



Local walking tours highlighting the history of San Mateo County will be held in July and August. The tours are coordinated by the San Mateo County Historical Association, offered free of charge and start at the locations indicated.

Colma: V. Fontana & Co. – Saturday, July 19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tour V. Fontana & Co., one of Colma's outstanding monument companies. It has been in continuous operation since 1921 and in the same family for four generations. Learn how granite and marble are crafted into monuments, dedicated stones, benches, fireplaces, and countertops. It is a self-contained manufacturing plant! Meet at the corner of F and Clark Streets in Colma, across the street from the Italian Cemetery. Lunch follows at the Colma Historical Museum, at 12 noon.

San Carlos - Saturday, July 26 from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tour historic locations in downtown San Carlos with the San Carlos Heritage Association. Meet in City Hall Park at the corner of San Carlos Avenue and Elm Street. The tour will end at the San Carlos History Museum at noon, where there will be refreshments, pie, and tours of the museum. For more information call 650.592.5822.

Pigeon Point – Sunday, July 27 at 1 p.m.

Travel back to the days of the Maritime West on a docent-led tour of the historic grounds of Pigeon Point Light Station. Meet at the flagpole. Hear tales of the many shipwrecks, the building of the lighthouse, the "Wickies" and their families, and the anticipated restoration of the tower (currently closed to the public). Visit the Fog Signal Building to view the magnificent First Order Fresnel lens and explore the exhibits. Local maritime historian JoAnn Semones, author of *Shipwrecks, Scalawags, and Scavengers: The Storied Waters of Pigeon Point* will be there to sign copies of her book. For directions, go to www.parks.ca.gov/pigeonpoint.

Burlingame – Saturday, August 2 at 11 a.m.

Meet at Burlingame's historic Burlingame Avenue train station for a three-block walking tour of downtown. Through stories and architecture, you will learn about Burlingame's explosive growth in the early twentieth century. The Great Earthquake of 1906 transformed this rich equestrian playground to a bustling suburb of 14,000 by 1930. Write or call Jennifer Pfaff (650.348.7961; jjpf@pacbell.net) or Joanne Garrison (650.348.2614; MsJGarrison@aol.com) for more information.

Colma: Cypress Lawn – Saturday, August 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Tour one of Colma's most beautiful cemeteries which boasts of the permanent addresses of some of the most outstanding movers and shakers of San Mateo County and the Golden State of California. Visit the final resting places of these personalities and hear their fascinating stories of wealth acquisition and success. Wear comfortable walking shoes for Cypress Lawn's hilly terrain and dress appropriately for Colma's unpredictable weather. Tour starts at Cypress Lawn's Noble Chapel, 1370 El Camino Real (Eastside Gardens – left past the Archway).

Redwood City – Sunday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Redwood City's Historic Resources Advisory Committee will conduct a tour of historic sites in the downtown area. Participants will see where Wyatt Earp occasionally came for a drink, where a Wells Fargo Express Office operated in 1875, Redwood City's first new car showroom salon and auto repair garage, the finest theater on the peninsula in 1896, the former homes of prominent pioneer citizens, and much more. The tour will begin in front of the Lathrop House at 627 Hamilton Street and will last approximately 90 minutes.

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Pacifica – Saturday, August 9 at 7 p.m.

The Pacifica Historical Society will lead an evening tour that begins at the corner of Montecito and Beach Boulevard. During a tour of historic buildings of the central Sharp Park area, view the historic “castle,” walk past the Little Brown Church and stroll along the promenade. The tour will conclude at sunset with a view from the Pacifica Pier. Call 650.738.2332 for more information.

San Mateo – Sunday, August 10 from 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Join San Mateo County Historical Association President Mitch Postel on a tour of downtown Mateo. Starting in front of the historic Benjamin Franklin Hotel (44 E. Third Avenue), the tour will walk past the Medical Arts Building, railroad-era businesses on B Street, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church and the site of San Mateo’s Spanish-era mission outpost.

Redwood City: Union Cemetery – Saturday, August 16 at 10 a.m.

During a docent-led tour, learn how the redwood industry helped the famous people buried in Union Cemetery build Redwood City. The 19th century cemetery is located at Woodside Road and El Camino Real. Call 650.593.1793 for more information.

San Bruno – Saturday, August 16 at 2 p.m.

Join San Mateo County Historical Association President Mitch Postel in an exploration of San Bruno’s historic business district. Starting at the intersection of San Mateo Avenue and El Camino, the walk down San Mateo Avenue includes the original EIMAC building where vacuum tubes were produced for broadcast and radar transmitters. The tour will end at Artichoke Joe’s.

Pescadero – Sunday, August 24 from 1 - 3 p.m.

Local historian and Pescadero History Society President, Greg Timm, will lead a walk through historic Pescadero, viewing historical homes, buildings, and churches, and discussing the people and changes of the Pescadero valley. We will meet at the Community Native Sons Hall. Please bring hats, sensible shoes, and water is advised. Please call 650.879.0882 or email gctimm@yahoo.com for any tour related questions.

Pacifica: Milagra Ridge – Sunday, August 31 at 1 p.m.

Discover Milagra Ridge’s military history from World War II gun emplacements for coastal defense to the Nike missile launch site (1955-1974). The walk is led by Dave Bridgman, who was stationed at Milagra Ridge in the early 1970s. Part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Milagra Ridge is one of the few remaining habitats for the mission blue butterfly. Walking shoes are recommended for this two-hour hike on level ground. To get to the walk, from Sharp Park Road turn north on College Drive and continue about 1/4 mile to roadside parking at the Milagra Ridge gate. Parking is limited, carpools are encouraged.

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