


## Area Parks and Beaches

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**Baker Beach and Fort Point (San Francisco)** – Located just west of the Golden Gate Bridge, this beach offers fantastic views of the famous bridge, Seacliff, and the Marin Headlands. Note that nudity is permitted on the far eastern end of the beach. The water here is swift and inhospitable, so stay on land. Fort Point is located on the other side of the bridge and leads right up to the base.

**Ocean Beach (San Francisco)** × – The largest beach in the area, it runs almost the entire length of the San Francisco shoreline. It is located near the historic Cliff House and Golden Gate Park. This beach is notorious for having dangerous riptides, rough waves, and hippie bonfires at night.

**Golden Gate Park (San Francisco)** × – The city's largest park features the Conservatory of Flowers, Japanese Tea Garden, a historic windmill, and numerous greens and open spaces to frolic in.

**Alamo Square Park (San Francisco)** ×  – This park has a great playground and sweeping views of downtown. Located on the Steiner Street side are the famous “Painted Ladies”, a row of historic Victorian houses.

**Tilden Regional Park (Berkeley)** – This sprawling park has excellent hiking and scenic opportunities in the Berkeley Hills. Driving east on Grizzly Peak Road (after Centennial Way) offers unparalleled views of the entire bay from San Mateo to Mt. Tamalpais.

**Lake Merritt (Oakland)** – This lake was created by the Army Corps of Engineers in the early 1900's near downtown Oakland. The path around the lake is 3.4 miles, and a good place for a walk, run, or bicycle ride.

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Paper Dolly Girl Presents...

## A Crafty Guide to the San Francisco Bay Area

My idea of craftiness includes art, creativity, thrifting, fabulous bakeries, and supporting small, locally owned shops featuring independent artists. This booklet presents a few of my favorite shops and places to visit. I hope if you choose to stop by any of them that you have as good an experience as I have. Call before visiting to verify hours, location and admission policies!

## Art and Culture

**Museums:** San Francisco has many wonderful museums. Favorites are the SFMOMA ([www.sfmoma.org](http://www.sfmoma.org)), the de Young ([www.thinker.org](http://www.thinker.org)), and the Asian Art Museum ([www.asianart.org](http://www.asianart.org)). SFMOMA, in addition to their outstanding permanent collection of modern art, will host a special design exhibit honoring the 100th anniversary of the California College of Arts. The de Young has one of the finest collections of American paintings in the United States and a great textile and sculpture collection.

**Asian Art Museum** 200 Larkin St, San Francisco - (415) 581-3500  
Tuesday through Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, with extended evening hours every Thursday until 9:00 pm. Adults: \$12; Seniors 65 and older with ID: \$8; College students with ID and youths ages 13 through 17: \$7 Children 12 and under: Free; Thursday evenings after 5 pm: \$5; the first Tuesday of every month: Free.

**SF Museum of Modern Art** 151 3rd St, San Francisco - (415) 357-4000. Mon– Tues 10:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. Wed CLOSED Thurs 10:00 a.m. - 8:45 p.m. Fri – Sun 10:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. Adults \$12.50; Seniors (62 years and older) \$8.00; Students (w/ID) \$7.00; Children 12 and under, w/ an adult FREE; Thursday evenings

(6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) Half-price admission; First Tuesday of each month FREE

**California Academy of Sciences** 🌿 55 Music Concourse Drive, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118 (415) 379-8000. New location! Open M-Sat from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Adult \$24.95 Senior (ages 65 and over) \$19.95 Youth (ages 12-17) \$19.95 Child (ages 7-11) \$14.95 Ages 6 and under FREE. \$3 discount by biking or taking public transit to the museum. Free admission for all on the third Wednesday of each month.

**San Francisco Museum of Craft+Design** 550 Sutter Street San Francisco, CA 94102. Tues thru Sat 10 – 5, Thurs 10 – 7, Sun 12 – 5 Suggested donation: \$3 Adults \$2 Seniors (62 and over) and Students; Children/Youth under 18 always free. The Museum is free to all on the first Thurs evening of every month, from 5 to 7.

**Exploratorium at the Palace of Fine Arts** 🌿 3601 Lyon Street San Francisco, CA 94123 (415) 561-0399. Open Tues-Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Adult \$14; Students w/ID/Seniors 65+ \$11; Youth (ages 13-17) \$11; Children (ages 4-12) \$9; Children (3 and under) Free. Free admission on 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month.

**de Young and the Legion of Honor:** 415.750.3600 Admission tickets to the de Young may be used on the same day for free entrance to the Legion of Honor. Muni riders with Fast Pass or transfer receive a \$2 discount. **de Young** - Golden Gate Park 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive San Francisco, CA 94118 Tuesday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Fridays until 8:45 p.m. (selected galleries open 5 to 8:45 p.m.) Adults \$10, Seniors 65 and over \$7, Youths 13-17 \$6, College Students w/ID \$6, Children 12 and under FREE. First Tuesday of each month FREE. Special exhibition fees, if any, still apply.

**Legion of Honor** - Lincoln Park 34th Avenue & Clement Street San Francisco, CA 94121 Open six days a week, Tues through Sunday, 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Adults \$10.00, Seniors 65 and over \$7.00,

**Solano Ave.** This main street of North Berkeley offers Zachary's pizza, a great used bookstore, a yarn store, and several small boutiques selling everything from furniture to organic bath supplies. Not public transit friendly, but you can easily park and walk around. C 📖

**Mission District.** This neighborhood in SF can be off-putting because of the large number of homeless people, but I lived in the heart of it safely for over 4 years. Great thrift shops, cool artsy places, and gorgeous murals. (Research the murals ahead of time to be sure you don't miss any. Try Balmy Alley, btwn 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>) Take Bart to 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and walk up and down Valencia St. to 24<sup>th</sup> St. making lots of stops in the area. My favorite pizza is at Arinell's on Valencia and 16<sup>th</sup>, but there are so many great taquerias you must visit as well. For a longer walk, go all the way down Valencia to Market St, and visit Flax. B X

**Haight Street.** Great shops, including the best record and used music shop probably this side of the Mississippi. Take the bus to Haight and Central, then walk up Haight Street to Stanyan where you can visit Amoeba and spend all your cash on music you've been searching for your whole life. You'll also pass a couple used clothing stores on the way. When you're tired of the scene, grab some coffee from Rockin' Java, and walk to the Golden Gate Park panhandle to take a break. B A 🌿 📖 X

**Ferry Building.** The remodeled Ferry Building is beautiful and home to a sampling of the best that the Bay Area has to offer in terms of food. Visit for lunch one day, and enjoy all your samples to a bench with a view of the Bay Bridge. Can be reached by Muni or Bart to the Embarcadero Station. X

**Hayes Valley and Noe Valley.** Lots of great independent boutiques. For Hayes Valley, walk down Hayes Street between Franklin and Laguna. For Noe Valley, walk down 24<sup>th</sup> Street, between Dolores and Castro. X

## Great Bookstores 📖

**Green Apple** ✕ – A little out of the way, but a stalwart SF new and used bookstore for over 40 years. Worth a stop if you are in the area! 506 Clement St, SF, CA 94118. T:415-387-2272

**City Lights** ✕ – Famous bookstore of the SF literary movement. The bar Vesuvio next door is even more famous. 261 Columbus Avenue at Broadway, San Francisco, CA 94133 T: 415- 362-8193

**Book Zoo** 🐼 – An eclectic and awesome selection of mostly used books, owned by my good friends Nick and Eric. Complete with playhouse in the back for kids. 6395 Telegraph Ave (@ Alcatraz), Oakland, CA 94609 T: 510-654-2665

**Moe's Books** – Historic store that offers four floors of the best selection of used books I've ever seen. 2476 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley CA 94702 T: 510- 849-2087

## So, You'd Like To Walk Around....

**Fourth Street in Berkeley** (take Bart to North Berkeley stop, and walk on Delaware Street until you hit 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Take a Left on 5<sup>th</sup>, Right on Hearst, then Right on 4<sup>th</sup> St). Lots of nice shops and restaurants, some independent stores like Stonehouse Olive Oil, several paper stores, and some big-time favorites like Sur la Table and Anthropologie. A 📖 ✕

**Shattuck Ave.** This long avenue includes the Gourmet Ghetto, and is home to some famous foodie places like the Cheeseboard collective, Chez Panisse, and for sweets, the Love at First Bite Cupcakery. Start from Downtown Berkeley Bart and walk north. You'll pass coffee shops, thrift stores, and a few independent bookstores. If you instead walk south on Shattuck, you will reach many other shops, including Stone Mountain and Daughter Fabrics, and pass some restaurants like La Note, which is perfect for a long afternoon lunch. B C 📖 ✕

Youth 13-17 \$6.00, Children 12 and under FREE. First Tues of each month FREE. Special exhibition surcharges, if any, still apply.

## Japanese Tea Garden

Golden Gate Park, (415) 752-1171 Daily 9 am – 6 pm Tickets \$4 adults, \$2 children/seniors; Free on the first Wednesday of every month Tea and cookie: \$2.95

🐼 =Great for kids 📖= Books C =Yarn A=Art Supplies  
B =Fabric 🎵=Music ✕ =Public Transit Friendly

## Craft Supplies

San Francisco

**Imagiknit** C – In the Castro district. Great selection, though often very crowded. 3897 18<sup>th</sup> Street (@Sanchez). San Francisco, CA 94114 T: 415-621-6642

**Art Fibers** C – Unique selection of custom made yarns. You cannot buy their yarn at any other store in the world. 124 Sutter St. San Francisco, CA 94104 T. 415.956.6319

**Noe Knits** C - Good selection and nice neighborhood to walk around in. 3957 24th Street San Francisco, CA 94114 T: 415.970.9750

**Flax** A – the BEST paper selection I've ever seen. Great range of hard-to-find art supplies. 1699 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 T:415-552-2355

**Discount Fabrics** B – 1432 Haight St (near Masonic) San Francisco, CA T:415-621-5584

**Mendel's Far Out Fabrics** A B – Art supplies and great fabric selection. 1556 Haight St (Btwn Ashbury + Clayton) San Francisco, CA T:415-621-1287

**Britex Fabrics** B – Can be pricey, but by far the biggest and best selection of fabrics. Around the corner from ArtFibers and Union Square. Four floors of fabric and hard to find notions. Definitely worth a visit, especially for a special project. 146 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA T:415-392-2910

Berkeley/Oakland

**Article Pract C** – my favorite yarn store! 5010 Telegraph Avenue; Oakland CA T:510-595-PURL

**Stash C** – visit on your Solano Stroll. 1820 Solano Avenue Berkeley, CA 94707 T:510- 558-9276

**Stone Mountain and Daughter Fabrics C B** – Great selection of fabric, and small yarn selection as well. 2518 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, CA T: 510-845-6106

**Lacis B** – A remarkable, one-of-a-kind supply store for those interested in antique textiles, lace, and needlework traditions. Close to a few antique shops, and walking distance from the Ashby Bart Station. 2982 Adeline St. Berkeley, CA 94703 T:510-843-7290

## Bakeries/Chocolate Shops

**Citizen Cupcake** – Nice to stop in for a quick bite while shopping downtown in Union Square. Upstairs in the Virgin Records Megastore, 2 Stockton Street, San Francisco.

**Noe Valley Bakery** – The cherry chocolate bread and caramel fleur de sel cupcake are favorites! 4073 24th St., 415-550-1405.

**Tartine** – The lines go out the door for this bakery – well worth the wait. 600 Guerrero St, San Francisco - (415) 487-2600

**Love at First Bite** – A cupcakery of the Gourmet Ghetto 1510 Walnut Street, Berkeley CA 510-848-5727

**Miette** – an upscale bakery in the Ferry Building of San Francisco. Known for French macarons and other delights.

**Scharffenberger** 🍷 – Schedule your free tour and tasting online. 914 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710,

**Mitchell's Ice Cream** 🍦 – Another high-quality ice-cream shop with really unusual flavors. 688 San Jose Ave. (Guerrero Street) at the corner of 29th Street in San Francisco, California

**Bi-Rite Creamery** 🍦 – uses Strauss Dairy for an amazing creaminess. The Salted Burnt Carmel comes highly recommended. 3692 18<sup>th</sup> Street, SF, CA. Down the street from Imagiknit!

## Favorite Thrift Shops X

**Thrifttown** – 2101 Mission St. (Corner of 17th & Mission) San Francisco, CA T:415-861-1132

**Mission Thrift** – 2330 Mission St (btwn 19th St & 20th St) San Francisco, CA 94110 T:415-821-9560

**Community Thrift** – 623 Valencia Street (near 17th Street), San Francisco, CA T: 415-861-4910

## Vintage Clothing Shops X

**Buffalo Exchange** – 1555 Haight St. (@ Clayton) San Francisco, CA T:415-431-7733; 1210 Valencia St, San Francisco, CA 94110 T:415-647-8332; 2585 Telegraph Ave Berkeley, CA 94704 T:510-644-9202

**Wasteland** – 1660 Haight St, San Francisco T:415-863-3150

**Crossroads Trading** – 1519 Haight St, San Francisco, CA 94117 T: (415) 355.0555 2338 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704 T:510-843-7600

**Clothes Contact** – 473 Valencia Street @ 16th St. San Francisco, CA T: 415-621-3212

**The Painted Bird** – 1201A Guerrero (24th and Guerrero) San Francisco, CA 94110 T:415-401-7027

## Specialty Shops X

**Needles and Pens** 📖 – Zines, local artwork, and much more. 3253 16th St (btwn Guerrero & Dolores), San Francisco, CA., 94103 T: 415-255-1534 l

**Little Otsu** – all vegan accessories and paper goods. Sells Queen Bee, among other independent designers. 849 Valencia St, SF, CA 94110 T: 415-255-7900 Open Wednesday-Sunday 11:30am-7:30pm