Trail History

Establishing both east-west trails that cross through Redlands began with advocacy by the Redlands Conservancy. Eventually, the Conservancy worked through its on-going partnerships with the City of Redlands to bring these trails to the public. Both will be owned by the City of Redlands and maintained by various friends’ organizations.

Orange Blossom Trail

What to do with an abandoned rail bed? Make it a trail. That was the thinking behind the long effort to convert the rail beds of the old Santa Fe route through Redlands. With Redlands Conservancy as the non-profit partner, the City of Redlands sought and received grants to design and build the Class 1 Bicycle Trail that will one day connect west and east sides of Redlands, right through the middle of town.

Zanja Trail & Greenway Park

Since 1819, the Mill Creek Zanja has carried water from Mill Creek all the way to Guachama Village, what is now Loma Linda. The very scenic waterway has long attracted walkers and runners to its banks, so Redlands Conservancy, with funding from Jack and Laura Dangermond, started the project to create a natural-surface path along or near the historic Mill Creek Zanja. The route, much of which is laced with tall trees, will follow the Zanja, known locally as the "Sankee," from 7th Street in downtown Redlands to Wabash Avenue; eventually, it will go all the way to the base of the Crafton Hills.

Trail Description

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The Orange Blossom Trail is a paved trail, separated from city streets for 3.5 miles. The trail is interrupted by a 2.5 mile section on city streets that connects the two paved portions. The eastern section is 1 mile, and the western section is 2.5 miles. The paved section is a wide, two-lane pathway. You must stop at all intersections as each may have heavy traffic.

Zanja Trail

The Zanja Trail is a packed, decomposed granite, nicely landscaped, ¾ mile trail which starts at Laramie Park. It ends next to Crafton Elementary with a series of steps and a gate that exits out to Wabash Ave. Exiting the gate and heading north will take you to the Orange Blossom Trail which you can take ¾ miles back to Laramie Park.

Please visit cityofredlands.org or redlandsconservancy.org to view or download our complete collection of trail maps and brochures.

Orange Blossom Trail & Zanja Trail

Information & Trail Map