

SAN JOSE TRAILS: trail types

The City of San Jose has one of the nation’s largest urban trail networks composed of 35 unique existing and planned trail systems. These trail systems are categorized in one of two ways:

CORE: Long-distance routes that link a variety of land uses and destinations (like a highway)

EDGE: Shorter-distance routes that link to Core Trails (like neighborhood arterial roadways)

The user experience on either Core or Edge trails varies by the environment travelled – common environments include:

Riparian



Paved trail within a natural and/or landscaped environment. Requires pruning of native environment and may include mitigation sites.

Parkway-Utility



Paved trail within a landscaped corridor. Utilities and access requirements prevent highly planted areas.

Highway



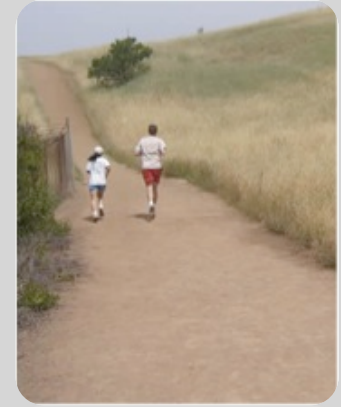
Paved trail within a highly urban and fenced environment. Landscaping is unlikely.

Parkway-Rail/Trail



Paved trail within a landscaped corridor. May include tall trees due to few development restrictions.

Interim (short-term)



Gravel or dirt maintenance road suitable for public access. Site for future paved trail. No landscaping typically beyond the native environment.

Examples

Guadalupe River Trail
Coyote Creek Trail

Lower Silver Creek Trail
Albertson Parkway

Highway 87 Bikeway
Highway 237 Bikeway

Three Creeks Trail
Five Wounds Trail

Coyote Creek Trail (portions)
Thompson Creek Trail