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Creek Trail**
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About the Route

From end to end, the paved trail spans approximately 10 miles and provides a wide, well-maintained route for cyclists, walkers, and runners. Following the creek, it provides scenic views with cool, shaded areas near community and school park facilities. The city manages

the trail as part of its nearly 400-mile network of well-connected multiuse trails and on-street bicycle facilities, or bikeways.

The trail's western endpoint is at the northwestern corner of Eastbluff Drive and Jamboree Road in Newport Beach, where some on-street parking is available on Eastbluff Drive, and a wide sidewalk that's part of the Mountains to Sea Trail serves as a connection to the San Diego Creek Trail. A short section of trail runs alongside Upper Newport Bay, then curves east to begin following San Diego Creek. Continuing northeast along the creek, the trail passes the Rancho San Joaquin Golf Course before continuing under Michelson Drive and I-405. The trail soon passes Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park at a bend in the creek, where the trail crosses to the creek's north side.

In 2.7 miles, at Windrow Community Park, continue following the trail under Jeffrey Road and turn to cross the creek again to follow the south side (from this point, there are two segments of the trail on either side of the creek). Look out for possible gate closures at roadway intersections; these prevent users from entering segments that may be inaccessible or unsafe due to rising creek waters during heavy rainfall. At Alton Parkway, a short section of trail follows the creek's south side but dead-ends below the Laguna Freeway/CA 133. Trail users can also exit the trail via bike lanes on Alton Parkway.

To take the trail to its easternmost endpoint, south of I-405, cross to the north side of the creek at Alton Parkway. Continue on the trail under the Laguna Freeway/CA 133, then continue south under I-405 once again. The trail goes on as the creek turns from a channelized concrete waterway back to a natural creekbed along a subdivision, then ends near Dana and Antivo in Irvine. The trail connects to Los Olivos Trail—a 0.4-mile trail heading south toward Los Olivos Community Park.



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States: California

Counties: Orange

Length: 10.8miles

Trail end points: Eastbluff Dr. (Newport Beach)
to Bake Parkway (Irvine)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The San Diego Creek Trail runs between Eastbluff Dr. (Newport Beach) and Bake Parkway (Irvine).

Parking is also available at:

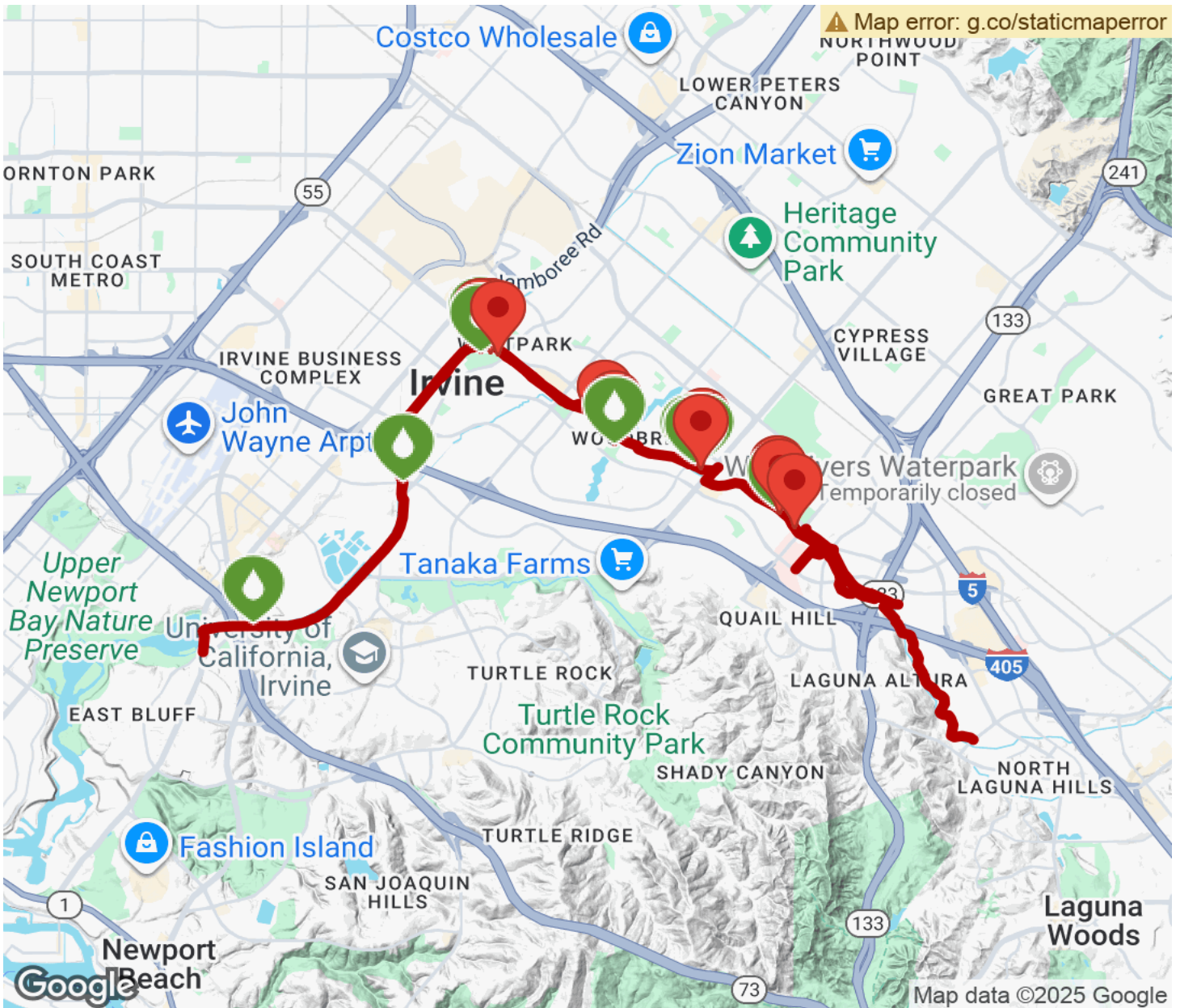
- Bill Barber Memorial Park, 4 Civic Center Plaza (Irvine)
- Mike Ward Community Park, 20 Lake Rd. (Irvine)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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