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Bayshore Bikeway *California*



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About the Route

Since much of the route on the eastern side of the bay entails on-road riding, exploring the western side makes for an easier, more relaxing experience. The western side is likely accessible, but a section near 10th Street and Glorietta Boulevard is an on-street bike lane and not a separate trail. east side of the bay is predominantly on-street bike lanes. Note that there is no shade along the trail, so be sure to wear sun protection and bring water.

The southwest endpoint is located at Coronado Ferry Landing Park on the northern tip of the Bayshore Bikeway, where parking, restrooms, bike rental shops, and restaurants are readily available. Within minutes of setting off, there is a spectacular vista of the Coronado Bridge, which received an Award of Merit in the American Institute of Steel Construction's 1970 selection of the country's most beautiful bridges open to traffic, and—in true California style—the first beach is in less than a mile. The trail also passes by the iconic Hotel del Coronado, which was built in 1888 and has been the backdrop for a few movies, including Marilyn Monroe's Some Like It Hot.

Continuing south from the hotel, the pathway follows the Silver Strand, the narrow spit of land that separates San Diego Bay from the Pacific Ocean and on which the Coronado branch of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway once traveled. Construction of the railroad began under prominent San Diego resident John D. Spreckels in 1906 and was completed in 1919.

On the left is Glorietta Bay Park, which offers a beach, a playground, a picnic area, and restrooms. Although the railtrail parallels CA 75 on this stretch, wildflowers and brush along the route keep the journey pleasant as the trail continues south.

Approaching the south end of the bay, there are spacious views of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Its preserved wetlands offer prime opportunities for birding and support many endangered and threatened species of flora and fauna. Entering the residential community of Imperial Beach, look for the entrance to the Bayside Birding & Walking Trail



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States: California Counties: San Diego Length: 24.7miles Trail end points: Coronado Ferry Landing Park (Coronado) to S 32nd St & Harbor Dr (San Diego) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Concrete Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Bayshore Bikeway runs between Coronado Ferry Landing Park (Coronado) and S 32nd St & Harbor Dr (San Diego).

Parking is available at:

- Embarcadero Marina Park North, 400 Kettner Blvd (San Diego)
- Pepper Park, 3299 Tidelands Ave (National City)
- Glorietta Bay Park, 1975 Strand Way (San Diego)

The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) provides easy access to the trail.

Visit the <u>TrailLink map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.



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