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Guides



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Trail**
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Stretching from Morgan Hill up to the southern extent of the San Francisco Bay, the Coyote Creek Trail is one of the longest trails in San Jose. The 26.9 miles of trail exist in three main segments, with additional shorter segments.

The trail segments are as follows: Morning Star Dr. (Morgan Hill) to Tully Community Ballfields (San Jose), Basking Ridge Ave. (San Jose) to Silicon Valley Blvd (San Jose), Kelley Park (San Jose) to Selma Olinder Park (San Jose), Berryessa Rd. (San Jose) to Chessington Dr. (San Jose), Old Oakland Rd. (San Jose) to Pear Orchard Dr. (San Jose), Montague Expressway (San Jose) to CA 237 (Milpitas), Alviso Milpitas Rd. (Milpitas) to N McCarthy Blvd. (Milpitas).

About the Route

Leaving from the southern endpoint of the trail at the intersection of Morning Star and Eagle View Drives, a couple hundred feet from the Coyote Creek Visitor Center at Anderson Lake County Park, where parking is available. This longest segment of completed trail—at approximately 18.7 miles—heads north and soon parallels its namesake waterway. There is a parallel foot/equestrian trail for the next half mile until Burnett Avenue, where riders will find a staging area and the beginning of an equestrian trail.

Watch out for hobbyists flying model airplanes as the trail passes the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark. At Ogier Ponds, trail users can spy a rich diversity of birdlife and perhaps even catch a few birds as the trail passes the Coyote Creek Golf Club. Following the club is the Tamienne Monument, a trailside plaque inscribed in binary code that marks the center of the Santa Clara Valley. Immediately following the monument, south of Metcalf Road, the equestrian trail comes to an end. The trail passes Metcalf Park, after which the trail becomes more urban as it enters the southern reaches of the city of San Jose, though it remains largely riparian. After Hellyer County Park, continue another 2.5 miles to Tully Road.

To reach the second, 2-mile trail segment, turn right onto Tully Road and then left onto Lucretia Avenue, with its well-marked bike lanes. In 0.8 miles, turn left onto Phelan Avenue and pick the trail up again in about 0.1 mile at Roberts Avenue. This portion of the trail, which opened in 2021, traverses Kelley Park, where it connects to the nearby Happy Hollow Park & Zoo during park hours by way of the arcing Bent Bridge. Cross Story Road to continue along the trail, passing under a historical railway trestle (closed to the public) and through Selma Olinder and William Street Parks to where this segment ends at East William Street.

The northernmost, 4.9-mile section technically leaves off from Montague Expressway but is not directly accessible until another 0.4 miles north, at Iris Chang Park. The trail



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States: California

Counties: Santa Clara

Length: 26.9miles

Trail end points: N McCarthy Blvd. (Milpitas)
to Morning Star Dr. (Morgan Hill)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Coyote Creek trail runs between Morning Star Dr. (Morgan Hill) and N McCarthy Blvd. (Milpitas).

Parking is available at:

- Hellyer County Park, 985 Hellyer Ave. (San Jose)
- 748 Story Rd. (San Jose)

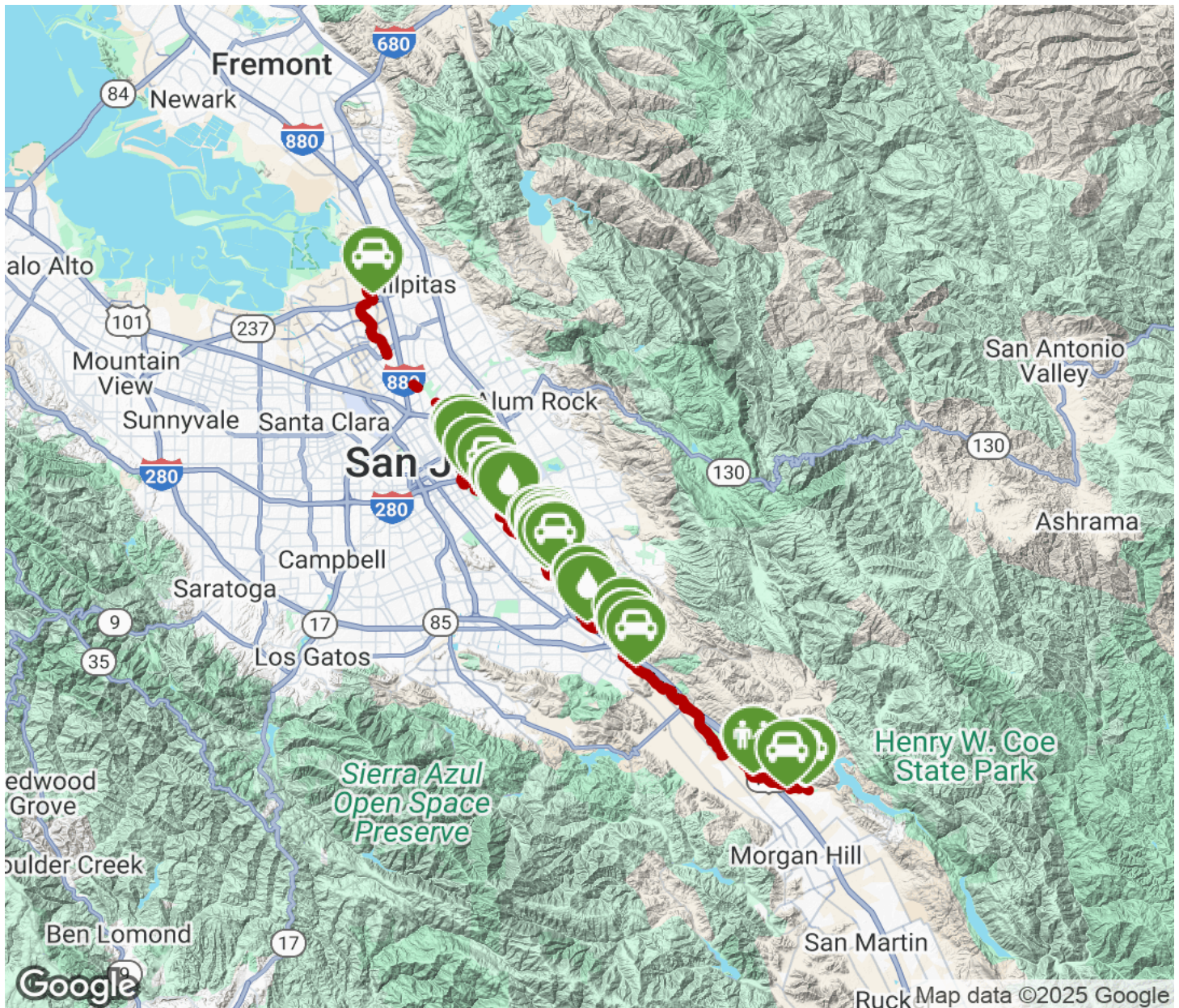
The VTA bus system provides access to the trail at several places along the route.

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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