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Although a relatively short trail at just under 1 mile long, the Santa Fe Trestle Trail provides great connectivity for the residents of the neighborhood of Oak Cliff. In the west, the concrete trail begins close to the DART station at 8th and Corinth streets and ends in the east at the Trinity floodway at Riverfront Boulevard. Along its route, the trail provides access to the Dallas Wave whitewater park and offers beautiful views of both the Trinity River and Great Trinity Forest, through which the river snakes. Trail users should keep their eyes open for a variety of birds that live or migrate near the river and forest.

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While most of the rest of the abandoned corridor was taken by DART in 1992 for a light rail line, the agency opted to construct a new rail bridge over the Trinity instead of using the old trestle. The newer light rail bridge is clearly visible to those using the Santa Fe Trestle Trail, providing a constant reminder of the rich railroad history of the region.



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States: Texas

Counties: Dallas

Length: 0.86miles

Trail end points: 8th Street (Moore Park) to S. Riverfront Blvd.

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

To access the Santa Fe Trestle Trail, park at the DART station overflow parking lot near 8th and Corinth streets.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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