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Alameda 2026



Walks



All walks begin at 9:00 a.m. and last approximately one hour. Where walks are longer, they will be noted and new walks are indicated. Look for the red Alameda Walks hats! While we love furry pets, we prefer that they wait for you at home.

2026 ALAMEDA WALKS SCHEDULE

May 16 Harbor Bay Business Parkway Walk

Meet in front of the restrooms in the Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal Parking Lot (Adelphian Way & Mecartney Drive). Explore the scenic views of the San Francisco Bay and learn about the expansion of businesses in the area. Don't miss out!

May 23 Gold Coast Neighborhood Walk

Meet at Franklin Park, 1432 San Antonio Ave. Learn how Franklin Park evolved from a private retreat to today's recreation park. Explore the Victorian Era at its finest: Italianate, Queen Anne, and Colonial Revival-style homes all vie for our attention. A walk along San Antonio Avenue will bring us to the Tilden family's "Wedding Cake House." Listen carefully and you may hear echoes of the oversized 19th-century electric streetcar rumbling by us on the way to Ninth Street. Dennis Evanovsky will lead this walk.

Note: Walk lasts 1 hour, 15 minutes

****Saturday, June 20** Special Alameda Invitation**

Check out our 58th Annual Sand Castle and Sand Sculpture Contest at Robert Crown Memorial State Beach Park (8th Street and Otis Drive). Optimal time between 11:30 am through 1:30 pm for self-guided tour.

June 27 Neptune Beach Walk

Meet at Doug Siden Visitor Center, 1252 McKay Avenue in the grass area. Explore the site and history of Neptune Beach. Walk on a street that was once the footprint of a pair of roller coasters. Then see where revelers once swam, danced, and enjoyed all the rides and attractions. Learn how Neptune Beach—which lasted from 1917 to 1939—was just one of the many beaches and baths that began their lives in 1878 and lasted until 1961. Dennis Evanovsky will lead this walk.

Note: Walk lasts 1 hour, 15 minutes

July 11 Towata Park to Veteran's Court

Meet at Towata Park, 3315 Bridgeview Isle in the picnic area. We will discuss the history of Towata Park, then walk along the beach on unpaved trail. We'll learn the City's plans for geomorphology, habitat assessment, beach revitalization, and how local coalitions plan to address flooding and contribute toward solutions. Lauren Eisele, Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA), will lead this walk.

July 25 Old Town of Alameda Walk

Meet at the Fountain on High Street and Encinal across from Encinal Market, 3211 Encinal Ave Suite C. This walk will explore the oldest of the three towns that people called home on the Alameda peninsula (the others were Encinal and Woodstock Landing). Let's go back to 1852 and learn how William Worthington Chipman and Gideon Aughinbaugh started the town. We'll stroll up High Street to the surprising location of the old wharf. Dennis Evanovsky will explain why the founders called their town Alameda and share some curious details about many of the street names. Dennis Evanovsky will lead this walk.

Note: Walk lasts 1 hour, 15 minutes

August 1 Encinal Beach to Alameda Point Promenade Walk

This nature walk will take place starting at the Encinal Boat Ramp and the Bay Trail. Join this adventure learning about local wildlife! Walk along the waterfront to Alameda Point, passing the USS Hornet and Seaplane Lagoon Promenade before returning to Encinal Beach - about 2 ½ miles on flat trails. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will have a limited supply available to borrow. This walk will be led by East Bay Regional District Naturalist, Susan Ramos.

Note: Walk lasts 2 hours, 15 minutes

August 15 Oakshade, Historic Baseball Diamond to Svendsen Maritime Park Walk

Meet at McKinley Park, 2165 Buena Vista Ave, in front of the recreation building. This walk will explore the history of McKinley Park and the area adjacent an historic baseball diamond, and stroll along the northern waterfront to check out Svendsen Maritime Park and its many informational kiosks.

August 22 North Shore Marina Cove Waterfront Walk

Meet at Marina Cove Waterfront Park at 1575 Clement Avenue (at Ohlone Street & Clement Ave). The walk along Clement Avenue will bring us to a neighborhood with modern homes and out to the Del Monte Warehouse that developers have transformed into contemporary housing. Get familiar with the history of Del Monte, Encinal Terminals, Chipman Moving and Storage, and the Alameda Belt Line. We'll learn how rail yards became Jean Sweeney Open Space Park and enjoy a look at some 19th-century Marcuse & Remmel creations on our way back to Marina Cove. Dennis Evanovsky will lead this walk.

Note: Walk lasts 1 hour, 15 minutes

September 12 Crown Beach Walk

Meet at Doug Siden Visitor Center, 1252 McKay Avenue at Crab Cove near the front steps on the park side of building. Walkers will explore Crown Beach, where land use history and natural history combined for engrossing stories! The group will walk from Crab Cove towards the east along the shoreline trail and back approximately 2.5 to 3 miles. The group will observe wildlife, dune landscaping, eroded beaches, and discuss future possibilities for shoreline resiliency in a time of rising ocean levels. This walk is led by East Bay Regional Park Naturalist, Michael Charnofsky and special guest, Lauren Eisele from Community Action for Sustainable Alameda (CASA)

Note: Walk lasts 2 hours, 15 minutes

September 26 Bay Farm from Godfrey Park

Meet at Godfrey Park, 281 Beach Road. The walk will stroll through land once home to farms famous at first for their hops and asparagus. We'll get to know the families who arrived here in the 1850's and who farmed here until the 1980's. We'll see the last surviving family home and the site of the well that supplied the early farms with water. We'll also learn how the developers intruded here and how homes gradually replaced the farmlands. Dennis Evanovsky will lead this walk.

Note: Walk lasts 1 hour, 15 minutes

October 17 Bayport Stars to Estuary Phase 2 Walk

Meet at Bayport Park, 301 Jack London Ave, by the picnic table near bathrooms. This walk will explore the earliest development after the Naval Base closure, the revitalization of the Linear Park water shed, and the final phase of development for the Estuary Park. Come check out the jewel of the west end.

October 24 Burbank /Portola Neighborhood Walk

Meet at Washington Park, 1300 8th street at the corner of Eighth Street and Central Avenue. Let's recall the days when you could clamber around a locomotive that stood at our meeting place. Dennis Evanovsky will share pictures of this attraction and tell of its fate.

Did you know that:

- A German rifle range and a velodrome once stood on the grounds of the Burbank-Portola neighborhood?
- The remains of a swimming pool hide under Washington Park's baseball field?
- A stately mansion that stood in the park burned in a mysterious conveniently timed fire?

We'll also learn how Utah Construction intruded on this neighborhood, took away the beaches and isolated the homes from San Francisco Bay. Dennis Evanovsky will lead this walk.

Note: Walk lasts 1 hour, 15 minutes