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Manteca Tidewater Bikeway California



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The trail follows the path of the old Tidewater Railway, an

interurban passenger and freight rail. Today, parts of the line that still run are operated by Union Pacific, and the former Tidewater Southern Railway has one of highest percentages of interurban rail still running.

The trail begins at East Lathrop Road on the north end of the city. You pass through a quiet, residential section before reaching the city sports and skateboard park, a little more than halfway through the trail. Near the skate park the trail enters downtown Manteca. From here you cross through the town, with industrial buildings on both sides. An active railroad line shares the corridor until it ends at another residential area at the southern end of the city.

In 2001, the Manteca Tidewater Bikeway was one of seven recipients of a Project Award at the TRANNY Awards, which are sponsored by the California Transportation Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing outstanding transportation performance and achievement.



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States: California Counties: San Joaquin Length: 3.4miles Trail end points: East Lathrop Rd. to East Atherton Dr. (Manteca) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

To reach the northern trailhead, exit State Route 99 at East Lathrop Road and go 0.5 mile. The trailhead will be on your right. Parking is not permitted on this busy street, but there is a church parking lot across the street.

To reach the southern trailhead, exit SR 120 at South Main Street. Turn left and proceed 0.4 mile to East Woodward Avenue. Turn right on Woodward and go 0.9 mile to Spreckles Road. Turn left on Spreckles Road, turn left on East Atherton Drive, and follow it until it ends. There is no parking in this residential area.



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