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Bellflower Bike Trail *California*



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The Bellflower Bike Trail runs for more than 2 miles on the right-of-way of the old Pacific Electric transit system also known as the Red Cars—across Bellflower. At its zenith in the 1920s, Pacific Electric was the largest electric railway system in the world, operating over a thousand miles of interurban track in Southern California, including this line between Los Angeles and Santa Ana.

The trail begins at a bridge connection with the popular <u>San Gabriel River Trail</u> at Ruth R. Caruthers Park on the banks of the San Gabriel River. Skirting the edge of the park, the trail ultimately joins the former rail corridor at the southern end of Ripon Avenue and heads northwest to its terminus on Somerset Boulevard, just beyond the Bellflower–Paramount city line. Most of the trail consists of striped bike lanes and a skinnier pedestrian path separated by a small strip of decomposed granite. The street crossings are at-grade near the corridor, but the required maneuvers are signed well. Along the trail's length, attractive street lights allow for use after dark, while local flora beautifies the corridor.

The Pacific Electric Train Depot on Bellflower Boulevard restored to its original state in 2008—is a must-see period piece, and restrooms are even available in the baggage shed. Rail remnants along the trail's route provide additional reminders of the area's unique transportation history.



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States: California Counties: Los Angeles Length: 2.7miles Trail end points: Somerset Blvd & Hayter Ave (Paramount) to San Gabriel River Trail at Ruth R. Caruthers Park (Bellflower) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Bellflower Bike Trail is available adjacent to the trail (near the restored train depot) in a city lot on Oak Street. Parking is free, but there is a 2-hour limit.



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