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**Shady Canyon
Trail**
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About the Route

The route leaves off in the north at the Quail Hill Trailhead, which also serves the Juanita Moe Trail, a paved path around the northern edge of the Quail Hill Preserve that links to several other trails in the city's extensive network. Hikers can also access the natural-surface Quail Hill Loop Trail from the trailhead.

Views are at their most spectacular where the trail crosses Bommer Canyon. Enjoy vistas of the surrounding hills and the affluent neighborhoods nestled amongst them. At the entrance to Turtle Rock, there is a connection available to the Turtle Rock Trail.

At trail's end, turn right on the Bonita Canyon Trail to reach Irvine's University High School, or cross the road and turn left on the trail to reach the edge of Newport Beach.

Connections

At the northern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Juanita Moe Trail](#).

At the entrance to Turtle Rock, head north on the [Turtle Rock Trail](#) for a pleasant tour through the neighborhood and ultimate emergence on the popular [University Trail](#).

At the southern end of the trail, continue along the [Bonita Canyon Trail](#).



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States: California

Counties: Orange

Length: 4.1miles

Trail end points: Juanita Moe Trail (Irvine) to
Bonita Canyon Dr. (Irvine)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Shady Canyon Trail runs between Juanita Moe Trail (Irvine) and Bonita Canyon Dr. (Irvine).

Parking is available at:

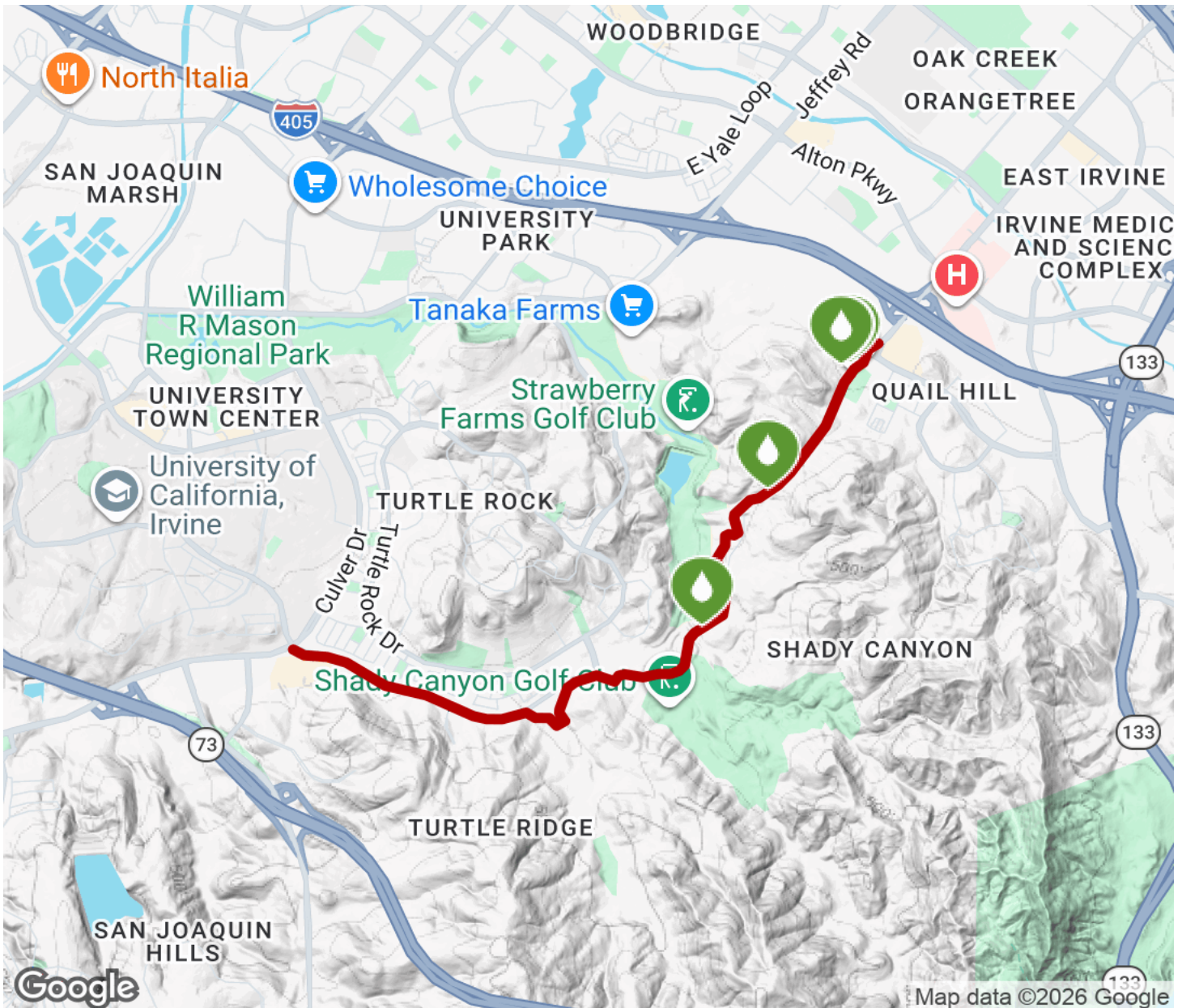
- 34 Shady Canyon Dr. (Irvine)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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