

Explore the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail

Your connection to over 10,000 acres of parks and open space and the historic communities of the Carquinez Strait.



View of the Benicia Waterfront towards Carquinez Regional Shoreline and the Franklin Ridge Ranches

Historic Downtowns of the Strait

Visit the historic waterfront communities along the Carquinez Strait waterfront, all founded in the mid-to late 1800s.

Benicia – Visit California's oldest standing State Capitol, enjoy excellent food and drink, and access the waterfront in this thriving arts community.

Martinez – Stroll the streets of this historic downtown and visit antique shops, cafes, breweries, and the home of John Muir.

Port Costa – Explore this former railroad ferry and wheat-shipping port town, tucked away in the center of the Strait. The main street leads right to the waterfront and offers special dining and shopping experiences.

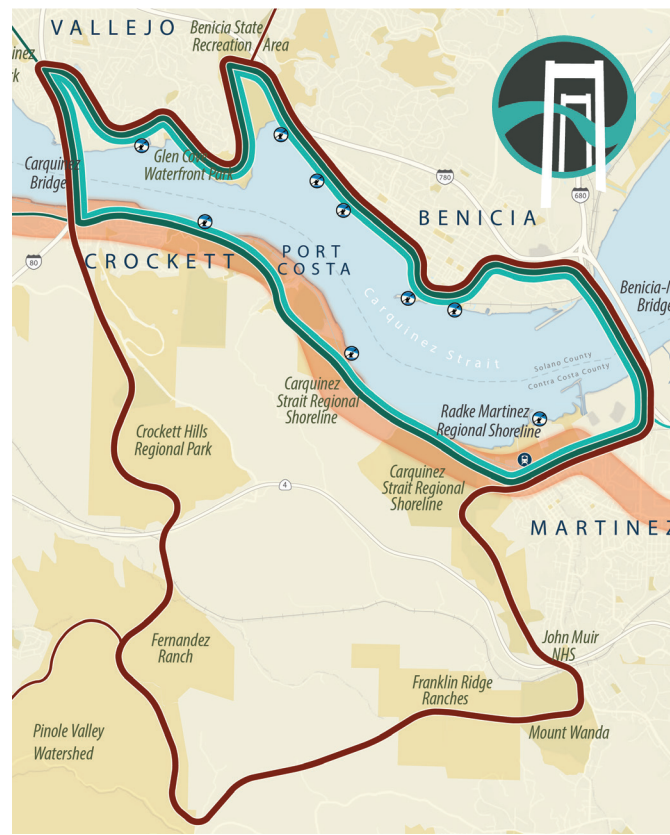
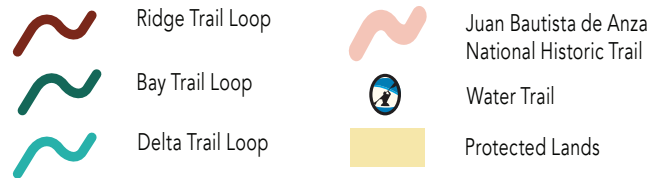
Crockett – Overlooking the Carquinez Bridge and home of the C&H Sugar Factory, take a trip to the historic downtown where you can see Crockett Hills and the waterfront at Eckley Pier.

Vallejo – Experience the naval history of Mare Island and enjoy the heritage architecture and art gallery districts of Vallejo.

Our Vision

The Carquinez Strait is not only where the San Francisco Bay meets the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, it is where five regional trails meet.

Though you can explore much of the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail today, the trail is not yet complete. Our partners are working to connect the trail for future generations to enjoy. Visit our website to get involved!



View of Mt. Diablo from Crockett Hills Regional Park

The vision for the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail was developed in collaboration by these partners:



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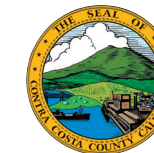
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Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail Map



The Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail is an envisioned 50-mile trail that provides stunning views along the shore and the ridgelines of the Carquinez Strait.

With endless sweeping landscapes, abundant wildlife viewing opportunities and quaint downtown areas, this trail is the perfect place for your next adventure. Here are some destinations on the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail you can enjoy today:

1 Benicia - Vallejo Waterfront

Enjoy cooling breezes and fantastic shoreline views along the Benicia waterfront trail. Start your trip at one of the many parking locations from Glen Cove Waterfront Park, Benicia State Recreation Area or the First Street Green. Leave time to stop for lunch while you pass through historic downtown Benicia.

2 George Miller Trail

This paved, 1.7-mile trail is located between Port Costa and Martinez and is a favorite for its views of the working waterfront and the scenic shoreline of the Carquinez Strait. Park at the Port Costa Staging Area and access the trail via a .2-mile walk along the shoulder of Carquinez Scenic Drive.

3 Franklin Ridge Ranches

Explore the John Muir Land Trust Preserves at Mt Wanda and the Franklin Ridge Ranches. Travel the ridgeline trails by hiking, biking or horseback riding to get expansive views of Mt Diablo, the Carquinez Strait, and beyond.

4 Alvarez Ninth Street Park

Discover the Carquinez Strait from the water at this San Francisco Bay Water Trail launch point. The park features a boat ramp, dock, and sandy beach for launching or a scenic destination for a picnic lunch on the park's lawns. The Carquinez Strait is not typically

suitable for beginner boaters — plan your trip accordingly.

5 Bridge-to-Bridge Loop

Bike the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail today on a mix of roads and pathways that connect both the Benicia-Martinez and Carquinez-Zampa bridges and shorelines. The inner loop route includes rolling terrain and climbs with rewarding views of the strait.

This route is for experienced cyclists and includes sections with no bike lanes, roadways with narrow or no shoulders and some busy streets. Be sure to download the map from our website before your next adventure.

Visit our website for detailed maps, itineraries, and more information!
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Birding on the Strait

The Carquinez Strait is an excellent location to view a rich diversity of wildlife including birds. View birds from waterbirds along the shorelines to raptors along the ridgelines. Visit our webpage for more birding destinations!



Suisun Song Sparrow, an endemic bird to the area