



SAN JOSE DOWNTOWN 10K YEAR ROUND EVENT #240

Distance is 10K

Difficulty is 2A (some stairs)

Restrooms available

This walk covers much of historic downtown San Jose as well as some great parks and San Jose icons. Public art and murals abound.

You will walk through the San Jose State college campus and the new Martin Luther King Library (*site of the original Carnegie Library, built in 1906. Plaque in California room*). You will pass the old court house, St James park, with its statues, and the Peralta Adobe.

Little Italy with its cafes and historic buildings is on the route. Just the right place for a break.

The Sharks play at the arena where there is a wall dedicated to the Native American tribes from the area. The train station is the next stop, followed by the Childrens Discovery museum.

The Center for the Performing Arts, Civic Auditorium, and Tech Museum are all modern additions to the city. In contrast, the Museum of Art is built around the old San Jose Post Office building dating from 1892.

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1. Exit the Pacific Motor Inn lobby and turn LEFT on 2nd Steet. Proceed a block and a half to San Carlos Steet. Turn RIGHT and go two blocks.
Notice the Koalas in the gum trees.
2. Continue straight into the San Jose State University Campus on Paseo De San Carlos until you get just past the SJSU Event Center on your right. Turn LEFT down the boulevard and continue to its end. You will pass the Central Classroom Building on your left. Turn LEFT onto the pathway. Clark Hall will be on your right. Go straight and past the Morris Dailey Auditorium. Continue on around the corner of the auditorium tower to the front entrance, then turn RIGHT onto the brick paved entrance path. (1K).
3. Turn RIGHT at the end of the entrance path, and continue on to the University Theater. Jog to the LEFT to enter the King Library (*RestRooms*), walking through the Library to San Fernando St.
4. Turn LEFT onto San Fernando St. and then 3 blocks to First St. (2K). Turn RIGHT. You will pass a mural honoring Ballet San Jose. Continue on First St. until you pass the old Court House on your left. and St. James Park on your right.
5. Turn LEFT (*watch for the light rail*) onto St. James St. one block to N. Market St. Turn LEFT, go one block. Turn LEFT onto Saint John St. using two crosswalks to be on the left side. Cross San Pedro St. Go 50 steps to a square on your left for the Peralta Adobe. (*The Peralta Adobe is one of the oldest buildings in San Jose; built in 1797*). Enter the square with the adobe on your right. To your left is a small eatery mall through the double doors.
6. Go through the mall to San Pedro St. Turn RIGHT. Continue to the next corner, Santa Clara St. (3K) Turn RIGHT and go 3 short blocks to Almaden Blvb. Cross and turn RIGHT. Notice the mural ahead as you veer LEFT to follow the sidewalk under the freeway.
7. At the first RIGHT use the crosswalk to stay on Almaden Blvd. This is little Italy. The Bel Bacio Cafe on your left is a delight. At the end of the street turn LEFT. After a short

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distance turn LEFT through the hedge into a park. Make your way through the park to the first street, cross and turn RIGHT. Pass over the Guadalupe River, and turn LEFT into the park.

Did you notice the statues of children? You will find more on the route if you look.

8. Stay close to the river until you reach a bridge. Turn LEFT crossing the bridge. Native American information: immediately after the bridge, angle right about 75 ft. to a very low gray granite wall. Find names of the numerous tribes from this area inscribed along the wall. Follow the wall to the sidewalk at Santa Clara St.
9. Turn RIGHT to pass the San Jose Arena. (*home of the San Jose Sharks Ice Hockey Team*) (4K) Turn LEFT at the end of the Arena, crossing Santa Clara St. onto Cahill St. Continue until you reach the San Jose Diridon Train Station on your right. (*Restrooms inside*)
CHECKPOINT: WHAT IS THE DATE ON THE TRAIN STATION? (grey granite, lower right) _____
10. Facing away from the entrance of the train station, Go down the tree lined, divided, entrance drive until you get to Montgomery St. Use the crosswalk to enter the paved walk that takes you to the Light Rail station. At the first street, jog RIGHT to cross the tracks and continue to the station. At the middle of the station jog RIGHT into the pocket park and continue to the corner at Delmas St.
11. Turn RIGHT. Continue to Park Ave. Turn LEFT to cross Delmas St., the light rail, and continue under the freeway overpass. to the river. At the river, take the steps down to the trail along the river. Turn RIGHT passing under Park Ave. (7K)
12. The path follows the river, goes under San Carlos St. and rises up to a park on your right. Stay close to the river as you pass the purple colored Children's Discovery Museum on your right.

- Continue on the pathway around the museum back to the corner of San Carlos St. and Woz way. (*Steve Wozniak was a co-founder of Apple Computer.*)

The tripple crosswalk is a little out of the way, but San Carlos can be busy, so be safe and go the long way.

- Cross San Carlos St., turn RIGHT and return to the river. Just before the bridge (*Riverplace towers*), turn LEFT, up steps, around the building on the street level walkway. In a short distance, turn RIGHT to cross the footbridge over the river and to the Center for Performing Arts. (9K)

- Circle through the plaza keeping the Center for Performing Arts building on you left. Go past the Veteran's Memorial, contiuing until you get to the the entrance on Almaden Blvd. Turn LEFT on Almaden Blvd. and then RIGHT on Park Ave. a short distance away. Cross Park Ave. and continue on to Market St. passing the Tech Museum on your right.

- At Market St., cross and go into Plaza De Cesar Chavez. Continue across the plaza to pass the water sculpture on your left and cross the other half of Market St. at the crosswalk. Turn LEFT and pass the Fairmont Hotel on your right. Continue up Market St. veering slightly to the left around the Art Museum and on to San Fernando St. Turn right on San Fernando St. Saint Joseph's Cathedral will be on your left.

- Cross First St. and turn RIGHT. Veer LEFT at the green metal posts into Paseo de Antonios (*observe the inlays in the pavement*). Turn RIGHT onto Second St. at the Light Rail. One block to San Carlos St., cross and turn RIGHT. Go one block to 1st St. and turn LEFT.

Half a block down 1st St., on the other side is the newly restored California Theater (built 1927). It is the home for Opera San Jose and the San Jose Symphony.

- At San Salvador St. (one block) turn LEFT, then RIGHT on 2nd St. to return to the start.(10K)

