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A segment of Stevens Creek Trail has been temporarily closed after recent storms caused severe bank erosion along Stevens Creek.

The city of Mountain View announced that it closed off a section of the trail spanning from Yuba Drive to just north of the El Camino Real underpass on Jan. 13, and have not said when it will be reopened. City staff have set up a detour for trail users, and are advising that residents exercise caution when using the rest of the city's trail system.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District will be sending out a soil engineer this week to look at the conditions of the creek and judge the stability and safety of the trail. Once that is complete, city staff members expect to have a better idea when the trail will be reopened.

According to the National Weather Service, a system producing heavy rain and gusty winds is expected in the Bay Area Wednesday, followed by a second Thursday night into Friday. Another storm is possible late in the weekend.

City and water district staff were not immediately available for comment on the closure.

Information on the status of the city's trails is available [here](#).



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Dang. From the photo this looks really bad. I'd guess this is going to be a BIG job -- heavy equipment, bank reconstruction, \$\$\$, etc. I don't expect it reopen any time soon. Rats.

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a resident of Castro City
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Wimps. We, as in neighbors and friends, fly to the Himalayas to hike up single track paths with 1000 foot drops.

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And this adventure seeking contrast relates in what way to a paved, multi-use public pathway in the middle of a California town? Mighty heroic of you to point to it, though.

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Posted by **commuter**
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Is a map of the detour available, please?? A lot of people use this bike path to get to work or to school. So much safer than biking on city streets during rush hour. Thank you.

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Posted by **Nicolás Arizmendi**
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The great thing about this situation is that, I will not have to worry about bicyclists invading my lane while going on my morning run.
To the people who commute by bicycle, this trail is a freeway.

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Posted by **Eric Lehman**
a resident of Cuesta Park
9 hours ago

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Hard to imagine how this could be fixed before summer. Much easier to imagine that upcoming storms will extend the collapse further, eating into the trail itself. As far as I can tell, the current detour is "play real-life Frogger on El Camino". I wish there were a better alternative!

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