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Guides

Inland Rail Trail
California

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Connections

The trail gives access to Palomar College and the Escondido Transit Center, where it also meets the Escondido Creek Bike Path.

In the future, the trail will extend a total of 21 miles to a terminus at the Coastal Rail Trail on Wisconsin Avenue in Oceanside.

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About the Route

The setting for the Inland Rail Trail between Escondido, San Marcos and Vista is urban with the rail line on one side and parallel roads nearby. The paved rail-trail runs alongside the Sprinter light rail service connecting Escondido to Oceanside.

A short, disconnected half-mile portion of trail was also constructed between North Drive and Melrose Drive in Vista and the edge of Oceanside, which will eventually be joined to the rest of the trail.

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States: California

Counties: San Diego

Length: 10.5miles

Trail end points: Escondido Creek Bike Path at Escondido Transit Center (Escondido) to Mar Vista Dr (Vista)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Inland Rail Trail runs between the Escondido Creek Bike Path at the Escondido Transit Center (700 W Valley Parkway, Escondido), where parking is available, and Mar Vista Dr (Vista).

Visit the TrailLink map for detailed directions.

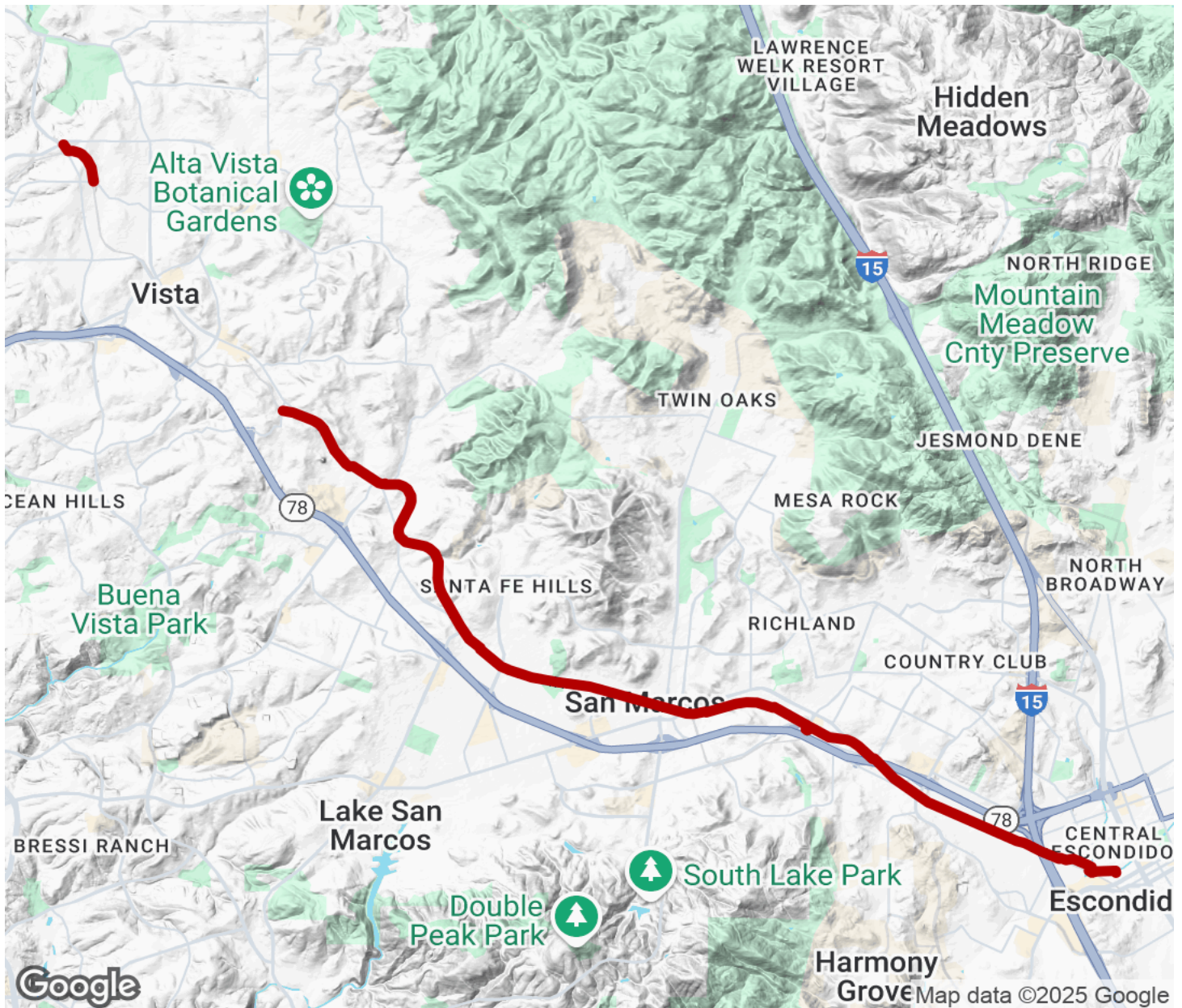# Inland Rail Trail

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