

This scenic recreational walk along the waterfront from the Harbor to Shoreline Park is about 5.8 miles round trip. Add a stroll on the pier (Stearns Wharf) or through the Harbor to the breakwater.

For a longer walk (8.8 miles total), continue through a quiet residential neighborhood to the Douglas Family Preserve, a scenic public open space overlooking Arroyo Burro Beach.

This walk was originally developed by the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition. <www.sbbike.org>

Santa Barbara Harbor and Shoreline Park with options through City College and the Douglas Family Preserve

This walk begins at the Dolphin Fountain at the base of **(1) Stearns Wharf** on Cabrillo Boulevard at State Street (The Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle stops here, and can take you as far as the Harbor).

Walk west on the sidewalk, passing the children's pool at (2) Los Baños del Mar, the (3) Harbor, and (4) Leadbetter Beach. Continue on up the hill to (5) Shoreline Park. There are a number of tourist serving restaurants along Cabrillo Boulevard to this point, which now becomes residential.

At the west end of the park, continue west to Santa Cruz Boulevard, and turn left to the ocean. In just a half block, the street ends at **(6) 1,000 Steps**. If the tide is low enough, one can take the steps to the beach and walk back along the beach to the Harbor. If not, simply retrace the route.

An alternate return of the same mileage would take you through a residential neighborhood and the (10) City College campus (this route may not be appropriate for wheelchairs and strollers, but is a pleasant walk). Walk up La Marina Drive, turn right on Del Mar Avenue and follow the pedestrian walkway across campus. The walkway includes terrain changes and a pedestrian bridge over Loma Alta. The pedestrian way brings you back to Cabrillo Boulevard. Turn left and continue back to the Dolphin Fountain.

Shoreline Park to the Douglas Family Preserve:

For those interested in a longer walk, continue from the end of **(5) Shoreline Park** along Shoreline Drive to **(7) La Mesa Park** (on your left just past the Coast Guard housing and Santa Barbara Lighthouse, not open to the public). Take the footpath through La Mesa Park over the wonderful

(8) foot bridge across the arroyo to the end of El Camino De La Luz. Turn left at Oliver Road, right at Edgewater Way, and right at Mesa Lane.

Continue to Mesa School Lane, and turn left. Walk to the end Mesa School Lane and continue through the open space in the fence along the footpath onto the (9) Douglas Family Preserve. This public park has wonderful ocean views, and overlooks Arrovo Burro County Beach Park (also known as Hendry's Beach, from the name of the ranch that preceded the park). The Douglas Family Preserve (previously known as and sometimes still called the Wilcox Property) was purchased by the people of Santa Barbara in 1996 to be public open space. After wandering along the footpath which loops through the Douglas Family Preserve, exit back onto Mesa School Lane and retrace your route back to Shoreline Park. Continue through City College or along Shoreline back to the Dolphin Fountain.

