CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
TRAIL NETWORK

Commuting

Over 50% of bicyclists commute to north San José employment centers along the Guadalupe River Trail

Recreation

Almost 1,000 people use trails through downtown San José each weekday

Environment

San José's trail projects mitigate and improve quality of the riparian environment

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San José's Trail Network

Twenty-four unique trail systems already provide over 53 miles of recreation and active transportation opportunities. The planned 100-mile network will provide pedestrian and bicycle access to every corner of the City via 35 inter-connected trail systems by 2022.

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In 2000, residents of San José defined a city-wide mission of developing a network of trails along waterways, utility corridors and highways.

San José's climate is ideal for bicycling: average daily temperatures range from January's 50° to July's 70°.

The network's 35 trail systems are in varying stages of development. Ultimately, each trail will be defined by a 12' wide paved asphalt concrete surface and follow natural riparian landscapes, pass through parks or meander through landscaped urban corridors.

A. Paved trails

Hard surface trails are ideal for bicycle commuting, jogging and skating. Several "interim" trails provide public access to gravel trails until paving can occur. The trail network supports citywide travel through interconnections with the planned 400-mile on-street bikeway system.

C. Access to nature

Most trail systems offer access to quiet natural and landscaped areas.

B. Festivals

The city's trail systems provide easy access to cultural and art festivals held throughout the year. Linkages to public transportation and the on-street bikeways provides residents the option to leave cars at home.

D. Parks and Employment

Trail systems pass along parks and open space, while offering off-street connections to major employment and residential centers throughout the city.

1. Guadalupe River Trail

12 miles

The Guadalupe River Trail commences at the San Francisco Bay and meanders along the river and through the 250-acre Guadalupe River Park & Gardens. Currently, the trail ends at Virginia Street in Downtown, near the Children's Discovery Museum. A southern reach of the trail system connects with Lake Almaden, Los Alamitos Creek and Guadalupe Creek Trail systems.

A. Park and trail

The trail offers access to the historic 19th century community of Alviso, downtown San Jose with its many cultural and recreational attractions, and north San Jose with Silicon Valley employment opportunities.

B. Trail users along the Guadalupe River Trail

An annual *Trail Count* shows that nearly 1,000 people enjoy the trail through downtown San Jose and over 50% of weekday users are commuting to and from work.

C. Trail links Silicon Valley's largest employers

The trail system offers direct access to Adobe Systems, Cisco Systems, Flextronics and hundreds of other high-tech and commercial employers.

6.1 miles (in San Jose) linked to 12.1 miles

The Coyote Creek Trail commences near the San Francisco Bay at the Highway 237 Bikeway and follows a levee along the waterway. A master plan defines closure of the gap between north San Jose and downtown. From Tully Road, trail users can follow through the county and south to Morgan Hill, forming the network's longest continuous trail system.

A. Aerial view Coyote Watershed

The Coyote Creek and Guadalupe River trails are the City's major trail systems and border the east and west of downtown San Jose. Most other trails lead to these core systems. From above, one can see the greenbelt of parks and native waterway environment that frame the city.

B. Coyote Creek Trail in south San Jose

The system leads to more rural areas of the county offering trail users views of farm land and undeveloped areas of the valley. The system offers city residents an opportunity to find a slower pace by getting away from the urban core.

C. The riparian corridor

The Coyote Creek follows heavily wooded open space at many points. Trail users often find shade along the route and can experience the diversity of California's beautiful native landscapes. A one mile reach of trail is developed within downtown's Selma Olinder Park.

3. Albertson Parkway

A short paved leads to 2000-acre Santa Teresa County park with its historical ranch buildings. Accessible from nearby light rail – the trail offers a meandering path

0.5 miles

4. Almaden Lake Trail

Trail system follows the banks of Almaden Lake through a large regional park, linking to three trail systems.

0.6 miles

5. Calero Creek Trail

The paved portion of trail follows the west bank of the creek for one mile. Transitioning to the east bank, the system is more rural with its unpaved surface permitting

1.9 miles

6. Fowler Creek Trail

The trail links to the many Evergreen community pathways. Adjacent to housing, the trail is

1.5 miles

7. Guadalupe Creek Trail

The trail offers views of the creek and ponds. Planned improvements include a pedestrian bridge, pavement and linkage to a large county

0.8 miles

8. Hetch-Hetchy Trail

The trail is developed upon the City of San Francisco's Hetch-Hetchy Aqueduct. Planned improvements will link it to the Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek Trail systems.

0.8 miles

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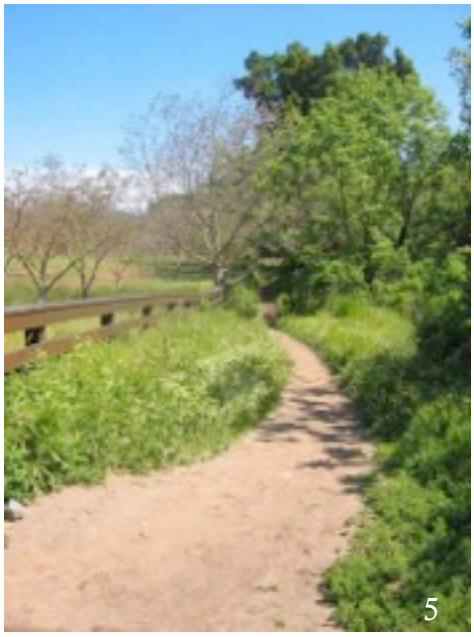
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9. Los Gatos Creek Trail

2.0 miles (in San Jose) linked to 9.2 miles

The creek is fed from the Santa Cruz Mountains, with the trail system commencing at Lexington Reservoir in the Town of Los Gatos. The system is the valley's most popular and also travels through the City of Campbell and San Jose. A recent extension is leading the project into Downtown San Jose where it will eventually link to the Guadalupe River Trail system.

A. Recreation

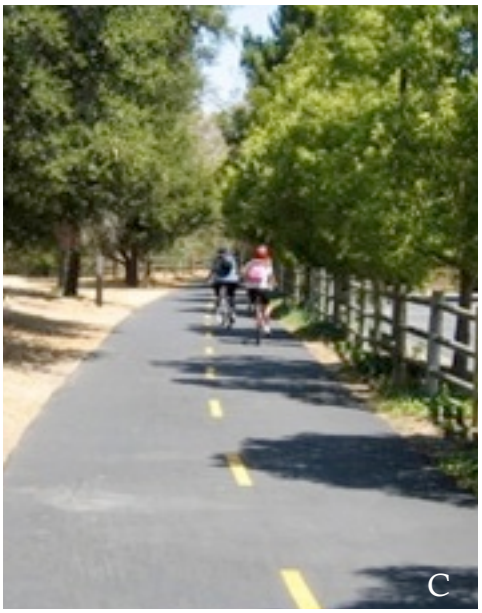
The trail is well-used during the week and weekends by cyclists, walkers and skaters. The continuity of the system appeals to many, as do the shopping districts of the town and cities along the way.

B. Architecture and History

The Los Gatos Creek entry at Auzerais Avenue is one of the first examples of the City's effort to add architectural elements and celebrate the city's history. A stone gateway welcomes visitors and nearby "interpretive" signs tell the story of a former cannery and the communities connected by the trail system.

C. Away from it all

The Los Gatos Creek Trail is easily accessible from neighborhoods along the route, but its tree-lined character makes it an easy destination to get away from it all.



10. Highway 237 Bikeway

The bikeway follows the highway, providing a direct off-street link through San Jose, between the cities of Milpitas and Sunnyvale. Well used by commuters and people seeking to enjoy the linked Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek

3.5 miles

11. Highway 87 Bikeway

The bikeway follows alongside the highway, providing a direct off-street link between south San

2.3 miles

12. Los Alamitos Creek Trail

The trail follows a wooded setting bordered by undeveloped hills. It links Almaden Lake regional park to the Bay Area

4.7 miles

13. Montgomery Hill Trail

The unpaved trail travels through grassy foothills and provides views of the Santa Clara Valley. Historical markers tell the story of John J. Montgomery who made the first manned non-

0.4 miles

14. Penitencia Creek Trail

The paved trail system travels along the creek that is recognized as the finest habitat for Steel

2.3 miles

15. River Oaks Pathway

The pathway serves as a link between a Light Rail Station and a busy retail area. The pathway crosses over the Guadalupe River via a large pedestrian bridge and

0.1 miles

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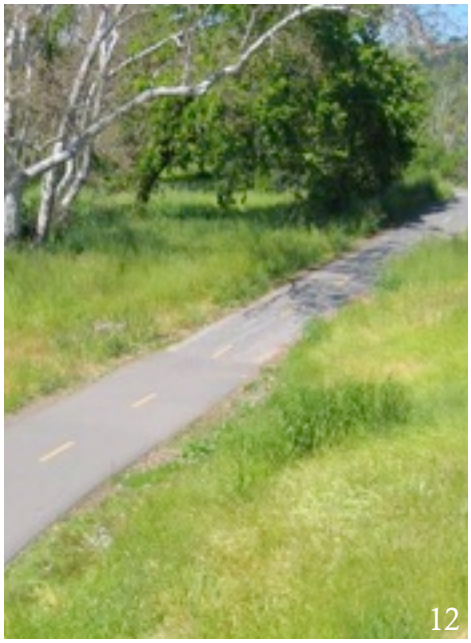
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16. Ryland Parkway

The pathway provides access to the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens from the North First Street Corridor and nearby

0.4 miles

17/18. Umbarger/Barberry Pathways

The two pathways follow landscaped utility corridors and serve as neighbohrood walking routes.

1.1 miles

19. Saratoga Creek Trail

The trail offers views of the creek and well planted riparian areas. Murdock Park is accessible from two pedestrian bridges so walkers can follow a circular route through their

1.1 miles

20. Upper Silver Crk Trail

This trail offers distant views of Downtown and the Santa Clara Valley, has a relatively challenging incline, and is only a short distance from the Silver Creek Valley Trail system.

0.2 miles

21. Lower Silver Crk Trail

The planned 6.5 mile trail will link Thompson Creek Trail to Coyote Creek Trail. Several small reaches are already complete and open to the public.

1.3 miles

22. Silver Crk Valley Trail

The trail offers users spectacular views of the creek, its riparian environment, the surrounding hillsides and distant downtown San Jose.

4.6 miles

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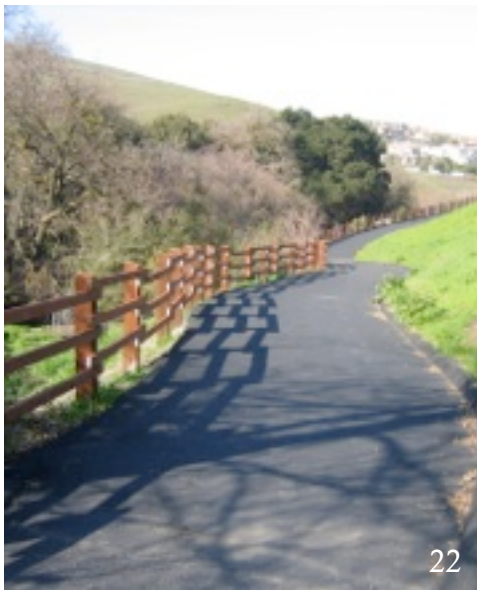
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23. Thompson Creek Trail

The interim rail provides access to creek along residential and retail developments. A master plan defines the future paved trail.

1.8 miles

24. Yerba Buena Creek Trail

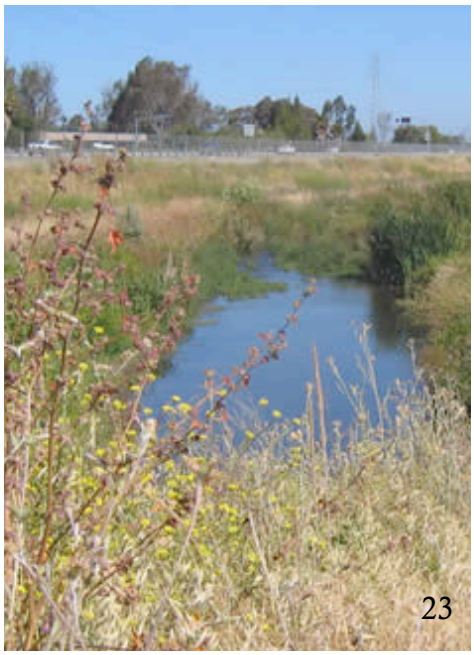
A monument to John J. Montgomery serves as a gateway to this unpaved trail and provides access to several parks via two pedestrian bridges.

0.6 mile

25. Three Creeks Trail

This future trail system offers a cross-town trail to ultimately link the Los Gatos Creek, Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek trail systems. Visit 0.4 mile of paved trail and 0.9 mile of open space.

1.3 miles



Future Trail Systems

26. Bay Trail
27. Berryessa Creek Trail
28. Canoas Creek Trail
29. Component Parkway
30. Coyote Alamitos Canal Trail
31. Doerr Parkway
32. Edenvale Parkway
33. Fisher Creek Trail
34. Five Wounds Trail

Morning commute along the Guadalupe River Trail in Downtown San José

Program Vision:

National leader for trail integration in the urban environment.

Program Mission:

Complete 100-mile network of trail systems to enhance, strengthen and connect neighborhoods.

Core Values:

1. Documented leadership
2. Quality public information
3. State of the Art practices
4. Data driven decision making
5. User focused resources

Goal 1: Program Awards

Goal 2: Annual Trail Report

Goal 3: Use of Recycled Materials

Goal 5: Detailed maps of all systems

Goal 4: User Survey and Volume Count

National Park Service Historical Points of Interest*

1. Guadalupe River Trail
   - Jose Maria Alviso Adobe
   - James Lick Mill and Mansion
   - Agnews Insane Asylum
   - Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park, oldest public space in California
   - Luis Maria Peralta Adobe
   - Thomas Fallon Mansion
   - Southern Pacific Depot (Diridon Station)
   - DeAnza Hotel
   - Hotel Sainte Claire
   - San Jose Downtown Historic District
2. Coyote Creek Trail
   - Hayes Mansion
3. Los Gatos Creek Trail
   - Forbes Mill Annex

* Source: National Park Service
www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/santaclara/

Other Points of Interest

1. Albertson Parkway
   - Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch
   - Gary Albertson Memorial Interpretive Stations
2. Coyote Creek Trail
   - Town of Morgan Hill
3. Guadalupe River Trail
   - St James Park
   - River Park public art and interpretive stations
4. Los Gatos Creek Trail
   - Del Monte Cannery Interpretive Stations
5. Penitencia Creek Trail
   - Alum Rock Regional Park
6. Ryland Parkway
   - Hensley Historic District
7. Thompson Creek Trail
   - Lake Cunningham / Raging Waters Park
8. Three Creeks Trail
   - Downtown Willow Glen
9. All Trails
   - California's native landscape
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San José Trail Program
www.sjparks.org/trails

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