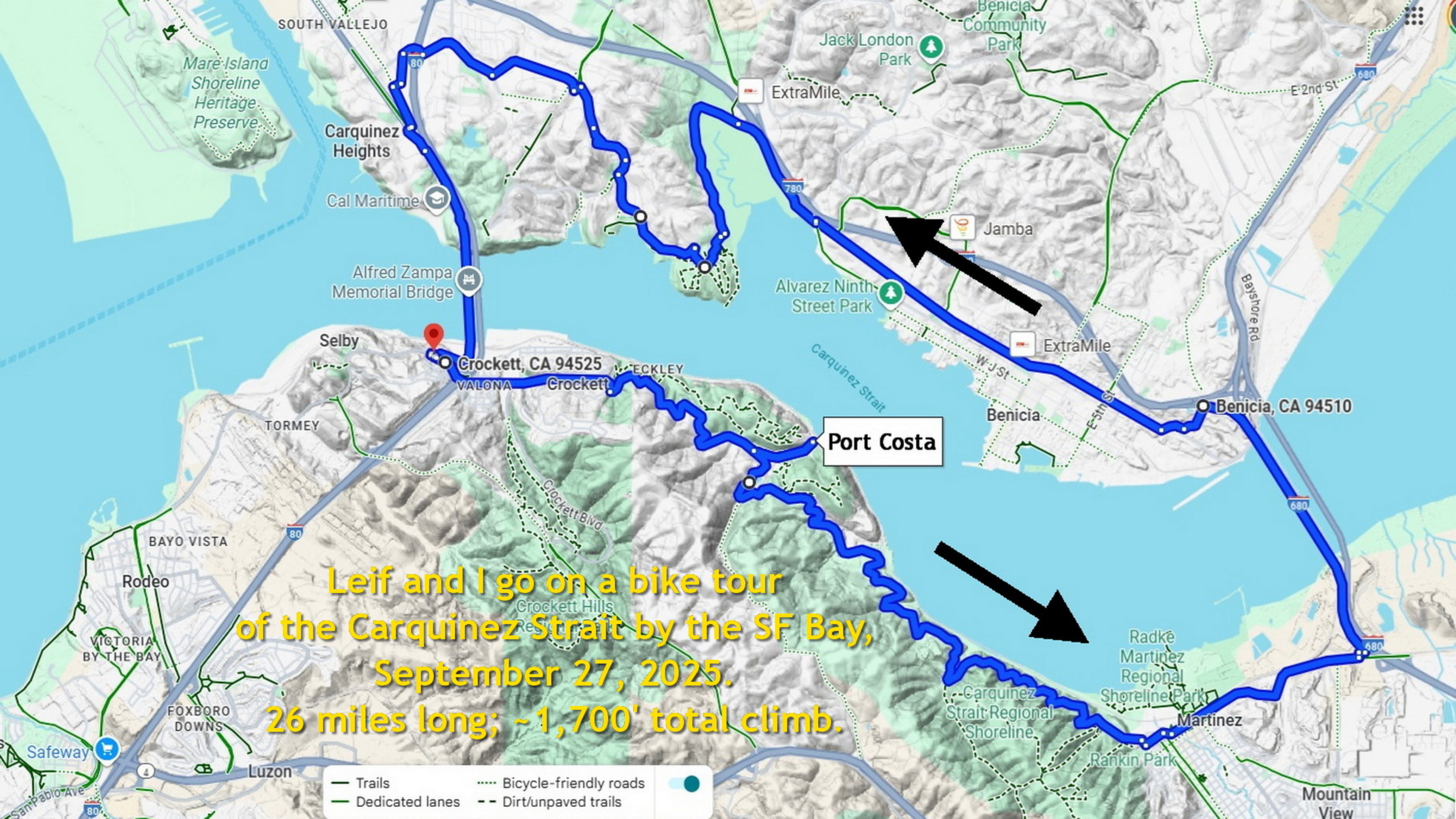


**Leif and I go on a bike tour
of the Carquinez Strait by the SF Bay,
September 27, 2025.
26 miles long; ~1,700' total climb.**

- Trails
- Dedicated lanes
- Bicycle-friendly roads
- Dirt/unpaved trails





Drive past solar farms and oil tank fields to Crockett,



**and park at the south end of the I-80 Carquinez Bridge
(the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge)**



We bike the Carquinez Scenic Drive,



and come to the almost-forgotten town of Port Costa.



1897

It's an old town,



once on the main road, when there were ferries rather than bridges.



(but they still can dream.)



**Cars are no longer allowed beyond the town:
the road is just for cyclists and pedestrians (and tarantulas).**



We get a good view of Mt. Diablo and the main rail to points east,



and also the Benicia-Martinez Bridge (I-680) in the distance.



**We pass the Alhambra Pioneer Cemetery in Martinez:
one of the oldest formal cemeteries in California (1850),**



and the adjacent Potter's Field, a burial ground for the poor, the unclaimed, and the unknown dead.



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Martinez: home of oil refineries!



We've crossed the Benicia-Martinez Bridge (I-680): we're at the halfway point.



A view of the Strait from the north shore.



We follow the trail through the lowlands,



and up to higher ground,



where we see our destination, the Carquinez Bridge, in the distance:



we will cross it when we get there!



The view from the parking lot: that's what we crossed - the Alfred Zampa Bridge.

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And now we head off into the sunset - and back to San Jose.