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This pleasant trail provides scenic vistas reminiscent of old western films. Located in the southwestern corner of Arizona, on the Mexico border, Yuma has one of the warmest climates in the country, making this trail perfect for a winter getaway. Yuma was a central transportation hub in the late 1800s and early 1900s. At no other point is the Colorado River easier to cross, so a railroad bridge was built here, and Yuma became a major stop on the route to California. Yuma was also home to one of the most infamous correctional facilities of the Old West, the Yuma Territorial Prison. The town is a wonderful place to explore Western heritage and the trail is a great place to start.

Begin at the Yuma Crossing State Historical Park near the Fourth Avenue Bridge. Along the river, the park features picnic tables, restrooms and a riverfront beach. From here the trail heads west along the unused tracks. About halfway along the trail, you will see a connection to the East Main Canal Bike Path to the south. This trail will take you along the Main Canal 6.5 miles to 40th Street.

As you travel along the path you will be treated to breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. And, even though this is a desert region, the Colorado River feeds farms in the valley. The trail ends at Joe Henry Memorial Park, a grassy park equipped with picnic areas and ball fields. The park also has restrooms.





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States: Arizona Counties: Yuma Length: 3.4miles Trail end points: Yuma Beach (250 Prison Hill Rd, Yuma) to S Pacific Ave (Yuma) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the Pacific Ave Athletic Complex, but it closes at 11pm. Additional parking is located at along the trail. Visit the <u>TrailLink map</u> for all options and detailed directions.



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