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River Trail**  
*California*



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The 12.7-mile Guadalupe River Trail is the spine of San Jose's growing trail network, running north-south through much of the city. Portions of the trail run along both banks of the Guadalupe River, with signs informing trail users where they must cross. Plans call for the trail's two open segments to be linked in the future; for now, trail users must use the two sections separately.

## About the Route

The northern segment leaves off from Gold St. in Alviso, a community situated at the southern end of the San Francisco Bay. Here the trail connects to the larger San Francisco Bay Trail, which encircles the entire 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 reaching the heart of the city, the trail 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 reaches its southern end 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 absolute southernmost endpoint comes at Coleman Road, where trail users can enter Almaden Lake Park and pick up the Los Alamitos Creek Trail.

## Connections

At the northern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Highway 237 Bikeway](#) and the [San Francisco Bay Trail](#) as well as the nearby [San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail](#).

The [Highway 87 Bikeway](#) nearly fills in the gap between the two Guadalupe River Trail sections.

At the southern end of the trail, trail users can continue along



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**States:** California

**Counties:** Santa Clara

Length: 12.7miles

**Trail end points:** Gold St. (Alviso) to Coleman Rd. (San Jose)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

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

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

## Parking & Trail Access

The Guadalupe River Trail runs between Gold St. (Alviso) and Coleman Rd. (San Jose), where parking is available.

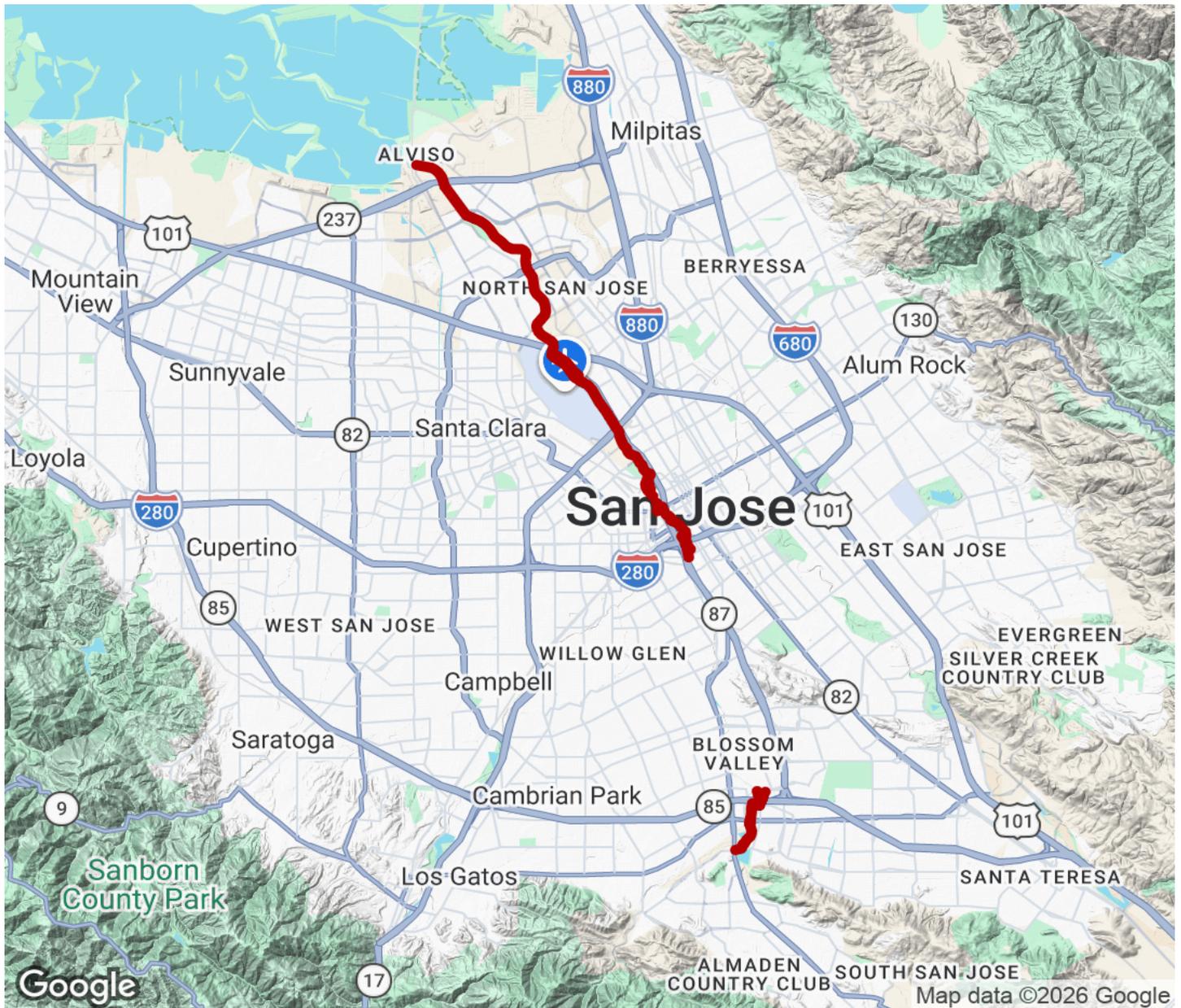
There is limited designated parking along this route. The best way to access this trail is via the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Light Rail.

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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