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Guides



**Santa Maria
River Levee
Trail**
California



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area's plants and wildlife, and two short side trips connect trail-goers with parks. On the west side of US 101, head south from the trail on a quiet residential street—Preisker Lane—to reach Preisker Park, which, at 40 acres, is Santa Maria's largest park. It offers a large grassy area for sports, a pond and creek, playgrounds, picnic areas with barbecue pits, and restrooms.

Near the trail's eastern end, a connection to Jim May Park is possible by crossing Seaward Drive and taking the sidewalk along Carlotti Drive. The park is a relaxing, natural oasis with a large lake, which makes a popular spot for bird watching.

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The Santa Maria River Levee Trail offers wide open views of distant mountains and the rugged landscape of the Santa Maria Valley for 3.2 miles. The partially paved trail follows a levee built by the Army Corps of Engineers in the early 1960s and rehabilitated between 2009 and 2011.

About the Route

The Santa Maria River Levee Trail follows the path of the levee for its entire 3.2 mile length. It is a stone dust, sandy surface for most of the route, with some asphalt patches, thanks to the arid climate of the region.

Four kiosks along the trail provide information about the



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States: California

Counties: San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara

Length: 3.2 miles

Trail end points: N Blosser Rd. (Santa Maria) to
Bull Canyon Rd. (Santa Maria)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone, Sand

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Santa Maria River Levee Trail runs between N Blosser Rd. (Santa Maria) and Bull Canyon Rd. (Santa Maria).

A trail parking lot is available off the Exit 173 (Broadway) on US 101.

This is an approximate address only, please see [TrailLink Map](#) for more detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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