



Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, a nonprofit 501(c)3, provides community leadership for the development and active use of San José's central park through education, advocacy and stewardship.

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The Conservancy

Great cities have great parks. The Conservancy engages local government, corporations, neighbors, and other stakeholders in the creation of an iconic park that increases the quality of life and attracts businesses, residents, and visitors to downtown San José.

Education

We use the park as a natural laboratory, offering STEAM-based nature education for students and fostering the next generation of environmental stewards. Over 5,000 K-8 students attend our field trip, after-school, summer day camp, early childhood, or homeschool programs each year.

Advocacy

As advocates for the park, we meet with elected and community leaders to promote the park, organize family-friendly events that draw people to the park, and work to bring private resources for the continued development of the park and trails.

Stewardship

We coordinate over 20,000 volunteer hours each year via dedicated individuals who help weekly and corporate groups from Samsung, Apple, Intel, Cisco and other companies that come out for team building or community service days.



Guadalupe Gardens

San José Heritage Rose Garden

With more rose varieties than any other public garden in the Western Hemisphere, the Heritage Rose Garden showcases the evolution of modern roses from old European and Asian stocks.

Historic Orchard

Planted to commemorate the Valley of Heart's delight, the Historic Orchard features the cherry, apricot, and prune varieties that were commercially grown throughout the county.

Community Garden

This was the first community garden certified by the state to use recycled water. To join the wait list for a garden plot, call 408-793-4165.

Courtyard and Taylor Street Rock Gardens

The Courtyard Garden was planted to show landscape professionals that plants would do well on recycled water. The Taylor Street linear garden showcases drought-tolerant plants.

Rotary PlayGarden

The Rotary Club of San José's centennial gift allows children with special needs to play alongside their siblings and friends. It is programmed and maintained by the Conservancy.



Get Involved

Volunteer

Volunteers support all aspects of our operations, including office support, gardens upkeep, special events, and more. Visit grpg.org/volunteer or contact volunteer@grpg.org.

Donor

Starting at \$50 per year or \$8 per month

Arena Green Paver or Park Bench (perpetual)

Park Bench	\$2,500 (personalized bronze plaque)
Large Paver	\$1,000
Medium Paver	\$500
Small Paver	\$250

Rotary PlayGarden Bench (five-year term)

Large Bench	\$10,000
Small Bench	\$5,000

Window on the River Park Sponsor

Conservancy Ambassador	\$10,000
River Park Visionary	\$7,500
PlayGarden Partner	\$5,000
Arena Green Fellows	\$2,500
Discovery Meadow Circle	\$1,000
Trail Steward	\$500

Signature annual donor recognition and fundraising event

Legacy Gifts, Endowment, and Donor-Advised Funds

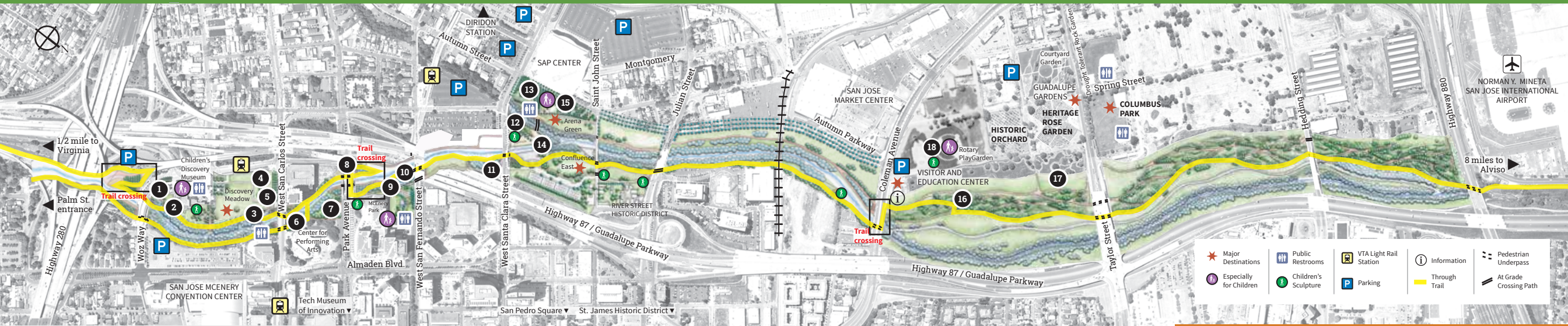
Your investment will provide lasting support for the Conservancy.

For more information, visit www.grpg.org.

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

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

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