



RIVER FRONT TRAIL

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WHAT IS TRAIL?

The trail can be used for walking, biking and running.

ABOUT SABARMATI RIVERFRONT

The Sabarmati River is a monsoon-fed river that flows north-south through Ahmedabad, bisecting the city into its western and eastern halves. It has been an integral aspect of Ahmedabad city since its foundation. Initially, the river was the city's prime source of water. Today, water is supplied from many distant sources. Nonetheless, the river continues to be important. It has provided space for cultural and recreational activities along the banks. Mahatma Gandhi set-up his ashram along the banks of the river and during the freedom movement, the Salt March began from here. The wide, oft-dry riverbed and riverbanks were used more extensively to launder clothes and to dye textiles. During the dry seasons, the river bed was used for farming. It also became a venue for other informal economic activities such as the 'Ravivari'- Sunday flea market. Gradually, many of the city's migrant and poor population began to live in informal settlements on the river banks.

All these uses and abuses along with rampant urban growth led to the Sabarmati River becoming polluted, abused and neglected. The riverfront became characterized by unimaginative and unplanned development. Property owners along the banks, who could afford it, built their own retaining walls to protect their properties from flood erosion. The poor citizens living along the riverbanks in slums were disastrously flood prone and lacked basic infrastructure facilities. Sewage-contaminated storm water outfalls and the dumping of industrial waste in the river posed a major health and environmental hazard. In addition to the declining ecological health, the river itself became inaccessible to the majority of the city's residents. Owing to private ownership of most riverside land and the informal settlements, there were very few public access points to the river. By the 1970s, the bridges were the only places from where citizens could enjoy the expanse of the river running through the heart of the city.

REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

Sabarmati is one of the major rivers in the western region of India. It is a monsoon-fed river that originates in the Aravalli hills of Rajasthan and has basin areas in Rajasthan and Gujarat. The river after traversing a distance of 400km meets the Gulf of Cambay. It flows mostly through Gujarat state except in its initial length of 9.5km. Various tributaries, important amongst which are the Hamav, Guhai, Hathmati, Khari, Meshwo, Mazam, Watrak, Mohar and shedhi, meet the main river. Gandhinagar, the capital of Gujarat state and Ahmedabad are located on the banks of this river. There are several reservoirs on Sabarmati and its tributaries namely- Dharoi dam, Hathmati dam, Harnav dam, Guhai dam, Meshvo reservoir, Meshvo pick-up weir, Mazam dam and Watrak dam. The last four schemes are located on tributaries meeting the main river downstream of Ahmedabad. The Dharoi dam is located on the main river.

At Ahmedabad, the river encompasses a total catchment area of 10,370 sqkm, out of the total basin area of 27,820 sqkm. Pre-project, the width of the river varied from 300m to 425m. Until Dharoi dam was built in 1976 (approximately 200km upstream of Ahmedabad) the Sabarmati was prone to severe and frequent flooding. The floods in the recent past that Ahmedabad has seen are discharges from Dharoi Dam- announced twelve hours in advance of the released water arriving in Ahmedabad. Vasna Barrage was built downstream of Ahmedabad in 1976 for water retention in Sabarmati and to divert water for irrigation through Fatehwadi Canal. The Narmada Canal, which crosses the river a few kilometres upstream from the city, is part of a larger irrigation network.

ITINARARY

This itinerary is only for one day.

Day-1 :-

We do these activities at Sabarmati riverfront, Ahmedabad

- Bicycling
- Walking
- Boating
- Visiting Atal Bridge
- Breakfast & Lunch

FEES

Type	Fees	Days/Nights	Age Group
Ahmedabad	Rs. 1299 /-	Half Day	12 - 40