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Between Larkspur at the northern shore of San Francisco Bay all the way to Healdsburg, north of the Russian River.

About the Route

The southernmost section of trail is also called the Cal Park Hill Tunnel, because it offers a quick, smooth ride through the hill that separates San Rafael from the ferry

terminal in Larkspur and southern Marin County. Just a bit further north, a section also called the Lincoln Hill Pathway nestles between Lincoln Ave. and SMART commuter rail.

Between the Marin Civic Center and Novato Downtown stations, there are several wide gaps in the trail, although the pathway does provide direct access to those stations as well as the Novato Hamilton Station. Between Petaluma and Santa Rosa the trail is nearly complete, with just a small gap near Penngrove.

Windsor and Healdsburg both offer short sections of trail that will in the future connect to the entire 70-mile route.



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States: California

Counties: Marin, Sonoma

Length: 30.12 miles

Trail end points: Healdsburg Ave.
(Healdsburg) to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard
East (Larkspur)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The SMART pathway runs between Healdsburg Ave. (Healdsburg) and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard East (Larkspur).

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

The SMART commuter rail also offers car-free trail access options.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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