



**HELLYER PARK AND COYOTE CREEK
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
YEAR ROUND WALK - Y2781**

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Important Information

- In case of an emergency dial 911.
- This map and directions may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.
- POC: Suzi Glass (408) 592-3935
- This is an Online Start Box (OSB) event. Please remember to 'finish' the event by returning to the "my.ava.org" web site.

The Walk

The well-named park leads to Coyote Creek and a tranquil, wooded walk on an asphalt recreation trail. The curves and two short hills give variety as walkers head toward Cottonwood Lake in Hellyer Park.

The 10k route includes an equestrian staging area at the south end and San Jose's Velodrome at the North. At one time, San Jose was considered the "Bicycle Capital of the United States" and a training facility for cyclists competing in the 1962 Pan American Games.

Coyotes are active here so stay alert, carry a whistle or noise-maker and a walking stick. Restrooms are at the south end, Cottonwood Lake and the Velodrome.

- Distance is 10K (5K option)
- Difficulty is 1A
- Restrooms available

Special Programs: Mayflower 400th Anniversary for the Tamien and Matalan tribes of the Ohlone nation that inhabited the creek area; S for Walk USA A-Z (national) and Walking with Woody (CA).

Drive to the Start

Corner Piercy Rd. and Silver Creek Valley Rd., San Jose, CA 95111. Going south on Hwy. 101, take exit 378 to Blossom Hill Rd. turn LEFT at the light to cross over the freeway. Go to the second light at Piercy Rd. and do a U-Turn.

North on Hwy. 101 take exit 378 to Silver Creek Valley Rd. Turn RIGHT, go to the light at Piercy RD and do a U-Turn.

Within 200ft turn into the parking lot. This is the 10K starting point. There are public restrooms available.

The 5 K starting point is 0.5 miles away. Exit the parking lot and turn RIGHT. At the next light, Coyote Rd., turn RIGHT. The 5th street on your left is Broderick Dr. , the park is on your Right. Street parking next to the park is free and unrestricted.

Walk Directions

- 5K - START (10K starts with step 5)
1. Start on the Shady Oaks Park side of Coyote Rd. and Broderick Dr. Turn into the park on the wide sidewalk
 2. Walk through the park. After the fitness machine area, turn Right at the Odette Morrow sign.
 3. Turn Left at the Y and veer slightly right toward the bridge.
 4. Cross the bridge.
 - 5K - Turn LEFT and skip to step #6
 - 10K - START
 5. Take the short trail at the end of the parking lot to the main trail. Turn RIGHT and follow this trail to the Shady Oaks park bridge. Go straight staying on the creekside trail.
 6. (5K continues) After the park bridge, you will pass building complexes on your right. There is a small hill and through several curves, finally passing under the 101 Freeway.
 7. 200ft from the freeway, go RIGHT at the Y. Cottonwood Lake comes into view after the short rise.
 8. At the "T" in the path and the large picnic area, go LEFT then a quick RIGHT onto the asphalt trail along side the lake. Keep the lake on your left.

- Restrooms are in the first building to your right after about 500ft. This is the 5K turn around point.
 - 10K - Skip to step #10
9. (5K continues) Turn around and retrace your steps to the Freeway underpass.
 - 5K - Skip to step #19
 10. (10K continues) Follow the lakeside trail counter clockwise until you reach a short wooden bridge.
 11. After the bridge veer RIGHT, leaving the paved trail, making your way to the parking lot.
 12. Turn RIGHT in the parking lot to go the short distance to the parking lot entrance. There are restrooms ahead on your right.
 13. Before the restrooms, there is a short dirt trail, a sharp LEFT, down to the walking trail. You are back on the Coyote Creek trail. Go RIGHT on the trail.
 14. Follow the trail, passing under Hellyer Ave. and into another section of the park. Continue on the path until it is next to and finally joins the roadway.
 15. walk on the left side of the road for a short distance then pass restrooms on your left up to the Hellyer Velodrome sign.
 - ▶ **CHECKPOINT: What are the two colors in the circle of the logo on the sign? _____.**
 - *The Santa Clara County Velodrome is the fifth one built in San Jose. For decades, cycling was the most popular recreation in the Valleys velodrome.*
 16. Walk in the parking lot to circle the velodrome counter-clockwise. At the end of the parking lot continue on the road a short distance to the trail as it joins the road on your left.
 17. Turn LEFT onto the trail that continues around the other side of the Velodrome. This returns you to the restrooms.
 18. Stay on the trail as it joins the road over the creek. After the creek, veer RIGHT back onto the trail. Follow this trail, next to the creek, as it returns to the 101 freeway underpass.
 19. (10K and 5K continues) At lake's end, turn Right onto the wide trail, over the rise and then under the 101 Freeway.
 20. Return along the trail to the brown metal and wood bridge that goes into Shady Oaks Park.
 - 5K - Turn RIGHT to cross the bridge
 - 10K - Skip to step #23
 21. After crossing the bridge, turn Right, taking the concrete walkway that soon becomes packed dirt. Follow that trail past the playground and out to Coyote Road and back to your car.
 22. This ends the 5K route.
 23. (10K continues) Continue straight on the trail to return to the parking lot. The LEFT turn to the parking lot is just before the next road underpass at Silver Creek Valley Rd.
 24. This ends the 10K route.