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Guides



**Santa Cruz
Riverwalk**
California



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At the end of the trail on the western side, you can also connect to the popular seaside amusement park called the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, which in turn merges into the [West Cliff Drive Bicycle Path](#) on its opposite end. Cyclists are required to dismount their bicycles on the boardwalk.

The Santa Cruz Riverwalk Trail follows both sides of the river through downtown Santa Cruz, a California beach town on the shores of Monterey Bay. Multiple pedestrian bridges allow easy access to the amenities along either bank. The San Lorenzo Trestle bike-ped bridge was widened from 4 to 10 ft in 2019, and is considered the first segment of the [Coastal Rail Trail](#) in Santa Cruz County, which will someday run 32 miles from Davenport to Watsonville.

A highlight of the route is Santa Cruz Riverwalk, a pleasant place to picnic and watch ducks on the pond. A playground and restrooms can also be found here. A little farther south, you'll arrive at a small neighborhood park called Mimi de Marta.



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States: California

Counties: Santa Cruz

Length: 3.7miles

Trail end points: Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk
at Beach St. to Encinal St. and River St./SR 9

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

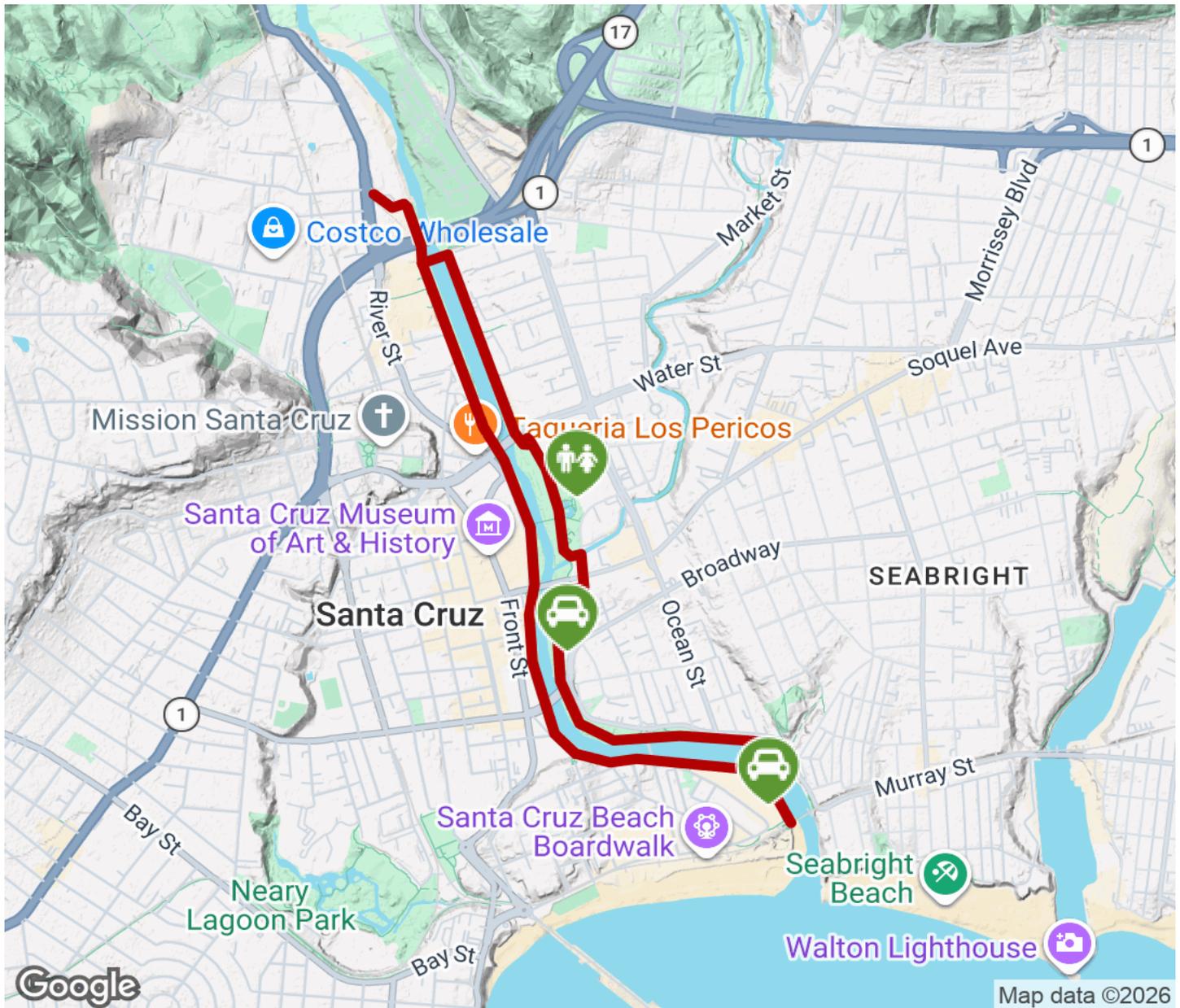
Parking & Trail Access

On the east side of the river, street parking is available on Dakota Avenue adjacent to Santa Cruz Riverwalk. A small lot is also available at Mimi de Marta Park (119 Broadway).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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