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Baton Rouge Levee Bike Path Louisiana



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The Baton Rouge Levee Bike Path links several downtown attractions along the Mississippi River and serves as one of the city's most popular outdoor recreation assets. The Farr Park Equestrian Center, the USS Kidd Naval Museum, the Louisiana Art & Science Museum, and the beautiful castle-like Old State Capitol building can all be accessed from the paved pathway. The trail also flanks the western side of the Louisiana State University campus.

In downtown Baton Rouge, the northern-most trail section is a brick pathway running along the water through the Riverfront Plaza & City Dock park (300 S River Rd, Baton Rouge). Heading south from the end of this 1mile riverfront promenade, the trail continues as a 15foot-wide paved pathway with separate lanes for bicycles and pedestrians for 4.31 miles to Farr Park. Passing under the I-10 Mississippi River Bridge and running along the LSU campus, this section has lighting, benches, and drinking fountains. Although it narrows slightly, the route continues as a wide, smooth, and paved trail.

Outside of the city proper, the trail meanders along the elevated levee through open fields and farmland, with the crowds of trail users thinning out as the landscape opens up. The paved path comes to an end at a trailhead located at the L'Auberge Casino complex, over twelve miles away from its northern terminus.

The path continues on an unpaved surface, ideal for runners and bikes with appropriate tires, heading east from the casino and following the bend in the river that forms the pleasantly named neighborhood of Sunshine. This section of the bike path continues for around fifteen miles before coming to a halt just south of the Willow Glen power station—the preceding mile of trail to the west is nicely paved for a change of pace, with a trailhead located at St. Gabriel's Sunshine Park.

After a gap in the trail by the power station, you can continue south on the <u>Carville Levee Trail</u>. The Levee Bike Path offers a great, smooth pathway with traffic-free views of the mighty Mississippi River in the Baton Rouge area, and a rougher, more remote experience for those who venture out further south to St. Gabriel.



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States: Louisiana Counties: East Baton Rouge,Iberville Length: 27.8miles Trail end points: Laurel St (Baton Rouge) to LA-75, just south of Willow Glen power station (St. Gabriel) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Brick,Concrete,Gravel Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Capital Area Transit System provides access to the northern end of the trail in downtown Baton Rouge. Visit Baton Rouge's <u>CATS website</u> for more information.

Parking is available at the LSU-Skip Bertman Drive Levee Trailhead (located at the intersection of River Rd & Skip Bertman Dr in Baton Rouge), at Farr Park (6402 River Rd, Baton Rouge), and at the St. Gabriel Levee Trailhead (2131-2199 LA-75, Sunshine). Visit the <u>TrailLink map</u> for detailed directions.



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