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Guides



**Los Gatos
Creek Trail**
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It is difficult to travel through suburban Santa Clara County for more than a few minutes without noticing an abundance of cyclists and runners in the area. When walking around downtown Los Gatos, chances are that the biker whizzing by is headed for the Los Gatos Creek Trail. During the week this trail sees a moderate amount of traffic, but on weekends it bustles with activity. From 20-somethings clutching their morning lattes to energetic cyclists and families walking their dogs, you'll see everyone out enjoying this path on Saturdays and Sundays.

About the Route

The Los Gatos Creek Trail spans 11.9 miles and passes through several cities between San Jose and Lexington Reservoir.

The northern endpoint of the Los Gatos Creek Trail at Meridian Ave kicks off trail users' journeys southwest along the west bank of the Los Gatos Creek, towards Campbell Park. At Los Gatos Creek Park there are trails on each side of the creek as well as loops around the ponds. The trail continues to pass through a string of parks including Los Gatos Creek, Vasona Lake County, and Oak Meadow. Running along Main Street in Los Gatos is an asphalt surface, where the trail leaves the creek bank and follows the rail bed.

Los Gatos Creek is wrapped in riparian undergrowth, and the sparkling creek is lovely. The trail declines as it goes southward, and the surface is a bit rocky here.

The southern portion follows a former South Pacific Coast Railroad line, which transported passengers from Santa Cruz to Alameda in the late 1800s. At the trail's southern endpoint at the Lenihan Dam on Lexington Reservoir, the trail is unpaved dirt and gravel for the 1.515 miles to the landmark Forbes Mill Museum, an 1854 flour mill and annex that exhibits Los Gatos area memorabilia. Trail users will find a water fountain here but no restrooms.

The southern segment of the Los Gatos Trail currently ends at Meridian Avenue in San Jose. It picks up again (the 1.9-mile northern section) farther downstream at Lonus and travels to West San Carlos Street, passing under I-280. Cyclists can connect the segments by exiting the trail just past Leigh onto Willow Street (with bike lanes). Next, turn left on Glen Eryie, left on Lincoln and right on Lonus.



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States: California

Counties: Santa Clara

Length: 11.9 miles

Trail end points: W San Carlos St. (West San Carlos) to Alma Bridge Rd. (Los Gatos)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Los Gatos Creek Trail runs between W San Carlos St. (West San Carlos) and Alma Bridge Rd. (Los Gatos).

Parking is available at:

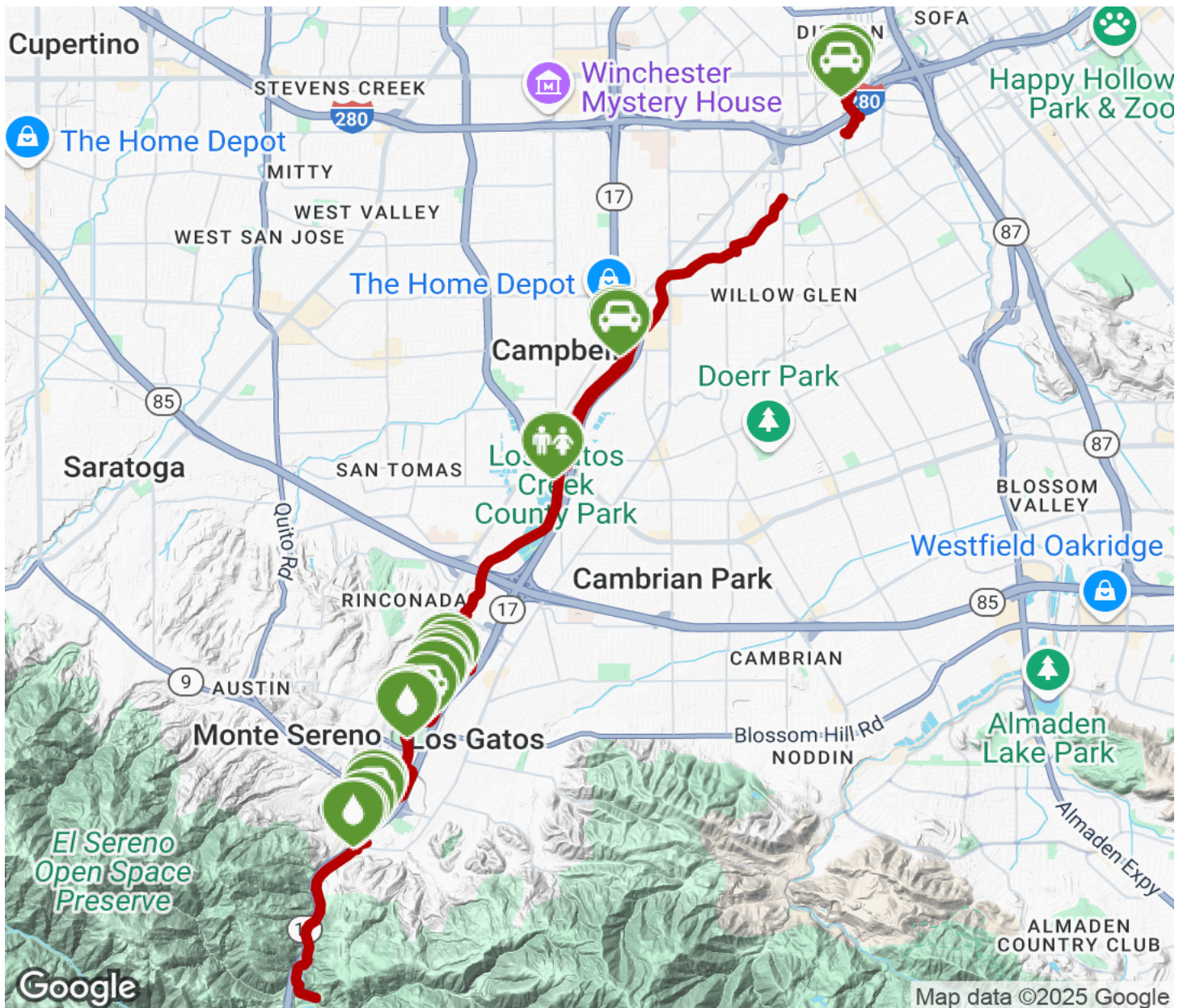
- 806 W Home St. (San Jose)
- Pier Parking Lot (Los Gatos)
- 75 Church St. (Los Gatos)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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