Diamond and Maple Valley removed.
- 1991** Railroad tracks and ties between Maple Valley and Renton removed.