



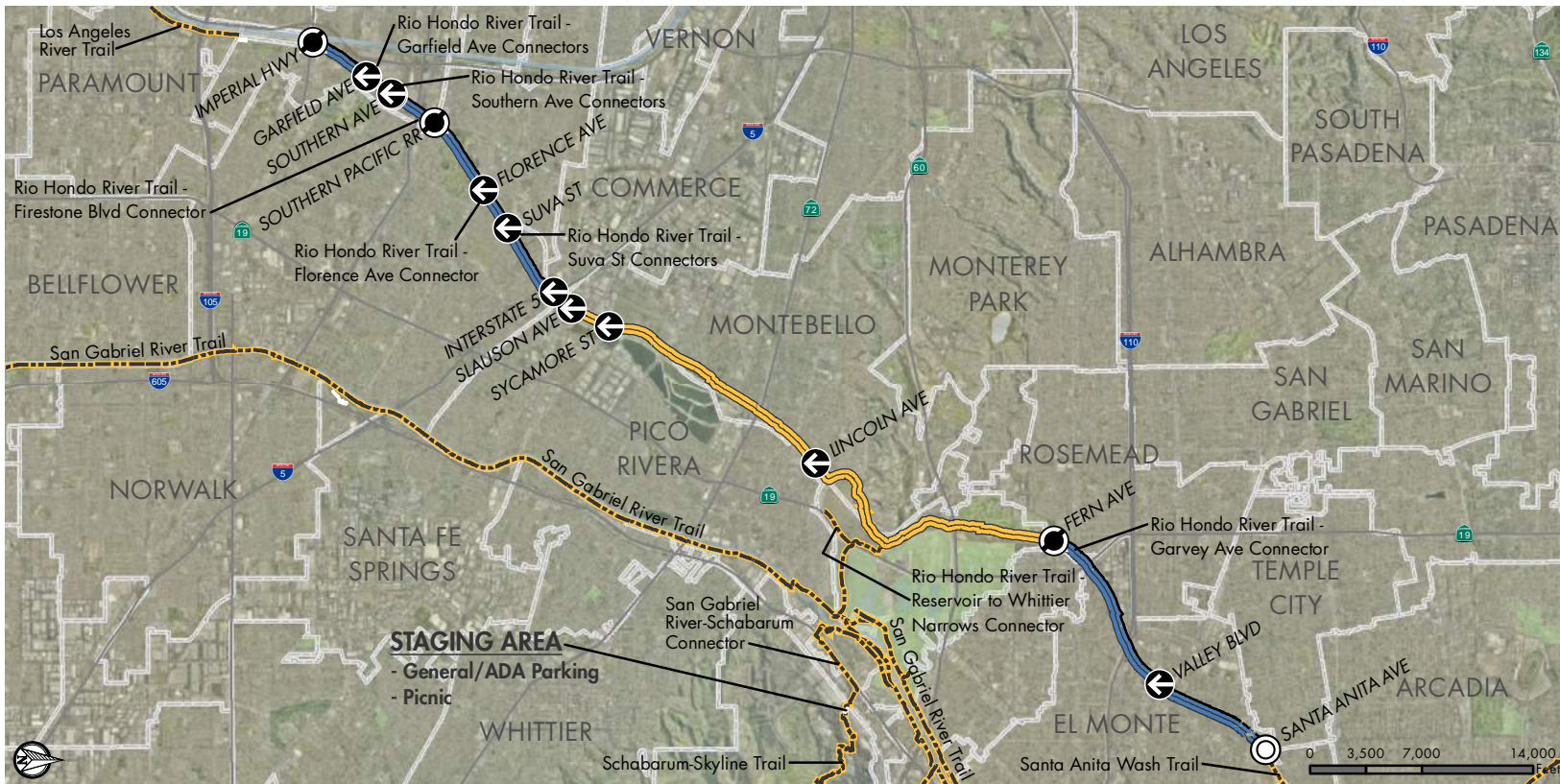
# QUICK GUIDE TO RIO HONDO RIVER TRAIL

**DESCRIPTION:** This multi-use trail runs parallel to Rio Hondo through the San Gabriel Valley. The northern end starts along the reservoir at the Peck Road Water Conservation Park and follows along the channel to Whittier Narrows Recreation Area. Connect to the San Gabriel River Trail here or continue on south to the trail along the lower portion of the Los Angeles River. The Rio Hondo River Trail is a popular bicycle route and it is important to be mindful of all trail users.

**DIRECTIONS:** To access the northern trailhead in El Monte, follow Peck Road to the intersection with Rio Hondo Parkway. Peck Road Water Conservation Park is located on the east side of Peck Road. The trail starts just south of the main parking lot for the park.



**Length:** 15.50 miles  
**Avg Width:** 7.3 feet  
**Elevation Gain:** 220 feet

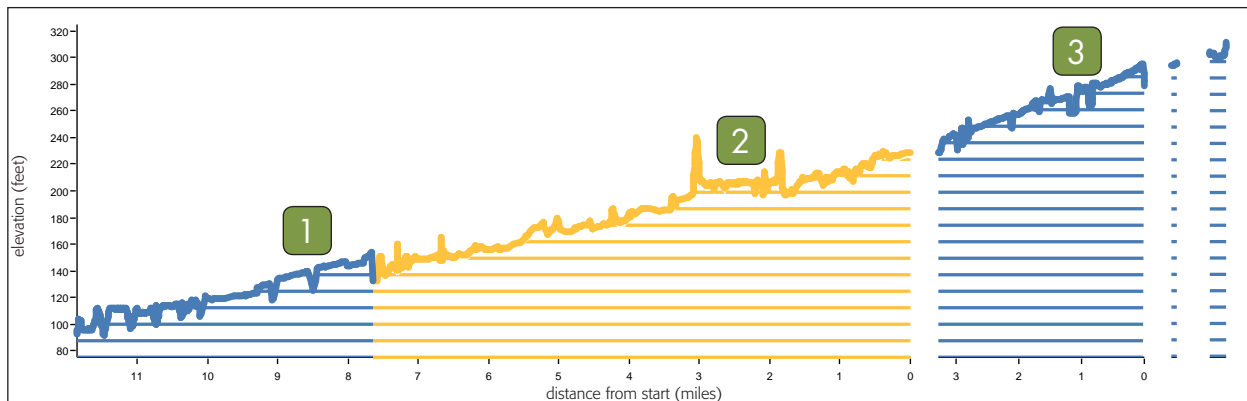


**Access & Features**

- Trailhead
- End of Public Trail
- Trail Access Point

**Trail Type**

- Natural Trail
- Flood Control Channel





# QUICK GUIDE TO RIO HONDO RIVER TRAIL (SEGMENT A)

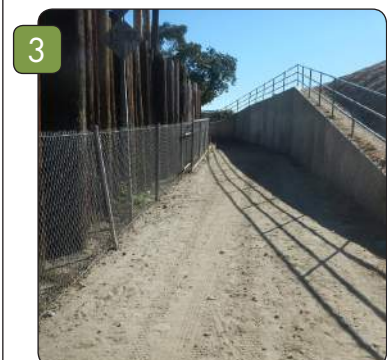
Rio Hondo River Trail Length: 15.50 miles



**DESCRIPTION:** This segment of the Rio Hondo River Trail runs along a formal concrete channel with no riparian vegetation through mostly industrial or commercial land uses. The access to this segment is located just south of Crawford Park in the City of Downey. The channel and the trail connect with the Los Angeles River Trail at the southern end at the intersection with Imperial Highway.

**DIRECTIONS:** The northern trailhead is located near Crawford Park, north of Firestone Blvd. The segment can also be accessed from Firestone Blvd, Southern Ave, Garfield Ave, and Leeds St. These access points do not include parking and only serve as pedestrian and bicycle access to the trail.

Segment Length: 1.75 miles  
 Segment Avg Width: 5.79 feet  
 Segment Elevation Gain: 26 feet

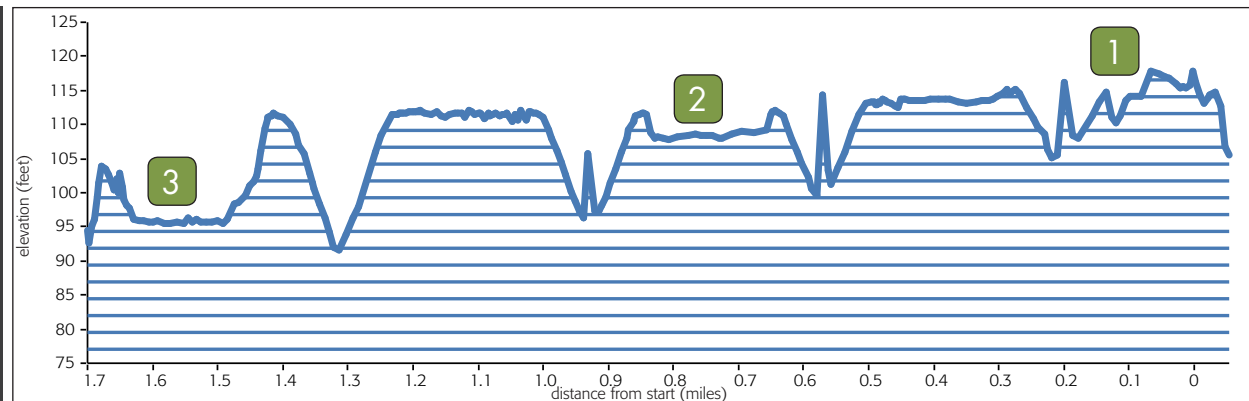


**Access & Features**

- End of Public Trail
- Trail Access Point

**Trail Type**

- Flood Control Channel





# QUICK GUIDE TO RIO HONDO RIVER TRAIL (SEGMENT B)

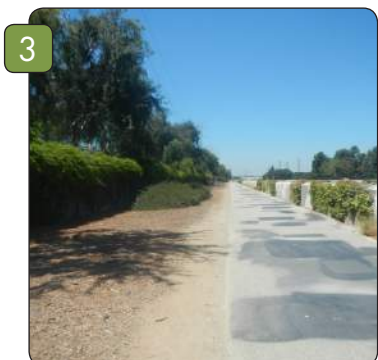
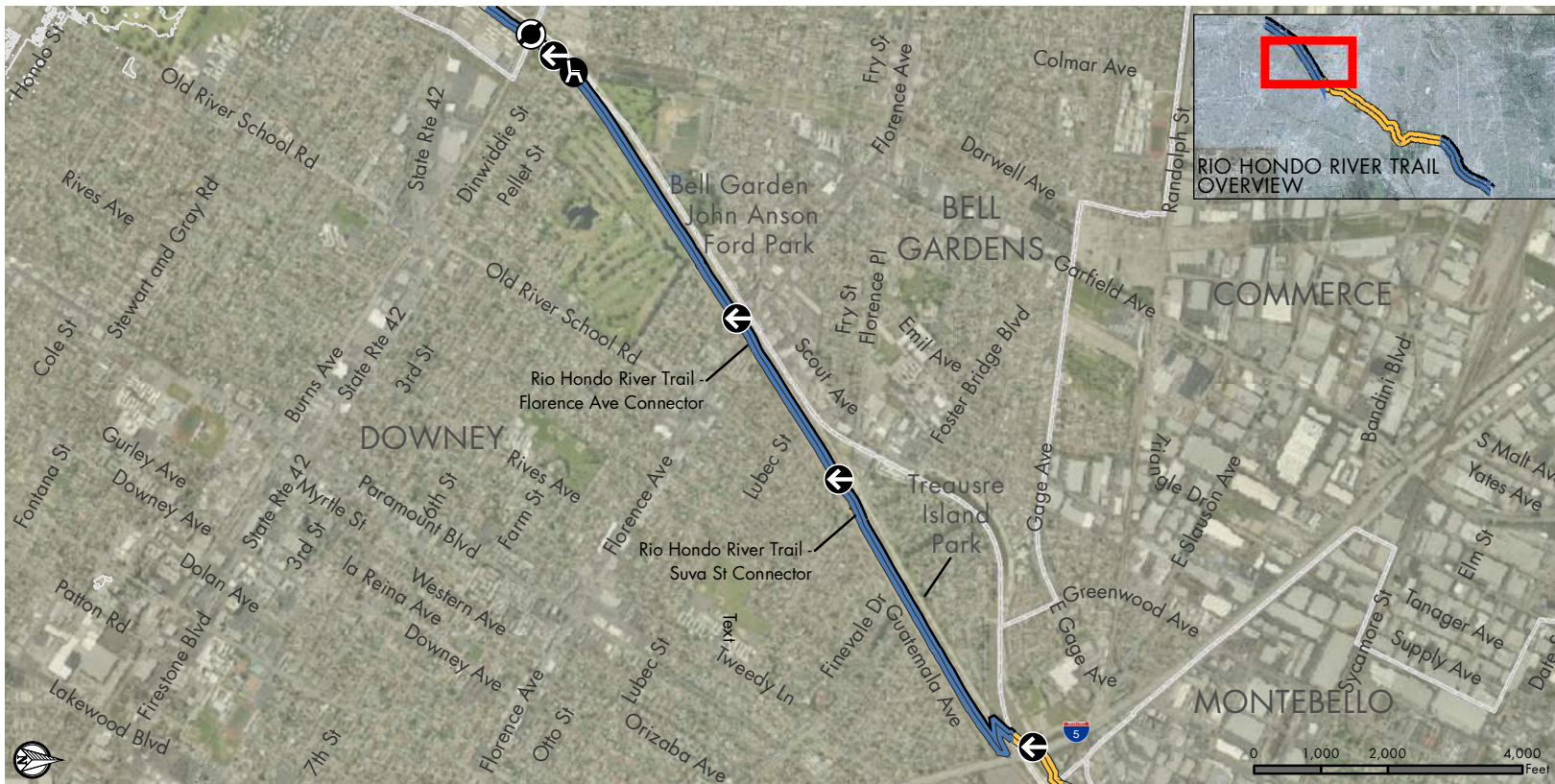
Rio Hondo River Trail Length: 15.50 miles



**DESCRIPTION:** This segment of the Rio Hondo River Trail runs along both sides of a wide, concrete channel. Just south of the 5, the northern side of the trail passes through Treasure Island Park in the City of Downey and continues along to Bell Gardens John Anson Ford Park, a large, regional facility at the western end of this segment. The southern side of the trail passes Rio Hondo Golf Club and is located within a utility corridor along the northern portion.

**DIRECTIONS:** The northern trailhead is located near Crawford Park, north of Firestone Blvd. The segment can also be accessed from Firestone Blvd, Southern Ave, Garfield Ave, and Leeds St. These access points do not include parking and only serve as pedestrian and bicycle access to the trail.

Segment Length: 2.64 miles  
 Segment Avg Width: 7.4 feet  
 Segment Elevation Gain: 49 feet

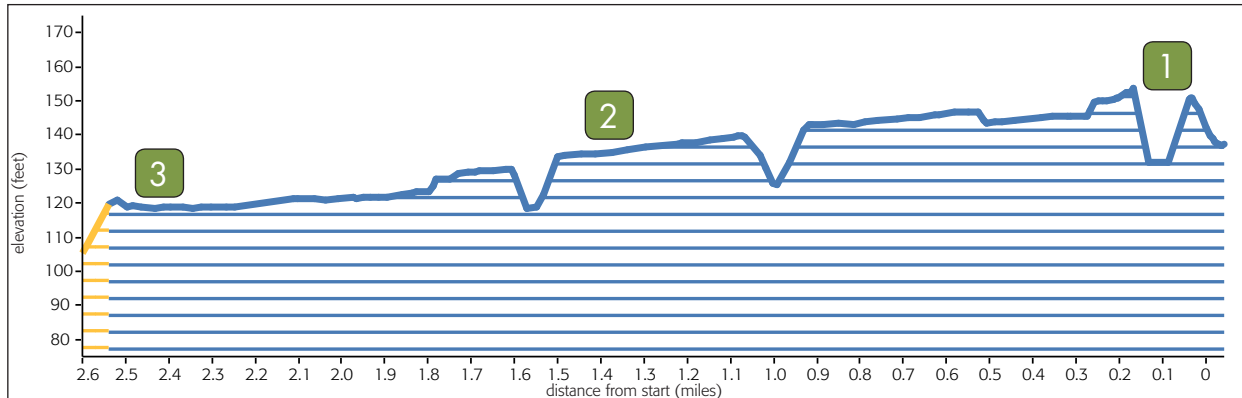


**Access & Features**

- End of Public Trail
- Trail Access Point
- Bench

**Trail Type**

- Natural Trail
- Flood Control Channel





# QUICK GUIDE TO RIO HONDO RIVER TRAIL (SEGMENT C)

Rio Hondo River Trail Length: 15.50 miles



**DESCRIPTION:** This segment of the Rio Hondo River Trail travels along the western side of the channel. From the north, the trail passes along Grant Rea Park in the City of Montebello. South of Whittier, the channel changes to release water into the Rio Hondo Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds, located on the eastern side of this section. This facility is a water storage/groundwater recharge facility which significantly expands the open space surrounding Rio Hondo in this segment.

**DIRECTIONS:** The segment can also be accessed from Grant Rea Park, Sycamore Street, Slauson Avenue, and underneath the 5 freeway near Telegraph Road. These access points do not include parking and only serve as pedestrian and bicycle access to the trail.

**Segment Length:** 3.88 miles  
**Segment Avg Width:** 8.1 feet  
**Segment Elevation Gain:** 49 feet

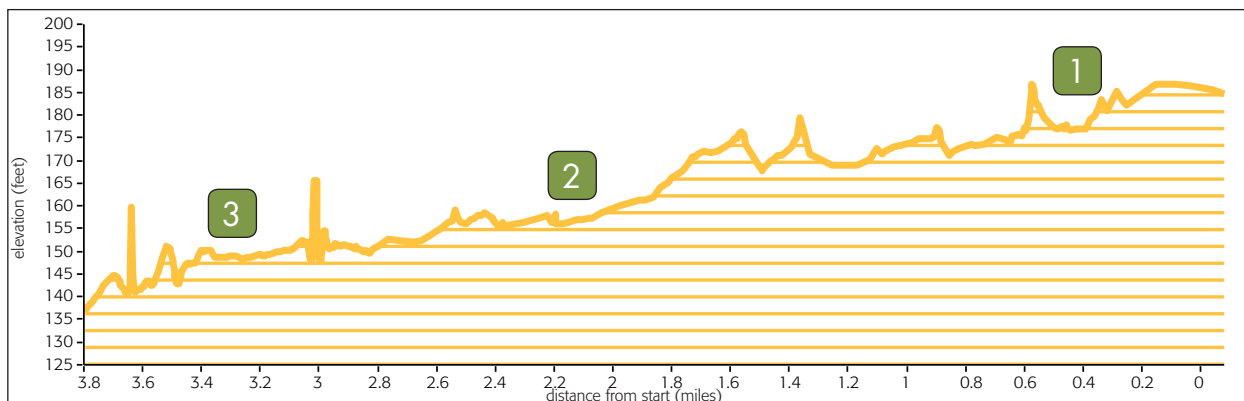


**Access & Features**

Trail Access Point

**Trail Type**

- Natural Trail
- Flood Control Channel





## QUICK GUIDE TO

# RIO HONDO RIVER TRAIL (SEGMENT D)

**DESCRIPTION:** This segment of the Rio Hondo River Trail passes through Whittier Narrows Natural Area. From the concrete channel north of Whittier Narrows Golf Course, Rio Hondo opens up into an entirely naturalized channel in this section passing through the western edge of the open space. Riparian vegetation surrounds the channel and the trail winds around the outer edges of the flood plain until it returns to the channel south of the park.

**DIRECTIONS:** The segment can be accessed from the north via Fletcher Park in El Monte or from the south via Grant Rea Park in Montebello. These access points do not include parking and only serve as pedestrian and bicycle access to the trail.

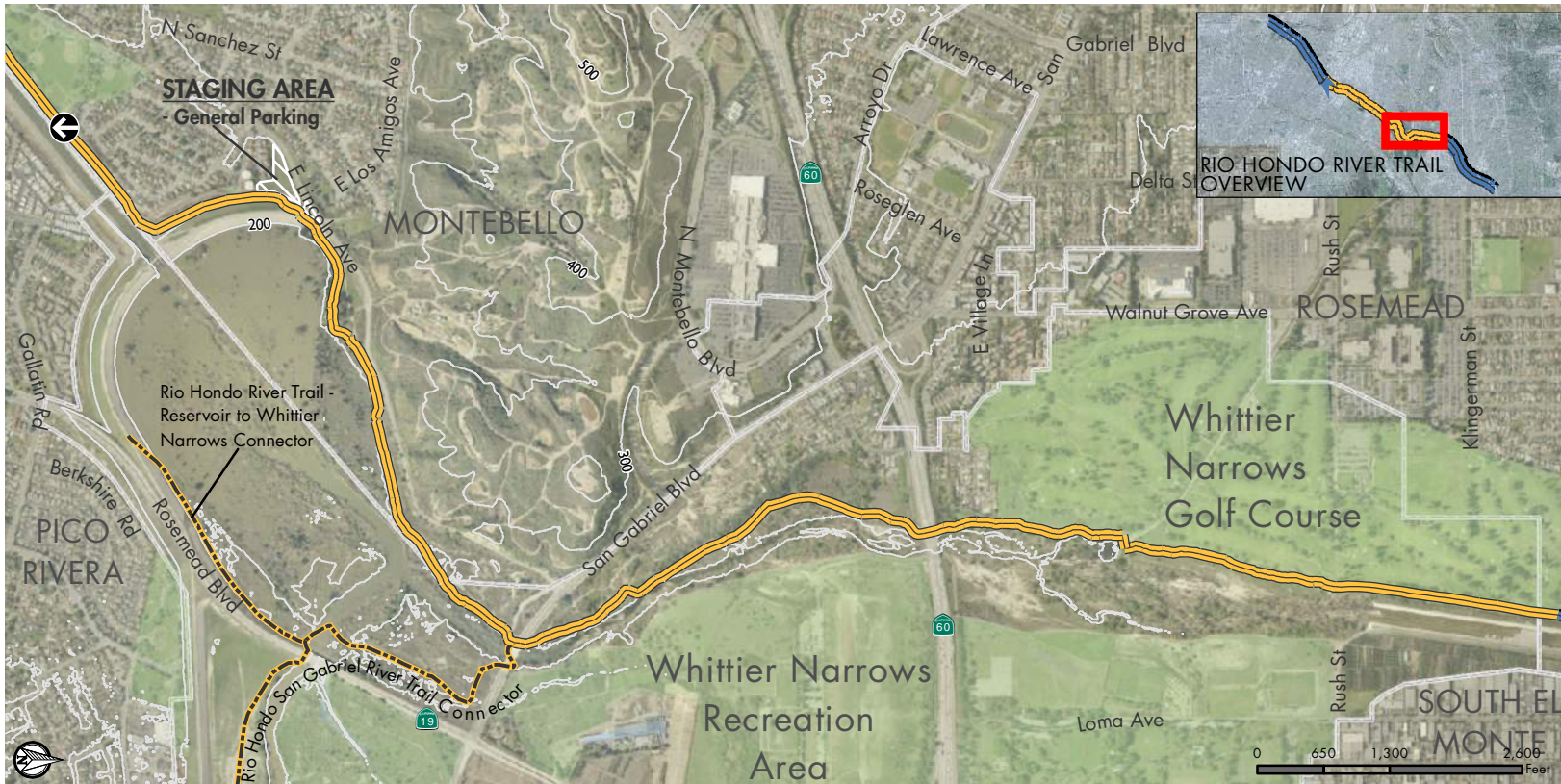
Rio Hondo River Trail Length: 15.50 miles



Segment Length: 3.66 miles

Segment Avg Width: 7.01 feet

Segment Elevation Gain: 55 feet

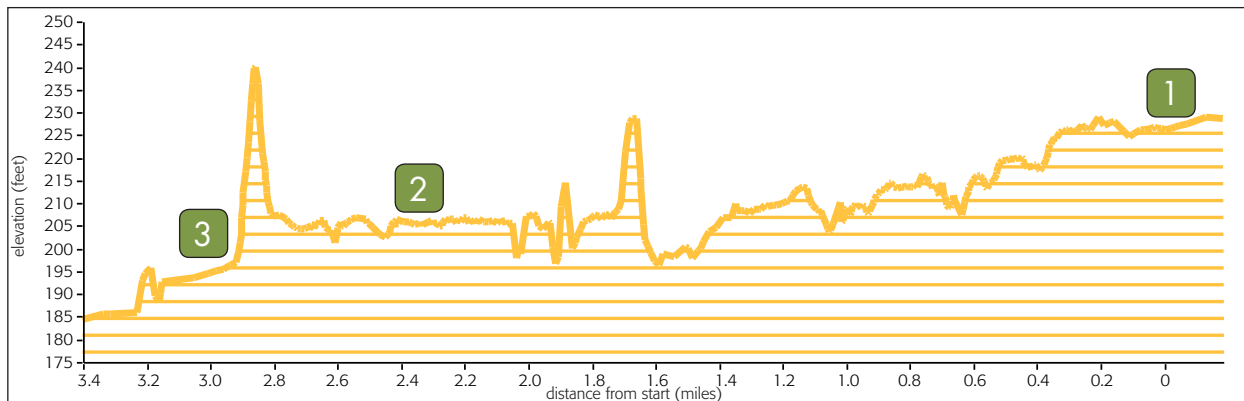


**Access & Features**

Trail Access Point

**Trail Type**

Natural Trail





# QUICK GUIDE TO RIO HONDO RIVER TRAIL (SEGMENT E)

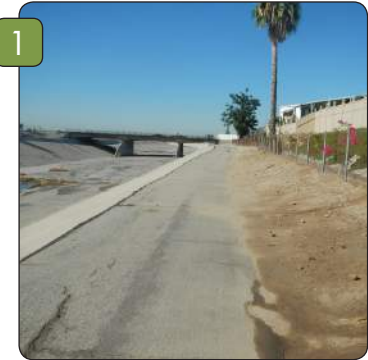
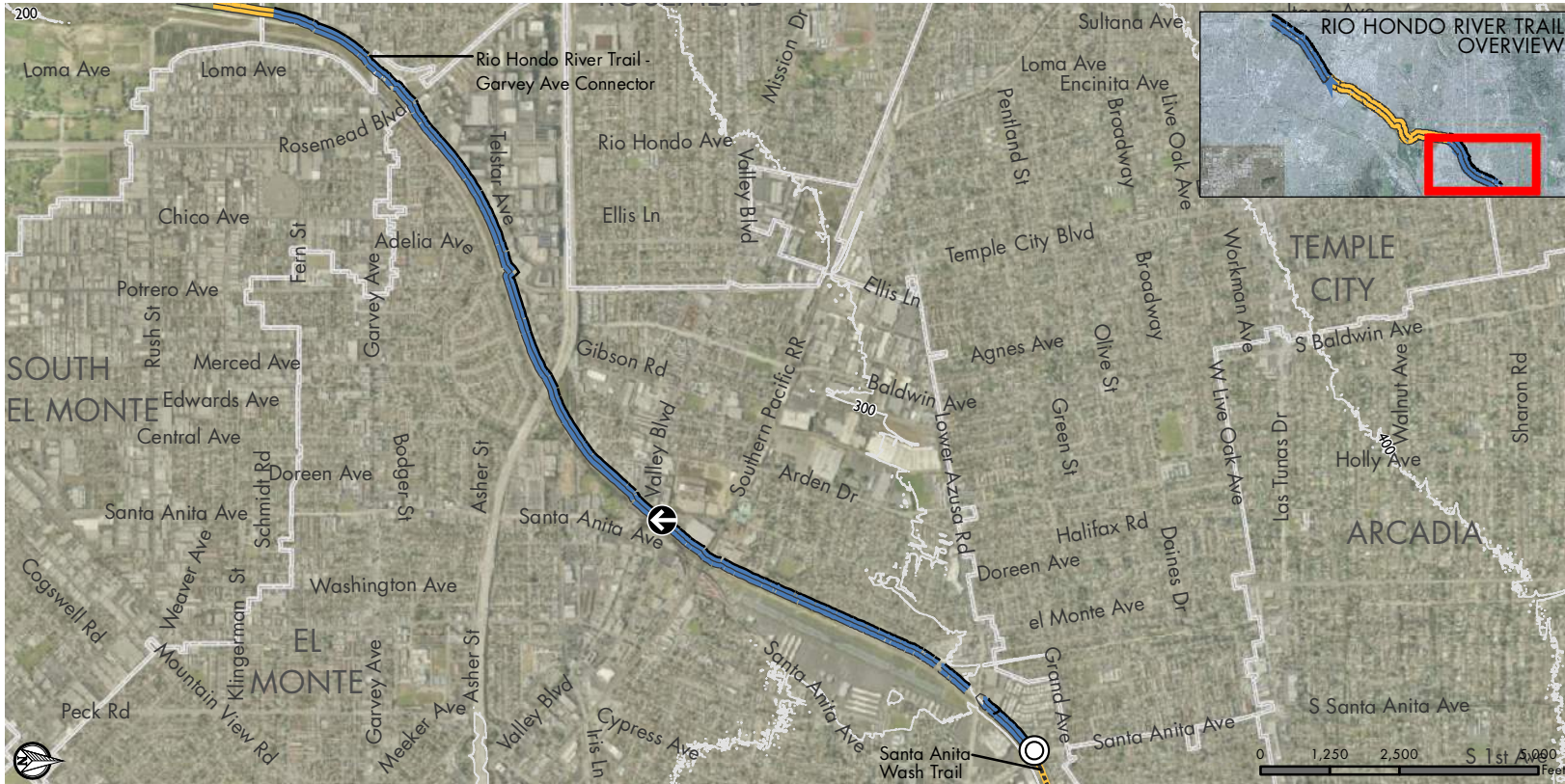
Rio Hondo River Trail Length: 15.50 miles



**DESCRIPTION:** This segment of the Rio Hondo River Trail begins in the north at the reservoir at Peck Road Water Conservation Park. The trail follows Rio Hondo south past the runways of the El Monte airport, through a light industrial area to residential communities, where the southern end of this segment opens up into a more naturalized channel in Whittier Narrows Natural Area. Along its route, this segment passes Rio Vista Park and Pioneer Park in El Monte.

**DIRECTIONS:** To access the northern trailhead in El Monte, follow Peck Road to the intersection with Rio Hondo Parkway. Peck Road Water Conservation Park is located on the east side of Peck Road. The trail starts just south of the main parking lot for the park.

Segment Length: 3.64 miles  
 Segment Avg Width: 7.31 feet  
 Segment Elevation Gain: 82 feet

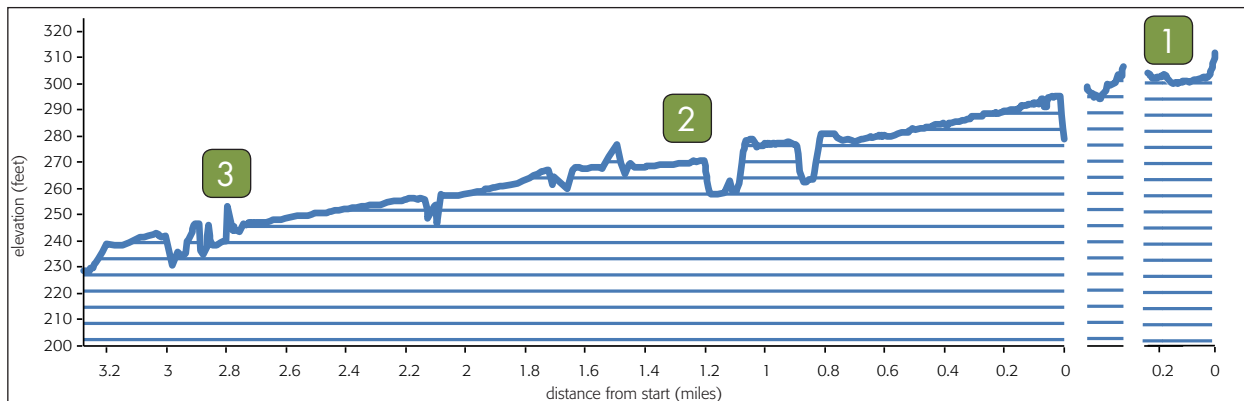


**Access & Features**

- Trailhead
- End of Public Trail
- Trail Access Point

**Trail Type**

- Natural Trail
- Flood Control Channel



# QUICKGUIDE INFORMATION

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## SAFETY FIRST



In case of **EMERGENCY** dial 911.

For non-emergencies on County trails call the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Parks Bureau Dispatch at (800) 834-0064.

## HAZARDS ON THE TRAIL



Rattlesnakes occasionally sun themselves in the middle of the trail. If encountered, keep your distance and allow space for the snake to retreat.



Poison oak can be identified by groups of 3 leaves going up the branch. It's best avoided by staying on the trail and wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts to prevent contact with skin.



Ticks are most often found in shaded, grassy areas off the beaten path. Stick to established trails and wear long pants to avoid contact. Check for ticks frequently, especially the scalp, waist and other dark places where they can hide.

## SHARE THE TRAIL



When trail conditions require a right of way for safe passage, **equestrian users have the primary right of way, hikers next and then mountain bikers**. When trail conditions allow and when there is width to safely pass, common courtesy should prevail for all users. Stand to one side of the trail and allow them to pass. When in a group, avoid blocking the trail. **Mountain bikers yield to all trail users**. Anticipate other trail users as you ride around corners. Mountain bikers traveling downhill must yield to all users, including other mountain bikers, headed uphill. In general, make each pass a safe and courteous one.

## WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ Water for you and your animal(s)
- ✓ Trail map
- ✓ High energy snacks
- ✓ Waste bags for your dog
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Extra clothing
- ✓ Sunglasses/hat
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Insect repellent
- ✓ Trekking poles (optional)
- ✓ Flashlight (optional)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For information visit [trails.lacounty.gov](http://trails.lacounty.gov) or any of our partners' websites at [nps.gov](http://nps.gov), [parks.ca.gov](http://parks.ca.gov), [smmc.ca.gov](http://smmc.ca.gov), [lamountains.com](http://lamountains.com), or [rmc.ca.gov](http://rmc.ca.gov). Visitor Center for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, (805) 370-2300

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