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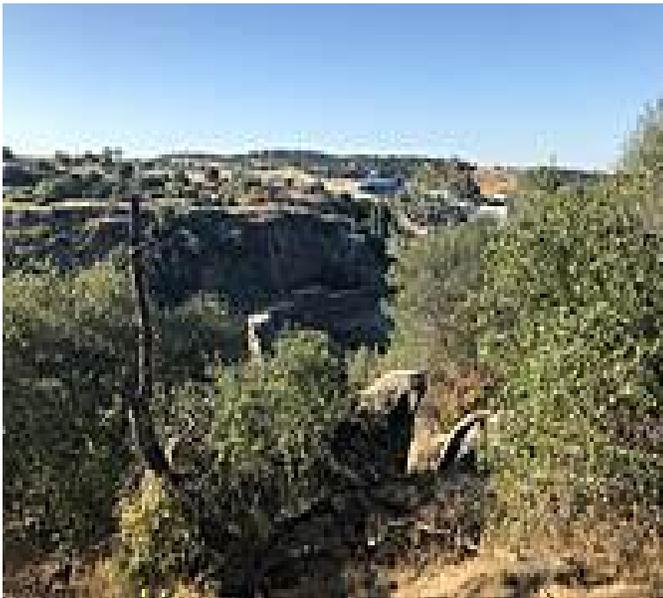
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## Western States Pioneer Express Recreation Trail

California

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The Western States Pioneer Trail runs for 34 miles between Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail and Auburn Equestrian Staging Area near Gum Lane in Auburn. The trail, open to hikers and horseback riders only, follows the winding course of the American River along the old railroad grade built by the Pacific Portland Cement Company in the early 1900s. The line was used to transport limestone from their quarries near Auburn with the Southern Pacific Mainline in Auburn itself.

The trail is remote and you won't find services along the way. Bring your water and food. For more information, contact the [California Department of Parks and Recreation](#), the trail managers.



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**States:** California

**Counties:** El Dorado, Placer

Length: 34.4 miles

**Trail end points:** Auburn Staging Area, Gum Lane (Auburn) to Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail and Hazel Avenue (Fair Oaks)

**Trail surfaces:** Dirt, Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Horseback

Riding, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

Access the trail from the [Auburn State Recreation Area](#).

