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Guides



**Penitencia
Creek Trail**
California



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injured and sick wild animals. About 1.5 miles up Penitencia Road is Alum Rock Park, worth a visit.

Use caution at all road crossings.

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Penitencia Creek, which is shaded and beautiful, is the southern border of Berryessa Park. Inside the south end of Berryessa Park, about 30 feet from the creek, is the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley, which rehabilitates



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States: California

Counties: Santa Clara

Length: 2.8miles

Trail end points: Mabury Rd. to Noble Ave.

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Gravel

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Mountain

Biking,Walking

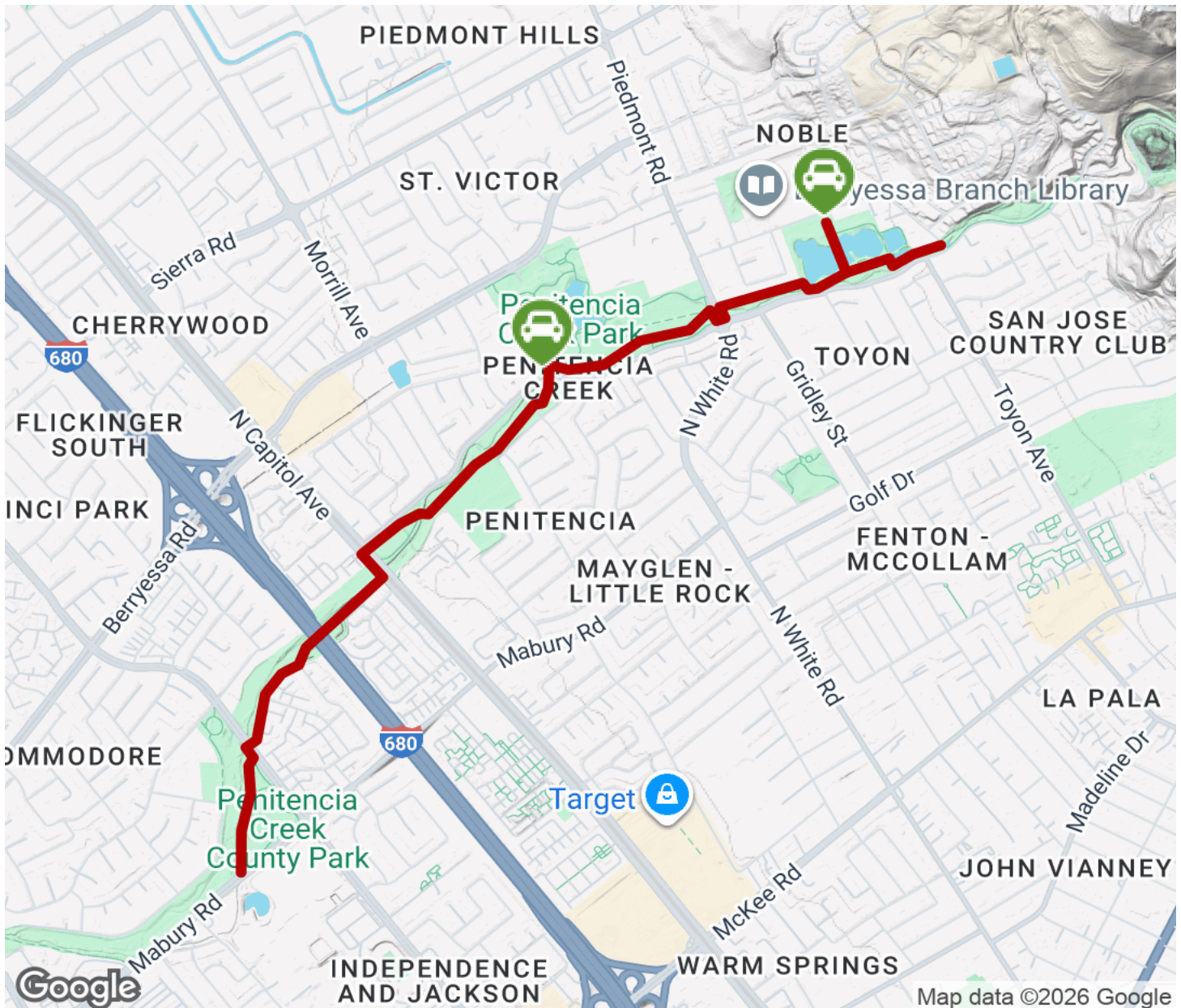
Parking & Trail Access

Park off Capitol Avenue at Gilchrist Drive. You can also park off Penitencia Creek Road where the trail intersects the road and off Noble Avenue by Penitencia Creek Park.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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