

# 5 Mission Trail Out & Back

Experienced riders will relish this route along the Mission Trail, which encompasses four Spanish Colonial missions built along the San Antonio River to house Spanish missionaries and local Coahuiltecan Indians beginning in the 1720s.

Along this ride, watch for new trail segments and connections to Mission Trail which is undergoing dramatic renovations during the next few years. Watch for trail closures and use an alternate route when necessary. Check for current information at [www.sanantonioriver.org](http://www.sanantonioriver.org).

about 20 miles

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- Begin your ride at **Main Plaza** near **San Fernando Cathedral** and head south on S. Flores St.
- Ride about a block and turn left on E. Nueva St.
- Stay on E. Nueva St. for about half a mile until you reach S. Alamo St.
- Once you reach the area known as **Southtown**, you will have a couple of route options.

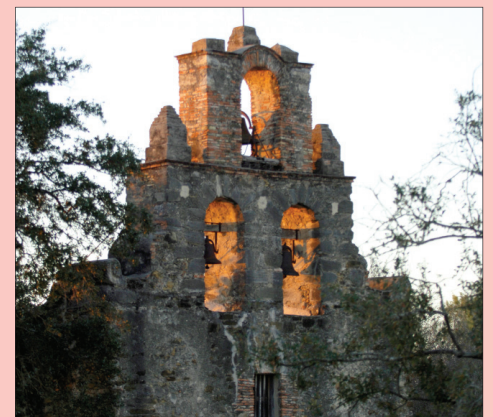
Once arriving at Mission Trail, there is a family friendly off-road multi-use path suitable for all experience levels.

- As you ride, look for signs pointing the way along **Mission Trail**. Each mission is open to the public and all are part of the National Parks system.

The Visitor Center at Mission San José offers exhibits and a short video about the history of the missions. You'll find water fountains and restrooms at each mission.



Mission Concepción stands proudly as the oldest unrestored stone church in the U.S.



Mission Espada is one of the five Spanish Colonial missions built along the San Antonio River.

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