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The Stevens Creek Trail runs through the heart of Silicon Valley on two disconnected sections in Mountain View and Cupertino. The trail offers access to, and views of, the tech world's premier campuses while providing a welcome off-street, multiuse corridor for the densely populated communities. Parks on both ends of the trail (Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Study Area Preserve in the north and McClellan Ranch Preserve and Blackberry Farm in the south) are popular destinations for recreation

and learning about local wildlife along the creek.

The trail and the creek are named after Captain Elijah Stevens, a blacksmith and leader of the first wagon train of settlers to cross the Sierra Nevada during the westward expansion of the 1840s. Regarded as one of the better--preserved creeks in the Bay Area, the creek has retained much of its natural channel, flowing from the Santa Cruz Mountains and through Stevens Canyon before eventually emptying into the southern end of the San Francisco Bay. Sections of trail pass through forested foothills, lowland creeks, and marshy protected wetlands.

At its northern end, the 5-mile Mountain View segment picks up near a junction with the [San Francisco Bay Trail](#), a developing network of 500 miles of trails encircling the bay. Coursing southward from the 750-acre Shoreline Park, the trail runs through tidal marshlands juxtaposed against the uniquely modern architecture of the tech-giant campuses. After you leave the park, grade-separated crossings of busy roads allow for uninterrupted travel to the trail's endpoint in a residential sector of Mountain View at Heatherstone Way and Dale Avenue. Multiple bike repair stations can be found along this section. The cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale have planned to extend the trail about 2 miles from here.

In Cupertino, a 1.3-mile stretch of the Stevens Creek Trail links two popular community parks. The first, Blackberry Farm, offers ample picnic space, swimming pools, a playground, and many other amenities and runs alongside a public golf course. The McClellan Ranch Preserve, a charming horse ranch contains a nature museum; a community garden; and a petting zoo with friendly alpacas, goats, and other farm animals. The ranch offers ample parking, as well as restrooms and water. Multiple restrooms and water fountains are located along the trail as indicated on the map.

Across McClellan Road, the trail passes alongside the Deep



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States: California

Counties: Santa Clara

Length: 5.9miles

Trail end points: San Francisco Bay Trail in Shoreline Park to Dale Ave & Heatherstone Way (Mountain View); Stevens Creek Blvd to McClellan Rd (Cupertino)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

There are several access points throughout the length of the Stevens Creek Trail, but the primary entrance is at its junction with the San Francisco Bay Trail in Mountain View's Shoreline Park (3070 N Shoreline Blvd), where parking is also available.

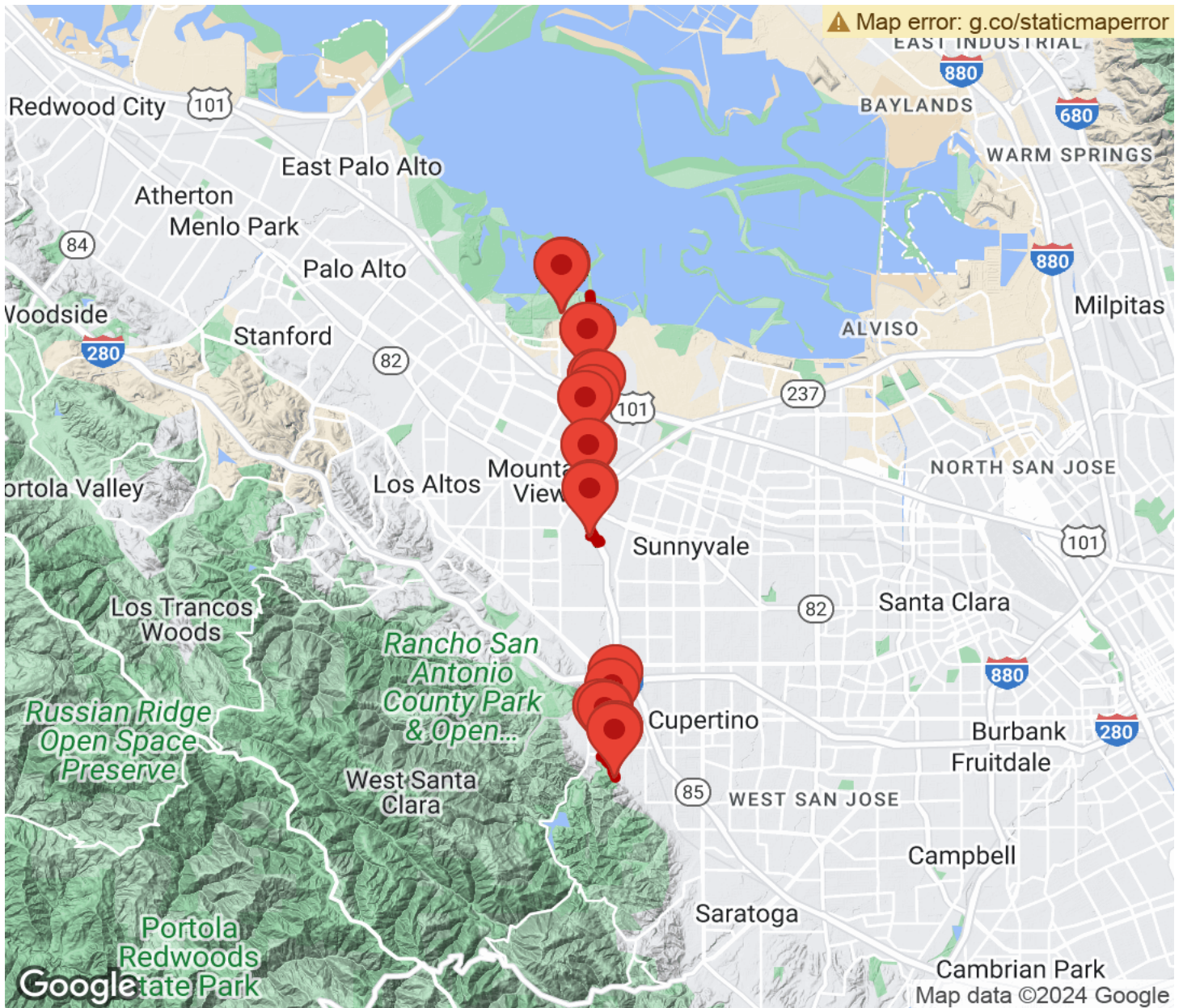
In Cupertino, park at the Linda Vista Park (Linda Vista Dr), McClellan Ranch Preserve (22221 McClellan Rd), Blackberry Farm (21979 San Fernando Ave), or Blackberry Farm Golf Course (22100 Stevens Creek Blvd).

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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