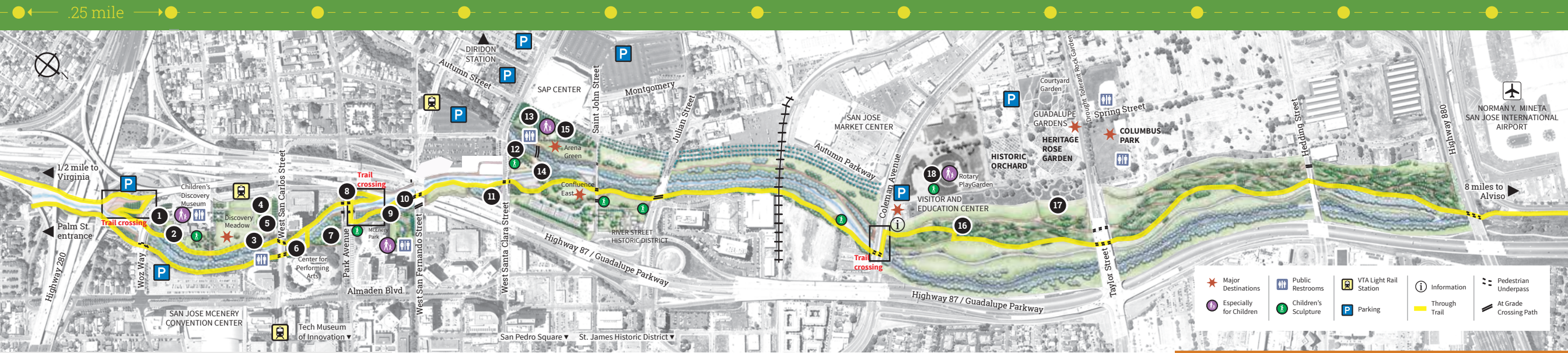


San José's Central Park

2.5-mile ribbon of land that runs along the banks of the Guadalupe River in the heart of downtown San José, the park features something for everyone. The chain of parks creates an urban oasis and places where the community can come together.

total distance
2.5 miles



Guadalupe River Park

Guadalupe River Park serves as an oasis for San José residents and visitors. The park offers opportunities to explore nature, enjoy festival and playground areas, or travel the trails that link downtown to Alviso.

Encompassing the popular Children's Discovery Museum and Rotary PlayGarden, this was the first major downtown park in the United States to combine flood protection with a major park development, while at the same time preserving a sensitive river ecology that is home to protected Chinook salmon and Steelhead trout.


The park's exhibits and plazas educate visitors about the City's history, the river's natural environment, and flood protection measures. San José's sister cities are represented by seven separate and unique plazas, while public art provides opportunities for artistic investigation and enjoyment.

To learn more, visit the Visitor and Education Center at 438 Coleman Avenue, or www.grpg.org, or call (408) 298-7657.

Points of Interest

- 1 San José, Costa Rica Sister City Plaza
- 2 Veracruz & Guadalajara, Mexico Sister City Plaza
- 3 Dublin, Ireland Sister City Plaza
- 4 Parade of Animals Artist: Michael Boris
- 5 Monopoly in the Park
- 6 Okayama, Japan Sister City Plaza
- 7 Veterans Memorial of San José - Santa Clara Valley Artist: Manhattan Projects
- 8 The Muwekma Ohlone Tribute Artists: Peter Schiffrin (Coyotes) & Tom Andrews (Eagle and Hummingbirds)
- 9 Wildlife of the Guadalupe River Artist: Nobi Nagasawa
- 10 Tainan, Taiwan Sister City Plaza
- 11 Remembering Agriculture Artist: Tony May
- 12 Vietnam Memorial
- 13 Five Skaters Artist: Mike Mandel and Larry Sultan
- 14 The Weavers' Gifts Artist: Alan Counihan
- 15 Children's Carousel at Arena Green
- 16 Ekaterinburg, Russia Sister City Plaza
- 17 Pune, India Sister City Plaza
- 18 Rotary PlayGarden

Shirley Lewis Rotary Sculpture Walk

Launched as Shirley's project while serving as Rotary president, the Sculpture Walk features scenes of children at play in Guadalupe River Park. The installations were cast in aluminum at the SJSU Foundry, with local children serving as models. Each has a fiscal sponsor as noted. Look for the  symbol above for locations.

- Ready for Take Off (2012) - Comerica Bank
- Ready or Not (2012) - Rotary Club of San Jose
- Puddle Play (2016) - San Jose Water Co.
- I Spy (2016) - San Jose Water Co.
- The Little Things (2018) - San Jose Water Co.
- Who's Walking Who (2018) - San Jose Water Co.
- Soccer Fun (2018) - San Jose Water Co.
- Catch Me If You Can (2018) - San Jose Water Co.

Artists: Ryan Carrington and Steve Davis