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The trail runs through the wooded land alongside the Medina River—a waterway that provides area plant and animal life with a thriving ecosystem—as it runs east to join the San Antonio River. A variety of gorgeous trees including Cypress, Oak, and Pecan line the trail, and it's far from rare to see various forms of local wildlife out on the trail. The river also serves as a popular fishing spot, with many locations accessible right on the trail.

Join the southwest end of the trail at the northern end of the Medina River Natural Area (15890 Highway 16 S),

a 511-acre park with a variety of natural features and amenities. Restrooms, parking, water, and camping facilities are available. Pets on leash are welcome.

Heading southeast through the park, the concrete path heads east along the course of the river and some occasional switchbacks to help give you a workout.

Leaving the Medina River Natural Area, the Old Applewhite Trailhead (2440 W Jett Rd) and the Applewhite Trailhead (16506 Applewhite Rd) are situated on either side of Applewhite Road.

Continuing to follow the Medina River through the woods, the trail crosses the river and then Leon Creek. There are several switchbacks before the route crosses railroad tracks and briefly runs north along Pleasanton Road to the Pleasanton Road Trailhead (15638 Pleasanton Rd), which has parking and restrooms.

Curving north, the trail runs along the eastern shore of Mitchell Lake. Located midway along the lake's edge, the Mitchell Lake/Hwy 281 Trailhead (13855 S Hwy 281) has parking and restrooms. The trail continues following the tree-lined perimeter of the lake north to the Mission del Lago golf course and Mattox Park (1222 Mission Grande), which has a playground, parking, tennis courts, picnic tables, grills, and benches.

From the park, the trail runs north along Clubhouse Boulevard through a subdivision and crosses Highway 281. The Medina River Greenway/Roosevelt Ave Trailhead (11194 US-281 San Antonio) has drinking fountains with a pet bowl, a bike repair station, a bike rack, benches, informational signage, an emergency call station, and a pet waste station.

Heading east, the trail returns to meandering through a natural area of low scrub, grass, and trees. The route curves south and runs along the southern edge of Cassin Lake. Along



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States: Texas

Counties: Bexar

Length: 18.3miles

Trail end points: Medina River Natural Area Trailhead (15890 Highway 16 S, San Antonio) to San Antonio River Walk (San Antonio)

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Medina River Greenway runs between the Medina River Natural Area Trailhead (15890 Highway 16 S, San Antonio), where there is parking, and the [San Antonio River Walk Hike & Bike Path](#) (San Antonio).

Parking is available at:

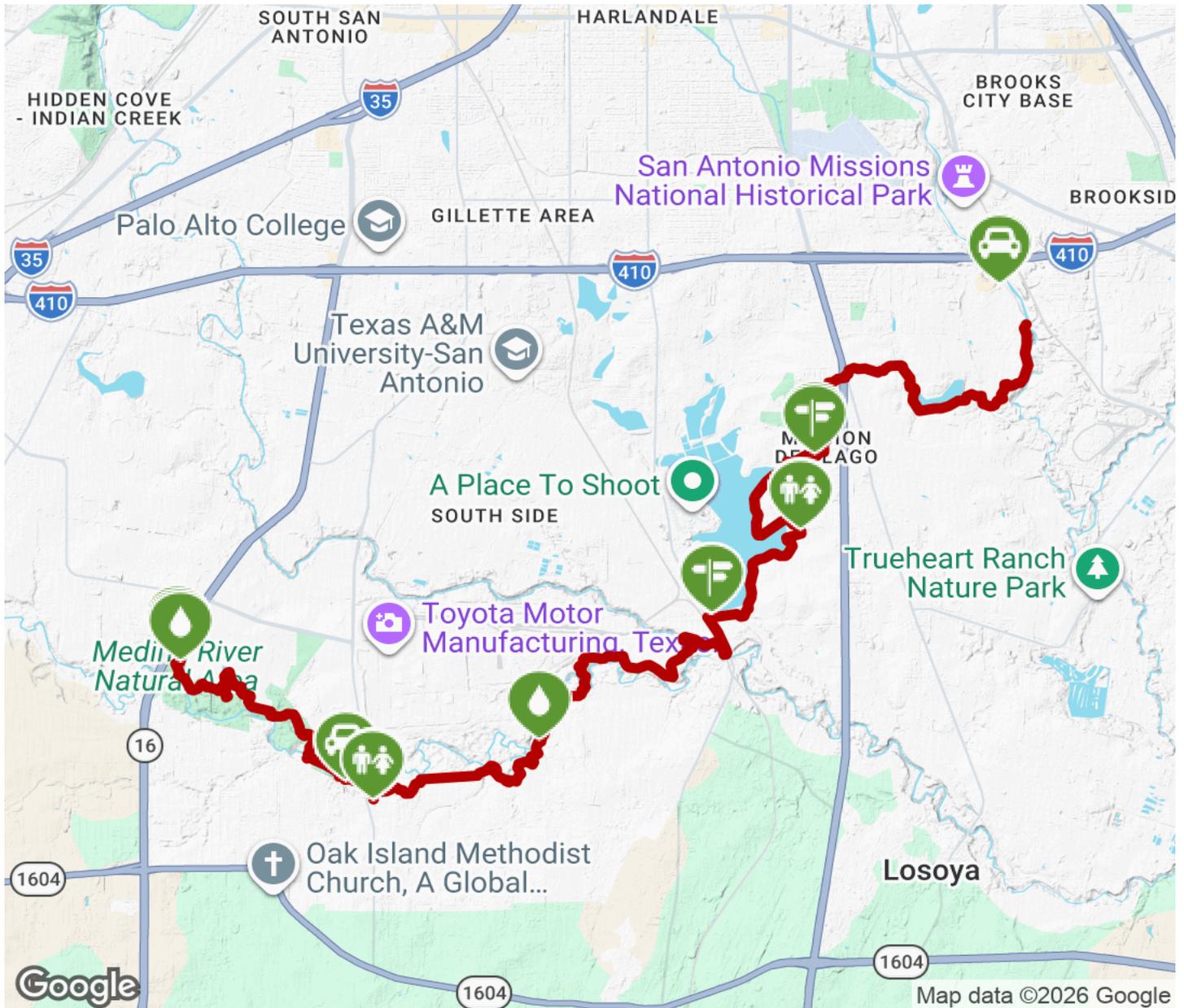
- Old Applewhite Trailhead, 2440 W Jett Rd (San Antonio)
- Mitchell Lake/Hwy 281 Trailhead, 13855 S Hwy 281 (San Antonio)
- Mattox Park Trailhead, 1222 Mission Grande (San Antonio)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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