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## Chacon Creek Hike and Bike Trail Texas



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The Chacon Creek Hike and Bike Trail winds along its namesake waterway through the Chacon, Three Points, Clark's Crossing and Eastwoods neighborhoods of Laredo. Currently open in two disconnected segments, future projects will eventually bridge the gap and extend the trail south along the Rio Grande to Laredo Community College's South Campus.

For now, the longest stretch of open trail begins at Willow Street (south of State Route 359) and heads south, passing through a dry landscape of low shrubs and pine trees. A bridge over Chacon Creek—one of several along the trail's route—takes trail users to Dryden Park. The park contains several ball fields, as well as a picnic shelter, restrooms and trailhead parking. Leaving the park, the trail ultimately passes under the US 83 and Meadow Avenue bridges (the M.E. Benavides Sports Complex is midway between the two). The bridges are home to a large colony of bats during their annual winter migration, and the city has embraced the influx as a learning tool: a new exhibit features information on the creatures and instructs trail users to respect their temporary habitat.

The trail meets its end where Chacon Creek empties into the Rio Grande. Peek through the trees to marvel at the wide river and glimpse Mexico on the opposite shore.

A disconnected portion of the Chacon Creek Hike and Bike Trail links Eastwoods Park and the Haynes Health & Wellness Center, to the north of the main segment. The latter offers a wide range of indoor recreational activities for Laredo residents.







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### **Chacon Creek Hike and Bike Trail**

States: Texas Counties: Webb Length: 2.7miles Trail end points: Chacon Creek at Rio Grande to Eastwoods Park on Derby Ave. Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

#### **Parking & Trail Access**

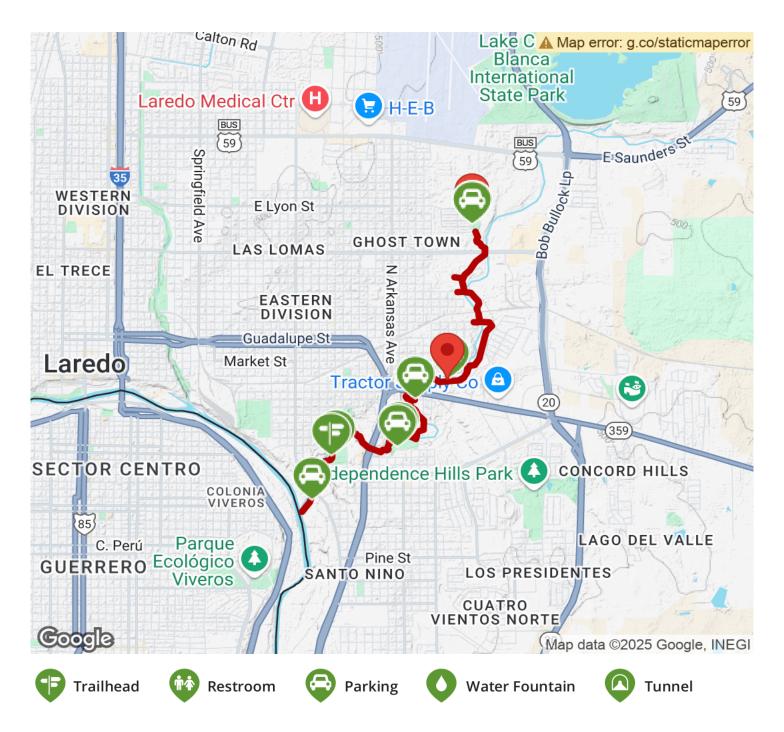
Parking for the southern segment of the Chacon Creek Hike and Bike Trail is available in Laredo at Dryden Park (2700 Diaz Street) and the M.E. Benavides Sports Complex (600 S. Bartlett Avenue).

For the shorter northern segment, park at the Haynes Health & Wellness Center (2102 Clark's Crossing Drive) or Eastwoods Park (2607 Derby Avenue).



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