

Biking Ventura County

Routes & Tips for
Beginners & Families



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Routes & Tips for Beginners & Families

This guide is intended to encourage and support bicycle transportation and recreation by beginners and families. It features shared-use paths and separated bike lanes (Class I or IV), along with some bike lanes (Class II or III) that are relatively easy to ride, connect to shared-use paths, make a complete route, and/or access interesting or important destinations.

On the VCTC website, you can find a countywide map of bicycle facilities in Ventura County. You can also find contact information for the local city and county bicycle coordinators. These contacts can be used to request bike path maintenance or more information. Scan the QR code below or visit goventura.org/bike to view the map and contacts on your phone. You can also obtain a folded map at local bike shops or by contacting VCTC.

800.438.1112
Monday-Friday
7 a.m.-6 p.m.



@GoVCTC
goventura.org



Know the Rules: Bike Safety

Before you leave the house, get prepared.

Plan your route, check your equipment and follow these simple tips.

1.

Always wear a bicycle helmet. This is important for everyone at every age, but for riders under the age of 18, it's the law.

2.

Be alert. Keep your eyes and ears open. Don't use your cell phone or wear headphones while you ride.

3.

Be visible. Make sure that drivers can see you coming by wearing bright clothing and using lights and reflectors.

4.

Practice defensive riding. Scan the road ahead so you can steer clear of hazards. Be ready to brake or change course to avoid cars, pedestrians, potholes, or debris in your path.



BONUS TIP: Register your bike. Contact your local police department to register your bike, which can make it easier to recover stolen bikes.

Taking Bikes on Transit

Most buses and passenger trains are equipped to accommodate bicycles, including front-mounted bicycle racks and/or undercarriage luggage compartments.

Passengers should be prepared to lock their bikes at the bus or train stop if the bike racks/areas are full.

Upon entering and exiting the bus, let the driver know that you have a bicycle. Most bus operators allow electric bikes (e-bikes) if they do not have wet-cell batteries (most are now lithium).



For more information, visit goventura.org or scan the QR code



or visit metrolinktrains.com/bikesboards or scan the QR code.



E-Bike Rules

E-bikes follow the same rules of the road as human-powered bikes.

California Vehicle Code classifies e-bikes into three categories according to speed and pedal or throttle-assistance type.

Class I e-bikes are allowed on the Ventura-Ojai Trail. Class III e-bikes are not allowed on Class I shared-use paths unless otherwise specified by local ordinance.

Class I Pedal Assist

- › Requires pedaling
- › Can only be activated through the action of pedaling
- › 20mph max.

Class II Low-Speed Throttle Assist

- › Does not require pedaling (full-throttle)
- › Equipped with a motor that is controlled by a throttle element
- › 20mph max.

Class III Speed Pedal Assist

- › Requires pedaling
- › Can only be activated through the action of pedaling
- › 16+ years old to operate
- › Operator and passenger must wear helmet regardless of age
- › 28mph max.

source: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov



Ojai to Ventura Route

15 miles each way, this paved, shared-use cycling and walking path gradually climbs as you travel from Ventura to Ojai. This scenic trail is separated from and parallels Highway 33 and the Ventura River, with beautiful views of the Ojai Valley.



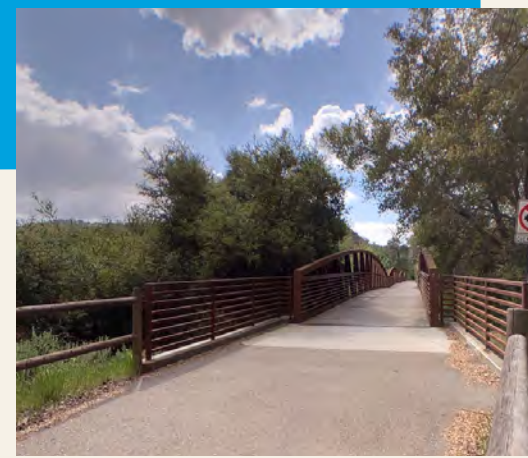
LEGEND

- Bike Repair Station
- Bike Lockers
- Bike Air Pumps
- 🎓 Schools
- 🚌 Bus Stops
- 🚊 Train Station
- P Park and Ride
- ★ Points of Interest
- Access Points

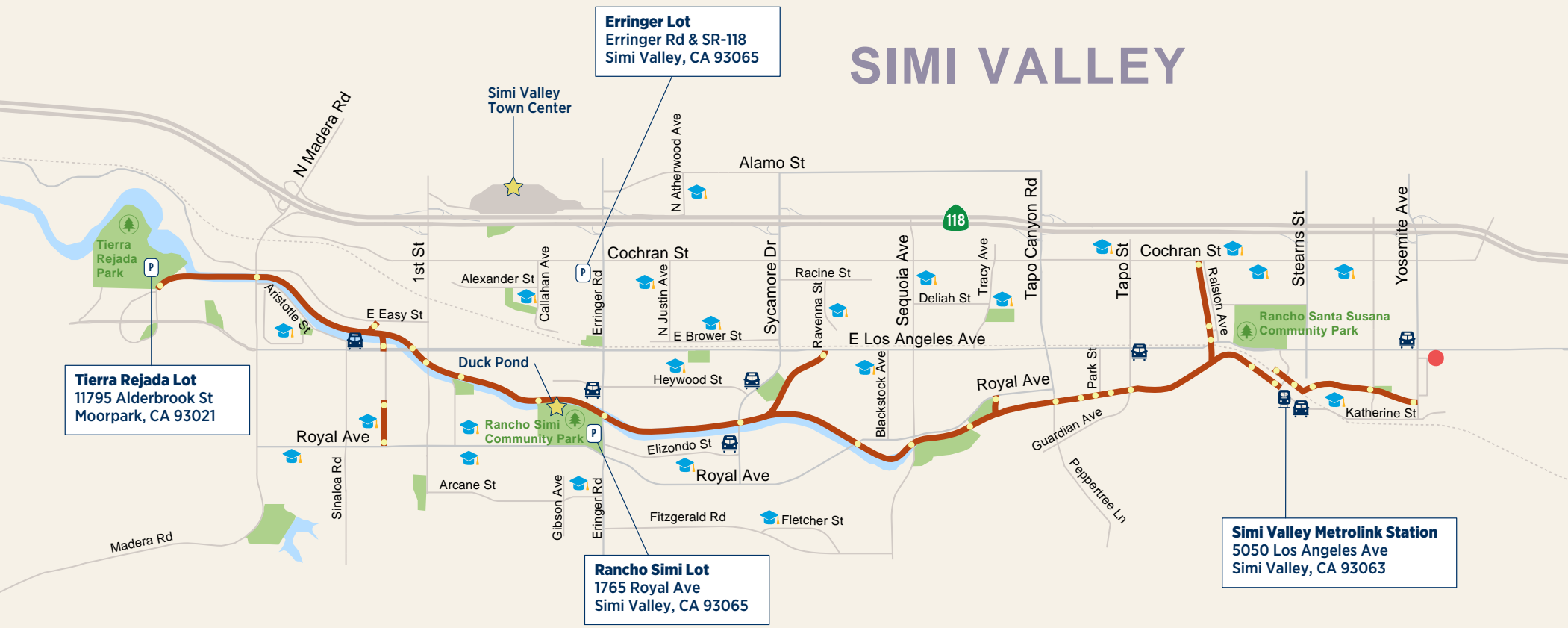


Ojai to Ventura Route Continued

15 miles and can be done in sections: Ventura to Foster Park (5 miles)



SIMI VALLEY



Arroyo Simi Greenway Route

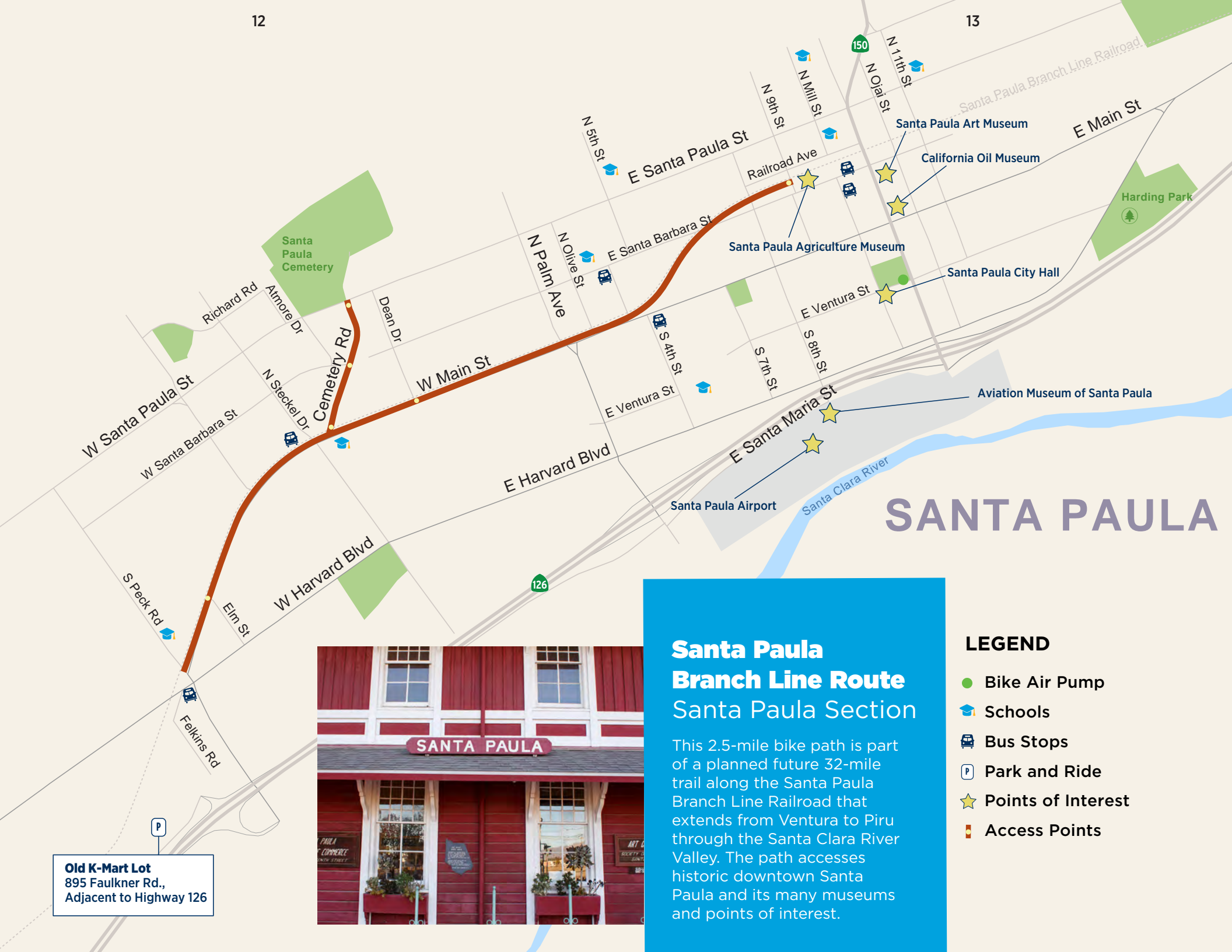
This 8-mile route provides an easy scenic ride along the Arroyo Simi traversing Simi Valley with nature views and opportunities to view many bird species and connections to park facilities. This is a great ride for families with children.



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- ♫ Schools
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- ▬ Access Points

Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the Arroyo Simi Greenway.



SANTA PAULA

Santa Paula Branch Line Route Santa Paula Section

This 2.5-mile bike path is part of a planned future 32-mile trail along the Santa Paula Branch Line Railroad that extends from Ventura to Piru through the Santa Clara River Valley. The path accesses historic downtown Santa Paula and its many museums and points of interest.

LEGEND

- Bike Air Pump
- 🏫 Schools
- 🚌 Bus Stops
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Old K-Mart Lot
895 Faulkner Rd.,
Adjacent to Highway 126

Santa Paula Branch Line Route Fillmore Section

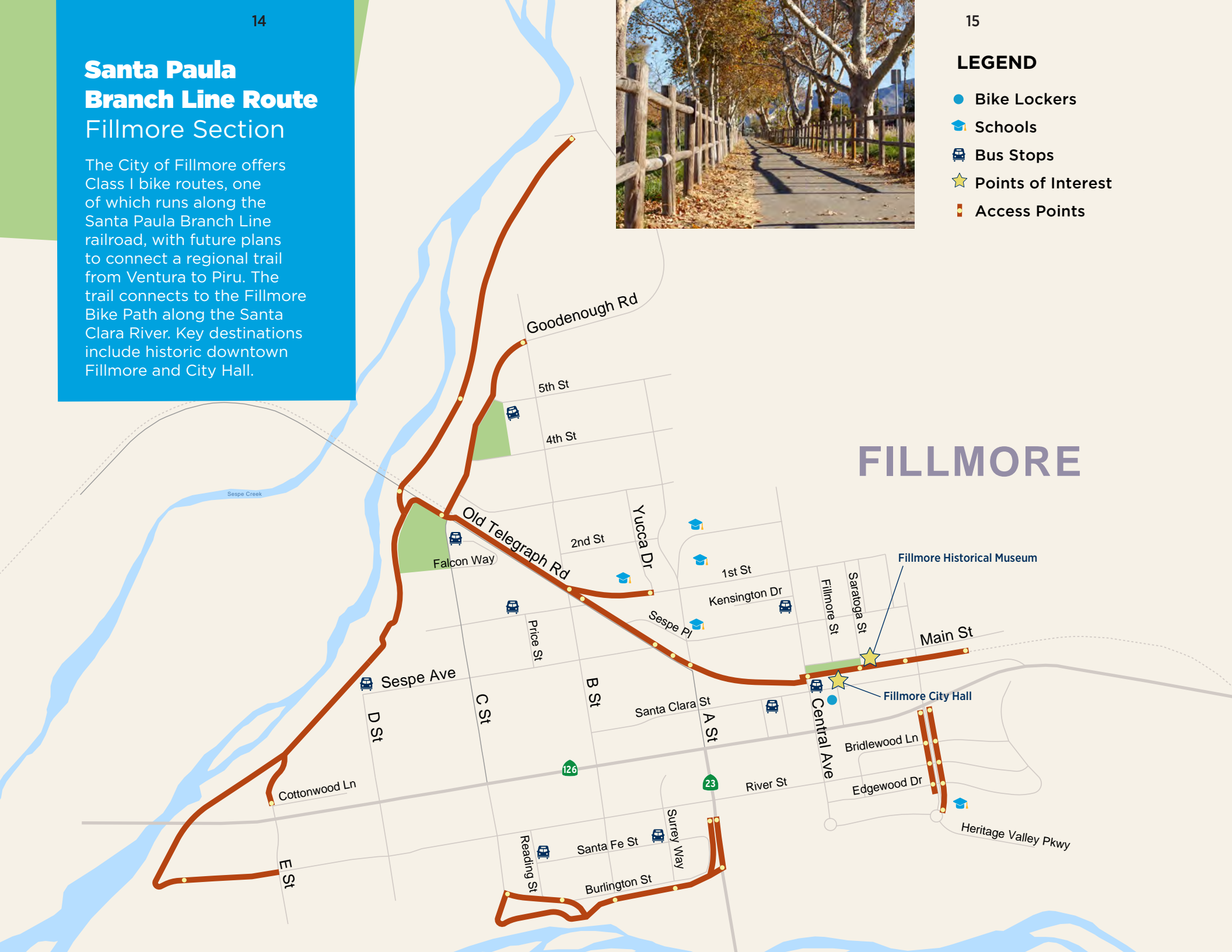
The City of Fillmore offers Class I bike routes, one of which runs along the Santa Paula Branch Line railroad, with future plans to connect a regional trail from Ventura to Piru. The trail connects to the Fillmore Bike Path along the Santa Clara River. Key destinations include historic downtown Fillmore and City Hall.



LEGEND

- Bike Lockers
- Schools
- Bus Stops
- Points of Interest
- Access Points

FILLMORE



Thousand Oaks Route

A 3.5-mile one-way route or 6 miles round-trip that connects the Conejo Community Park and Botanic Gardens with the Thousand Oaks Brimhall Library Parking Lot Loop and Conejo Creek North Park. The route follows a wide, low-volume road with Class II bike lanes and connects to the Conejo Creek Bike Path and Library Loop.



Janss Lot
Janss Rd & SR-23
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320



THOUSAND OAKS

- LEGEND**
- Bike Repair Station
 - Schools
 - Bus Stops
 - Park and Ride
 - Points of Interest
 - Access Points



Rincon Route

Enjoy this 0.9-mile out-and-back trail near Ventura. This exhilarating route is packed with beautiful beach scenery. The beaches along the coast are a popular destination for day use. There are portions of Class II bike lanes to access the Class I path from Ventura.



VENTURA

Rincon Point State Beach Lot
209 Rincon Point Rd,
Carpinteria, CA 93013

West Main St Lot
West Main St & Peking St
Ventura, CA 93001

LEGEND

- **Class 1 path**
Path is separate from automobile traffic
- **Class 2 lane**
On-street painted bike lane
- **Bike Repair Station**
- P **Park and Ride**
- **Access Points**



**“You are one
ride away
from a good
mood.”**

Sarah Bentley, Cyclist



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