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Guides



**Rio Salado
Pathway**
Arizona



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The trail is shorter on the lake's north side, but it serves the Tempe Town Lake Marina and provides a critical connection to the [Indian Bend Wash Path](#) at its eastern end. Trail users can extend their trip by taking that trail north all the way into downtown Scottsdale.

A bicycle and pedestrian bridge links the two paths over Tempe Town Lake. At the bridge's southern end, the trailside Tempe Center for the Arts offers a variety of exhibits and events in a critically praised building.

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On the lake's south side, the trail connects Arizona State University's main Tempe campus with Tempe Beach Park, as well as the Tempe Marketplace retail mecca. A newer extension on the trail's eastern end continues the trail behind the Tempe Marketplace and under the State Route 202 and 101 interchange to an end at Riverview Park in Mesa. Sloan Park, the spring training home of Major League Baseball's Chicago Cubs, was recently built in the park, bringing massive crowds to the area on game days.



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States: Arizona

Counties: Maricopa

Length: 10.5miles

Trail end points: N. Priest Dr. to Indian Bend

Wash Trail (Tempe) (north side); SR 143

(Tempe) to Dobson Rd., just east of Riverview

Park (Mesa) (south side)

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

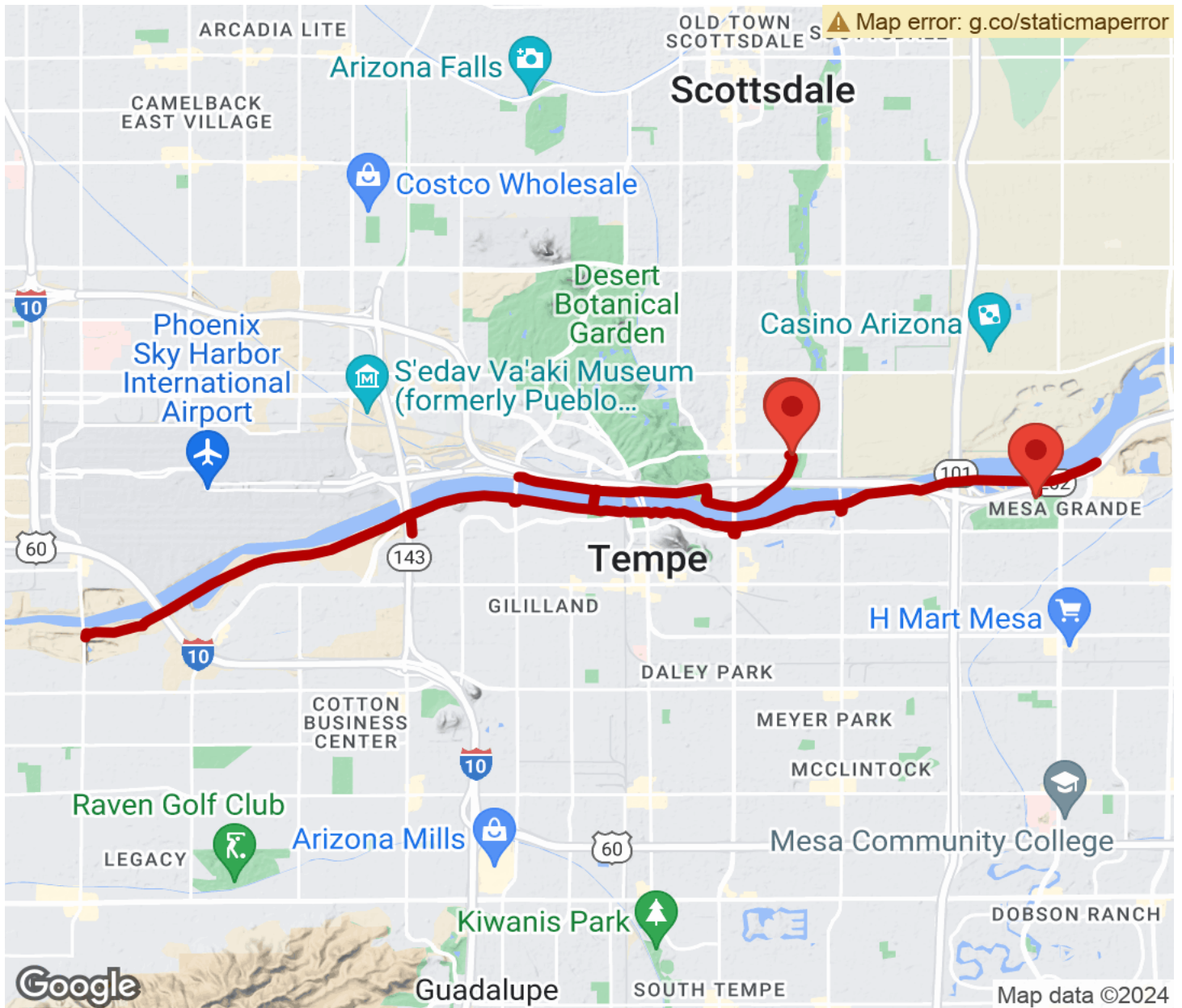
Parking & Trail Access

Parking and restrooms for the Rio Salado Paths are available at Tempe Beach Park (54 W. Rio Salado Parkway) in Tempe and Riverview Park (2100 W. Rio Salado Parkway) in Mesa.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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