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Guides



**Salt Creek
Trail (Orange
County)**
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trail users are faced with a choice: continue north to travel along Niguel Road to a terminus in a neighborhood on Niguel Ranch Road, or travel east through the stunning San Juan Canyon to Chapparosa Community Park and an endpoint by Pooch Park, a dog park on Golden Lantern Street. Popular Chapparosa Community Park features a variety of amenities, including a playground, picnic tables, basketball and volleyball courts, athletic fields, restrooms and drinking fountains.

A disconnected section of trail begins farther north on Crown Valley Parkway and skirts the edge of the Sulphur Creek Reservoir to end in Laguna Niguel Regional Park. Across from the park—an ideal fishing spot—pick up the [Aliso Creek Riding and Hiking Trail](#) for a longer journey north or south along its namesake creek.

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The trail begins on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean at Salt Creek Beach Park in Dana Point and climbs up a coastal canyon, passing by a golf course and diving under the Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) along the way. Next it climbs the west side of the Arroyo Salado with Salt Creek below. Views of the ocean unfold behind you with the canyon ahead and below.

Continuing inland, the trail crosses Niguel Road, where



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States: California

Counties: Orange

Length: 5miles

Trail end points: Laguna Niguel Regional Park on Alicia Pkwy (Laguna Niguel) to Salt Creek Beach Park (Dana Point)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Salt Creek Trail is available at Chapparosa Community Park (25191 Chapparosa Park Road) and Laguna Niguel Regional Park (28241 La Paz Road) in Laguna Niguel and at Salt Creek Beach Park (33333 S. Pacific Coast Highway) in Dana Point. Note that parking fees are charged at the latter two facilities.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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