

Suggested Walks

Generously provided by City of Santa Cruz Downtown Senior Center Walking Adventure Group

*Denotes dog-friendly

Antonelli Pond and Seymour Marine Center

Start at the entrance to Antonelli Pond on Delaware Avenue, between Natural Bridges Drive and Shaffer Road. Parking available on Delaware Ave. Walk around the pond, past the Homeless Garden Project Farm, and then explore the trails on the Seymour Marine Center property. Easy terrain.

Rio del Mar State Beach*

Start at the esplanade parking area at Rio del Mar State Beach (at the end of Rio Del Mar Blvd. in Aptos). Walk on the sand from Rio Del Mar State Beach towards Manresa State Beach and back along the water's edge. You may get sandy and/or wet. Plan accordingly. Leashed dogs welcome. Easy terrain.

San Lorenzo Riverwalk*

Start at the pedestrian bridge on River Street behind Trader Joe's. Do not park in the lot unless you want to risk getting a ticket or towed. Meters are available along River Street. Walk along the riverwalk pathway, across the trestle bridge and loop back. Leashed dogs welcome. Easy terrain.

Evergreen Cemetery & Harvey West Park

Start at the Evergreen Cemetery entrance near Harvey West Park on Evergreen Street. Hike around Harvey West Park and then go back through Evergreen Cemetery for a self-guided tour. Easy terrain.

Wilder Ranch State Park

Start at the parking lot inside Wilder Ranch State Park. Please note there is a parking fee (\$10/vehicle or \$9 for seniors over 62) and there is usually not a kiosk attendant--bring exact change. Hike the trails of Wilder Ranch along the coast. Easy terrain.

Historic Homes- Seabright

Start at the corner of East Cliff Dr and East Cliff Dr (overlooking Seabright Beach & two blocks east from the Museum of Natural History). Enjoy the historic homes in the Seabright area. Easy terrain.

West Cliff Drive*

Take a walk along West Cliff Drive. Leashed dogs welcome. Easy terrain.

Downtown Art Walk

Begin at the "Monster of Monterey" art exhibit at the north end of Pacific, 1550 Pacific Avenue (in front of Jamba Juice). Walk around, observing the art and murals featured around downtown- including various rotating installations. Easy terrain.

Historic Homes- Oceanview Avenue

Start at the corner of Soquel Ave. and Oceanview Ave., Santa Cruz. Walk up and down Oceanview Ave. and enjoy the historic homes along the way. Easy terrain.

Manresa State Beach- Uplands*

Begin at the day-use parking area of Manresa State Beach- Uplands (tent campground area). Take HWY 1 to the San Andreas Rd exit. Head towards to coast and drive about 2.8 miles. **(This is one mile past the main day-use parking area at San Andreas & Seawind Rd!)** Turn right onto Sand Dollar Dr., and veer left, following the sign for Manresa State Beach. After the kiosk, take an immediate right into the day-use parking lot. Parking is \$10, or \$9 for seniors 62 or over. Hike approximately 0.5 miles along the bluffs and down to the sand, and then walk along the sand. Wear appropriate shoes and clothing. You will get sandy and possibly wet walking along the waterline. Easy terrain with a moderate slope to the beach. Leashed dogs welcome. There are picnic tables on the bluffs overlooking the ocean in case you want to have a picnic lunch while you're there.

Loch Lomond Reservoir*

Travel to the Loch Lomond Reservoir at 100 Loch Lomond Way, Felton. Hike the trails around the reservoir. Easy to moderate terrain with a few steep stretches and/or steps. Walking stick recommended. Leashed dogs welcome.

Capitola Village*

Begin at Esplanade Park (patch of green grass next to the beach in Capitola Village). Parking in Capitola Village is now by paystations, limited to three-hour stays at a rate of \$1.50/hour. Begin with a climb up one of Capitola's hidden staircases that leads to the top of Depot Hill with sweeping views of Monterey Bay. Next, circle through the neighborhoods down to the quaint walkway along Soquel Creek and finish with a jaunt to the end of Capitola Wharf. Easy to moderate terrain with a few steep sections. Do not fear: the hidden 86-step staircase has handrails, two landings, and you can choose to only go up! Leashed dogs welcome.

Arana Gulch & Harbor*

Begin at the entrance to Arana Gulch near the intersection of Frederick Street and Broadway. Parking available in the lot. Walk through Arana Gulch, down through the harbor, to the lighthouse and back. Easy to moderate terrain. Leashed dogs welcome. If you are interested, you can grab coffee/snacks/lunch overlooking Twin Lakes Beach before returning to Arana Gulch.

Moran Lake and East Cliff Drive*

Start at the Moran Lake parking lot, near 22790 East Cliff Drive. Walk through Moran Lake Park, along East Cliff Drive and back. Leashed dogs welcome. Easy terrain.