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Guides



**Los Angeles
River Trail**
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The Los Angeles River Trail—also known as the Los Angeles River Bike Path, Los Angeles River Bikeway, Los Angeles River Greenway Trail, and Lario Trail—is open in several disconnected segments along its namesake waterway in Los Angeles County. Channelized for nearly the entirety of its run through the highly urbanized area, the adjacent river is the subject of sizeable plans to restore the original habitat and open it to recreational use.

A majority of the route is made up of two longer trail segments, one in Glendale and the other which travels from Downtown Los Angeles to Long Beach. The route is planned to stretch continuously between Canoga Ranch and Long Beach for over 50 miles, but right now, the northern section is made up of several discontinuous segments.

About the Route

The absolute western end of the route leaves off from Owensmouth Avenue. From here, the trail travels along both sides of the river until reaching Mason Ave. The trail along the southern bank of the river continues here until reaching Vanalden Ave.

Trail users will encounter another section of trail in Beilenson Park/Lake Balboa Park, where the route here, encircles both sides of the canal on a dirt surface between Balboa Blvd and Burbank Blvd. Within the park, the trail is not channelized, and the surrounding greenery of the park provides a nice respite from the urban character of the rest of the trail.

Nearby, two short sections of trail carry trail users between Sepulveda Blvd. and Cedros Ave. between Sepulveda Blvd. and Kester Ave., the trail travels along the south bank and between Kester Ave. and Cedros Ave., the route crosses along the northern bank. The latter section is also called Ernie's Walk, named after Ernie La Mere, a local resident who led one of the very first revitalization efforts of the LA River. This section features river rock walls (with seats) and native plantings lining the river channel.

Another section of trail in Sherman Oaks runs between Fulton Ave. and Radford Ave. This section is also sometimes referred to as the Valleyheart Greenway, named after the road that travels alongside the trail. A section here along the northern bank is also called the Village Gardener's Path, in honor of the Village Gardeners who sponsored the river bank.

At Riverside Dr. on the border of Glendale and Los Angeles, trail users will encounter the northern of the two longer trail sections. Wedged between the river and Interstate 5 for most of its journey, this section of trail isn't particularly scenic. (This can be frustrating when you consider famous Griffith Park is just on the other side of the freeway but completely inaccessible from the trail). Here a brief section of the trail



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States: California

Counties: Los Angeles

Length: 38.28miles

Trail end points: Owensmouth Ave. (Canoga Park) to 401 Golden Shore (Long Beach)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete, Dirt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at:

- Lake Balboa/Anthony C. Beilensen Park, 6300 Balboa Blvd (Van Nuys)
- 5101 N Zoo Dr (Los Angeles)
- Hollydale Regional Park, 5400 Monroe Ave. (South Gate)

The entire trail is metro-accessible, please see LACMTA for more information.

There are numerous parking options along the route, please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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