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States: California

Counties: Santa Barbara

Length: 3.6miles

Trail end points: Sandspit Rd at Goleta Beach State Park to Arroyo Rd. (Santa Barbara)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

You can access the trail anywhere it crosses a road. Parking is at Goleta Beach State Park in Goleta. Take Moffett Place to Sandspit Road and park just before the bridge crossing the channel. From Ward Memorial Blvd. heading toward Santa Barbara, exit at Sandspit Road. From the boulevard heading toward Goleta, take the Moffett Place Exit and turn left on Sandspit Road. Park just before crossing the bridge (don't go over the channel).



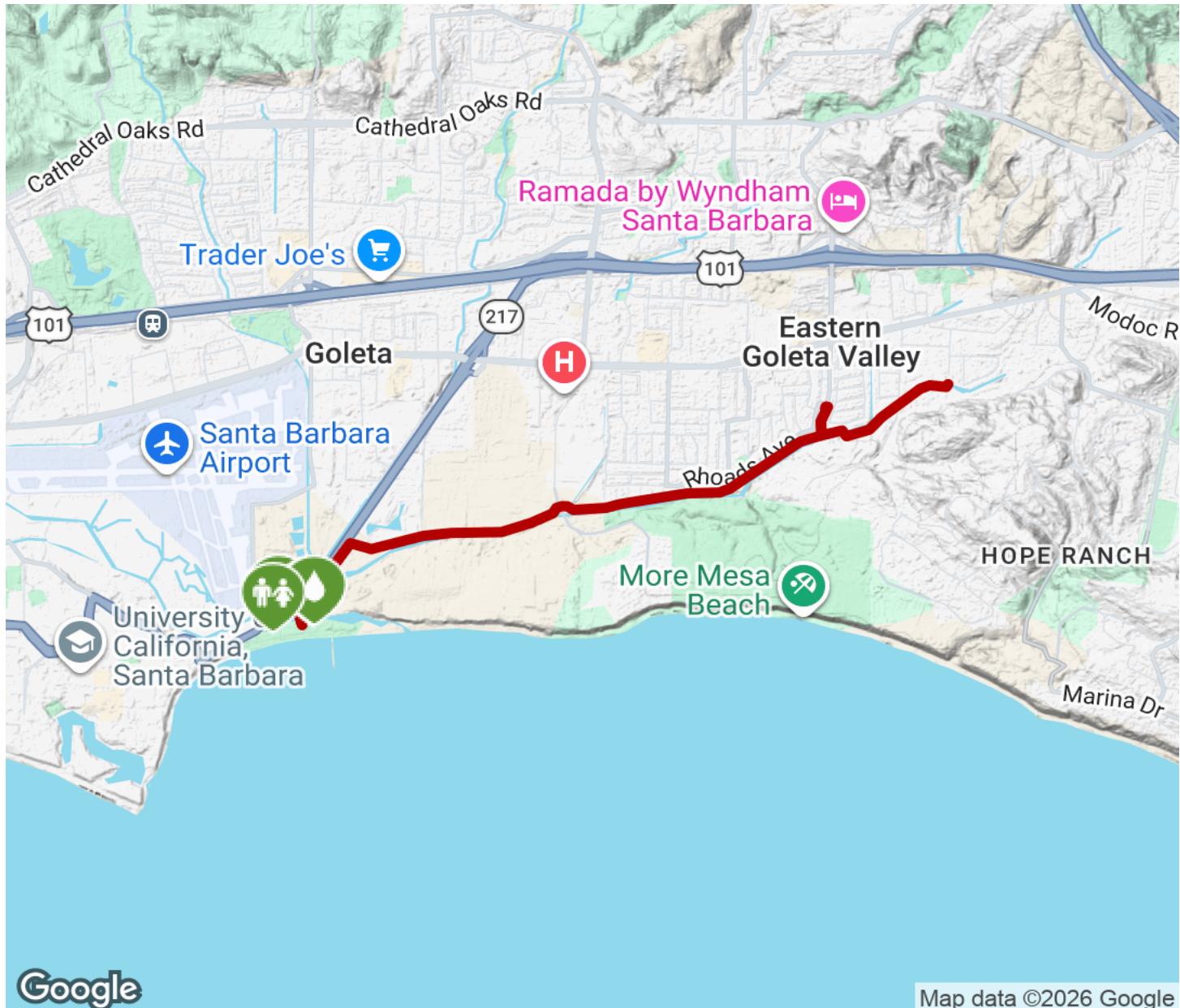
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Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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