

San Juan Capistrano – Veterans & Descano Parks, Mercado Village

Y 2202 Rated: 1B 10k Walk

(Alternate Route)

Special Programs: – Bridges: Pedestrian Bridge over West Trabuco Creek Bed, Point Of Reference – Legend Of San Juan Capistrano, Water Fountain –Fountain at Foster and Camino Capistrano, United States Post Offices – 92693, City Park – Historic Town Center, Oregon’s 4G’s – Galleries – The Cottage Gallery on Los Rios Street (Historic District), and Gnomes & Gargoyles – On doorstep at home of Monica Mukai, Real Estate Consultant, on Rios Street (Historic District), Treasure Hunt – Golden State, U.S.A. – Street By Street: Foster St:> Foster, KY or MO or NE or OK or OR or RI or WV; River St:> River, KY, Oregon’s 4H’s – Historic Homes: Polonia Montanez Adobe Museum, High Schools: Old Union High School.

Directions To Start: Metrolink Station parking lot, 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. From I-5 North or South, exit at Ortega Ave. offramp. Turn West and follow Ortega Ave. to Camino Capistrano. Turn left on Camino Capistrano to Verdugo St. Turn right to parking garage on left hand side next to the Metro Station at the end of Verdugo Street. Park your car inside the garage.

1. Exit the Parking Garage turning right onto Verdugo St. (Regency Theatre & 3:16 Bakery Shop)
2. Right on Camino Capistrano (“T” intersection) passing many historic buildings.
3. Left at Forster (crosswalk in front of El Adobe) crossing Camino Capistrano.
4. Go straight ahead around the fountain & up the stairs. Cross the pavement to the corner of Forster & El Camino Real.
5. Right into the park passing the restrooms to the ramada in the back of the park.
6. Left through the ramada passing the flagpole & staying on the path as it slants left to a historic marker near the fence.
7. Right on El Camino Real.
8. Cross Ortega Hwy at the signal. (Mission on the left.)
9. Stay on this side of El Camino Real until you reach the interesting historic plaque on the right near El Horno.
10. Carefully cross El Camino Real at El Horno & turn right walking along the bike lane to La Zanja.
11. Left on La Zanja walking to Camino Capistrano.
12. Cross Camino Capistrano to the sidewalk on the other side.
13. Right on the sidewalk crossing La Zanja. Stay on the sidewalk for about ½ mi to the restroom building.
14. Turn around at the restrooms and retrace your steps to La Zanja.
15. Cross La Zanja & then cross Camino Capistrano.
16. Right on Camino Capistrano. Notice the stone wall across the field. This was a WPA project from 1936-39.
17. Walk along past the Stone Field, Old Union High School & the Mission Basilica.
18. Stay beside the Mission walls, & then cross Ortega Hwy back into downtown.
19. Slant left moving through the Veterans Park & back onto Camino Capistrano. You will pass the Esslinger Building with its glass block façade. Built in 1939, it seems so out of place in this historic area.
20. Cross Forster & the fountain to the Egan House (Harmony Hall) first built in 1883.
21. Turn left about ½ of a block, past the Egan House and into the Mercado Village Plaza (Cafe Mozart)

22. Go past the fountain to the tile mural on the left showing Earth, Fire, & Water. (Twin Winton Mural)
23. Turn around & retrace your steps exiting the plaza to Camino Capistrano.
24. Left on Camino Capistrano crossing Del Obispo at the traffic signal.
25. Right on Del Obispo going past the RR tracks to Paseo Adelanto.
26. Left on Paseo Adelanto traveling past the Post Office and City Hall to the end of the street. (Historic San Juan Springs Dance Hall here)
27. Pass on the left side of the Dance Hall Building. moving into Descanso Park. Veer right past the BBQs' & picnic tables to the bike trail. (Restrooms here)
28. Left on the bike trail to the bridge. Turn right, crossing over the bridge.
29. Right onto the West Trabuco Creek Trail.
30. Right on Del Obispo crossing the bridge.
31. Cross Paseo Adelanto & then left across Del Obispo. Continue along Paseo Adelanto.
32. Right onto the narrow road (River St.) just past the ITO Nursery. Go past the Petting Zoo to Los Rios.
33. Left on Los Rios (RR tracks & station on the right). You are now in the Historic District. Continue to the end of Los Rios & turn left.
34. Left on Lobo (1st street) & left again on Ramos.
35. Right on Los Rios back to the Historical Park on the right. (stop sign just ahead)
36. Right into the Historical Park following the wall on the left. (Fascinating reading)
37. Continue past the wall veering right towards the restrooms.
38. Left just past the restrooms walking under the ramada & past the playground to the dirt path.
39. Right on the path to the road. Left crossing the road to the bike trail.
40. Right on Bike Trail to its end at the street. (Avenida de la Vista).
41. Left on Avenida de la Vista passing La Purisima, Santa Barbara, & Santa Clara.
42. Right on La Zanja St. Cross the RR tracks.
43. Right on Camino Capistrano walking past Acjachema & Ortega Hwy to Verdugo.
44. Right on Verdugo back to the Parking Garage and your car. **Nc 7/17**

Hope you had fun on this walk!

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