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The Humboldt Bay Trail North begins at the Arcata Skate Park at the intersection of Foster Avenue and Sunset Avenue and continues south past Samoa Boulevard for 4.5 miles. This path is what is known as a [rail-with-trail](#), because it shares the right-of-way of the adjacent track railroad.

The trail is an ADA-accessible, multiuse paved path that runs through the City of Arcata's right-of-way (ROW). From its northern end by the intersection of Foster Avenue and Sunset Avenue, the trail passes through Shay Park to Alliance Road and heads southeast along the east side of Alliance Road. Shay Park has hiking trails, a vibrant mural, and basketball courts. Arcata's Creamery District is a special arts and commerce district in the area surrounding site of the

former California Central Creamery.

After about a quarter mile, short paths on the east side of the street provide access to the dead-ends of L Street and 14th Street. Here the trail crosses Alliance Road and heads through Arcata's Creamery District. With a ribbon of grass and the occasional tree on either side, the trail is a green highlight as it passes behind local businesses and residential homes. Lampposts illuminate the route.

A good portion of the route runs through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary before it terminates along US 101/ Redwood Highway. In a demonstration of environmental engineering the marsh acts as the area's innovative wastewater treatment facility, even as it provides a vibrant ecosystem supporting abundant wetland flora and fauna. Make sure to stop by the Marsh Interpretive Center if you're new, there is lots to learn about the marsh.

The Humboldt Bay Trail North is one component of a larger trail project; running from central Arcata to southern Eureka, the 14.5 mile Humboldt Bay Trail will be a network of paved paths connecting the communities around Humboldt Bay.



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States: California

Counties: Humboldt

Length: 4.5miles

Trail end points: Traffic circle at Foster Ave & Sunset Ave (Arcata) to US 101/Redwood Hwy, 0.2 mile south of Bayside Cutoff (Arcata)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

While there is no designated parking area in the northern part of the trail, you can park at Larson Park near the trails north end. The park is located at the end of Eye Street and you can use the sidewalk on Jay St and then cross Sunset Ave to access the start point of the trail.

Parking is also available near the northern end of the trail in a lot at Shay Park (1301 Foster Ave). There are also two bus stops near the park. The bus stop on Foster Ave is right next to the park and the other is just around the corner on Alliance Road.

The closest parking to the southern portion of the trail can be found at South I St. in the marsh. There are a number of other parking points in this area, including two along South G St, but you will have to take the marsh other trails to connect to the Humboldt Bay Trail North.

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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