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River Trail**  
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The northern segment begins in Alviso, a community situated at the southern end of the San Francisco Bay. Here the trail connects to the [Highway 237 Bikeway](#), a component of the larger [San Francisco Bay Trail](#). The latter is an ambitious effort to create a 500-mile multiuse trail encircling its namesake bay.

Continuing south, the trail passes beneath most

roadways, including State Route 237, US 101 and Interstate 880, as it works its way into downtown San Jose. Before you reach the heart of the city, the path skirts Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport, granting convenient access for airport employees and travelers alike. Closer to downtown, the trail enters Guadalupe River Park. The 3-mile band of parkland offers a host of recreation and entertainment opportunities, including the volunteer-maintained Heritage Rose Garden.

The stretch of trail through downtown San Jose provides easy access to the type of amenities only found in large cities, including an arena (home to the NHL's San Jose Sharks), convention center, museums and theaters. San Jose Diridon—the city's central train station—is a short trip southwest down W. San Fernando Street from the trail, while San Jose State University is another short trek up the same street to the northeast.

The northern segment ends at W. Virginia Street, and a significant gap exists between this endpoint and the start of the southern segment at Chynoweth Avenue. Winding south over a much shorter distance compared to the northern stretch, this portion still features scenic views of distant hills and provides access to two light rail stations. The path ends at Coleman Road, where trail users can enter Almaden Lake Park and pick up the [Los Alamitos Creek Trail](#) to tack on additional recreational mileage.



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**States:** California

**Counties:** Santa Clara

Length: 12.5miles

**Trail end points:** San Francisco Bay Trail at Gold St. (Alviso) to Los Alamitos Creek Trail at Almaden Lake Park on Coleman Rd. (San Jose)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

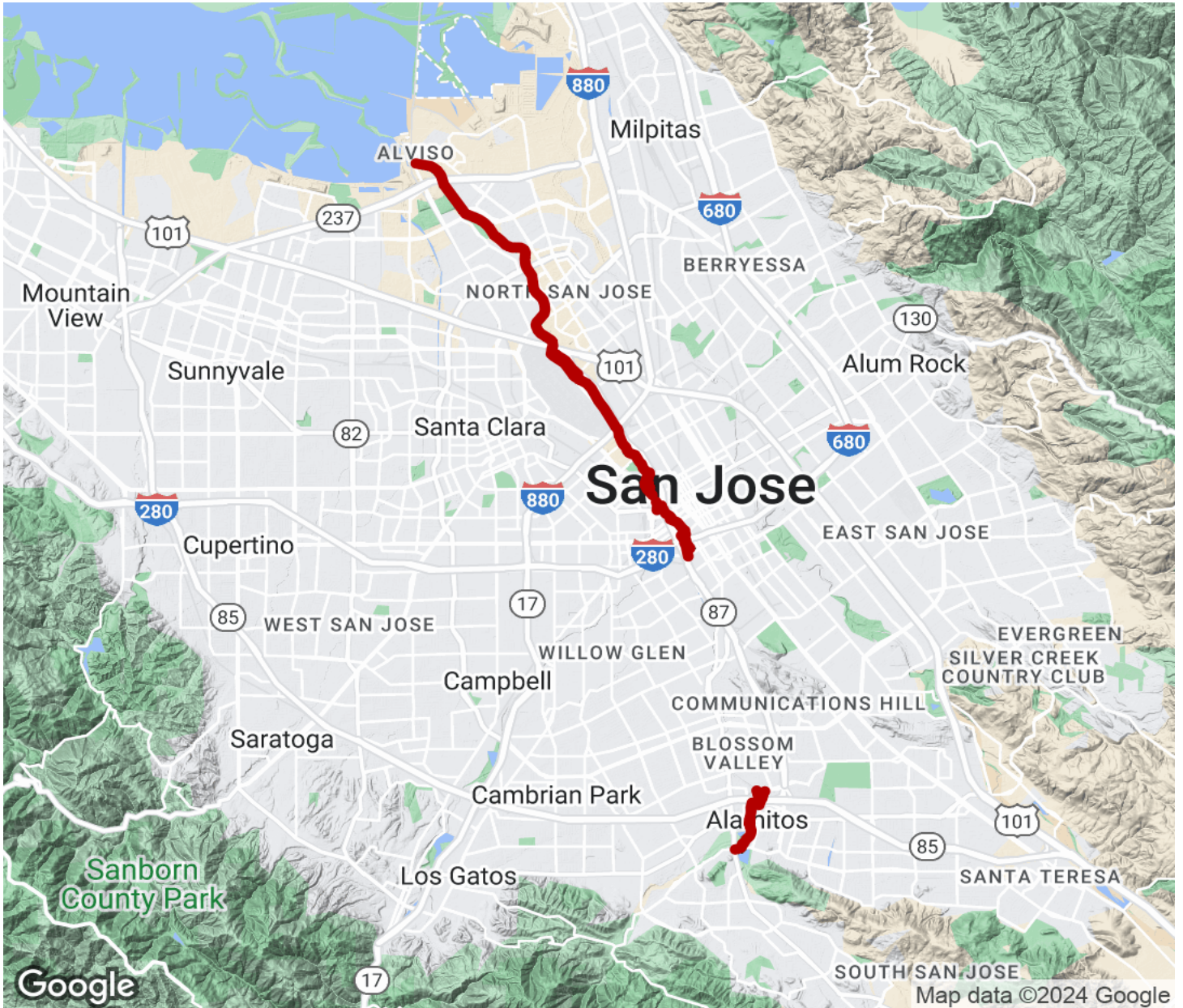
For the Guadalupe River Trail's northern segment, parking and restrooms are available at the Alviso Educational Center on Gold Street in Alviso (just south of the bridge going over the river). Additional parking can be found on-street in downtown San Jose or at Guadalupe River Park on Coleman Avenue.

For the trail's southern segment, parking is available at Almaden Lake Park (6099 Winfield Boulevard).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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