



**THE HILLS OF EVERGREEN  
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA  
Y3323**

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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: Holly Pelking (408) 859-7978
- This walk is hosted at the convention start and on the Online Start Box (OSB). If you use the OSB, please remember to 'finish' the event by returning to the "my.ava.org" web site.

### Drive to the Start

The start is Fowler Creek Park, San Jose in the Evergreen district.

North or South on Hwy. 101 take exit 382, East Capitol Expy towards the hills. After 1.1 miles, turn RIGHT onto Aborn Rd. After 3.4 miles, turn RIGHT on Mosher Dr. (traffic light).

At the traffic circle go RIGHT, counterclockwise, to the second exit, Altia Ave. The Park is now on your right. You may park in the free parking lot for the park. Street parking is also allowed on the park side of the street.

- Restrooms are in the first building to your right near the end of the parking lot.

### The Walk

This walk consists of two 5K loops. You choose either one for 5K or do both for 10K. Both walks are residential streets, greenways and parks.

Loop #1 highlights the valley by walking to a marvelous view. Montgomery Hill is where some early pioneering flights were made. Sign boards at the top provide interesting details. The hill has a short but steep climb on packed dirt. An optional bypass is available, but you

miss the view.

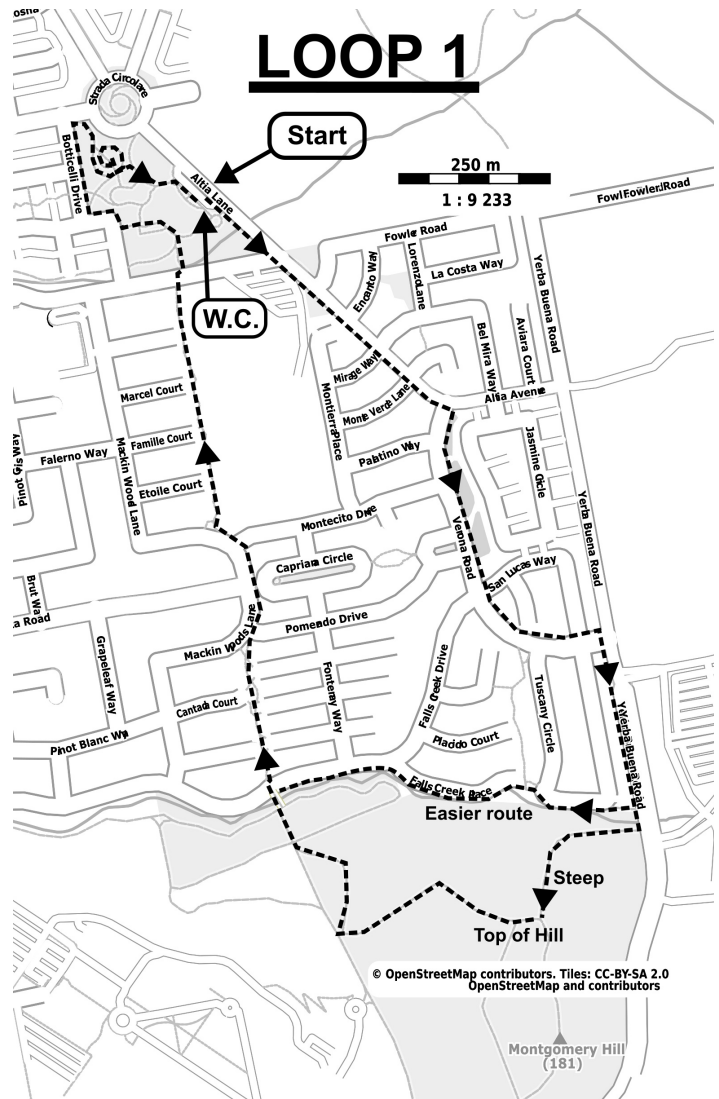
Loop #2 takes you up to the fabulous Sikh Temple. You can see the outside on this walk. Special arrangements are needed to see inside. Sikhs belong to the fifth largest religion, founded 500 years ago in Punjab, India. Sikh means seeker of truth. The essential message of Sikhism is spiritual devotion to one God. On your way down the hill you will see the south valley spread before you.

- *Special Programs: S for Walk USA A-Z (national) and Walking with Woody (CA).*

### Loop #1 Walk Directions

- *Distance is 5K*
  - *Difficulty is 2B (an easier 1A route is an option, but 0.5K shorter)*
1. Exit the park and turn RIGHT on Altia Ave. (away from the traffic circle).
  2. At the curve cross Verona Rd. and turn RIGHT to walk past the ponds on the left side of the street.
  3. Verona Rd. ends at a 'T' (Yerba Buena Rd. - no sign) Turn RIGHT to cross Verona Rd. continuing on the right side of Yerba Buena Rd., following the wall till it ends.
    - *At the end of the wall on your right, you can choose to take the easier route on the Evergreen Creek Trail (paved pathway with no sign to your right), missing the view and information about John Joseph Montgomery, or continue 30m to the Montgomery Hill Trail. (Jump to step 8).*
  4. **EASIER ROUTE:** Follow the paved pathway keeping the creek on your left, and soon Tuscany Circle (no sign) on your right.
  5. Continue on the pathway but now with Falls Creek Pl. (no sign) on your right.
  6. Falls Creek Pl. becomes Falls Creek Dr. still on your right with the creek still on your left.
  7. Shortly after Fontenay Way on your right, you will see a bridge and entrance to Montgomery Hill park on your left. Do not enter the park, instead turn RIGHT to cross the street and enter the greenway between the houses.
    - *Jump to step 15.*
  8. **ROUTE WITH VIEW:** At the Montgomery Hill park entrance, turn RIGHT on to the narrow dirt trail.

9. The trail makes a slight turn, then goes sharply up hill to the top and the view.
10. At the 'T' junction you will make a LEFT turn and go 20m to an interesting sign board.
  - *Montgomery Hills is named in honor of John Joseph Montgomery. He was a pioneer aviator and inventor. A professor at Santa Clara University, he was best known for the invention of controlled "heavier than air" flying machines. Montgomery was the first person to use the term "aeroplane" in 1906. He is considered the Father of basic flying. Montgomery "flew" many flights from these hills. Unfortunately, dying here in the glider Evergreen Oct 31, 1911.*
  - *In 1964, Montgomery was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, a long-awaited honor for this humble man. In 2008, a 30 foot tall steel structure of a glider wing was placed at the corner of Yerba Buena Rd & San Felipe Rd(heart of Evergreen area). This sculpture can be viewed on the way back to Morgan Hill, utilizing the Yerba Bueno Rd exit to 101 South.*
11. Backtrack to the 'T' junction and go straight on the wide dirt path.
12. Take the first sharp RIGHT to go down the hill. Continue until you reach the bottom of the hill.
13. Go STRAIGHT to cross a bridge and exit the park at Falls Creek Dr. (no sign).
14. Cross Falls Creek Dr. and go STRAIGHT to enter the greenway between the houses.
15. Go STRAIGHT to the end of the greenway at Mackin Woods Ln. (no sign).
16. Turn RIGHT, cross Pomerado Dr. staying on Mackin Woods Ln. as it curves to the left.
17. Cross Montecito Dr. and turn into another greenway after 30m. (houses on your left, a baseball field and school, further down, on your right)
18. At the end of the greenway at Cortona Dr. (no sign), cross the street in the crosswalk and jog to the RIGHT to enter Fowler Creek park (no sign) using the bridge.
19. Continue up the slight rise to the tennis courts on your left. Follow the paved path around the tennis courts, keeping them on your left.
20. Continue to Angelico Way (no sign) and turn RIGHT. Follow Angelico Way as it curves to the left.

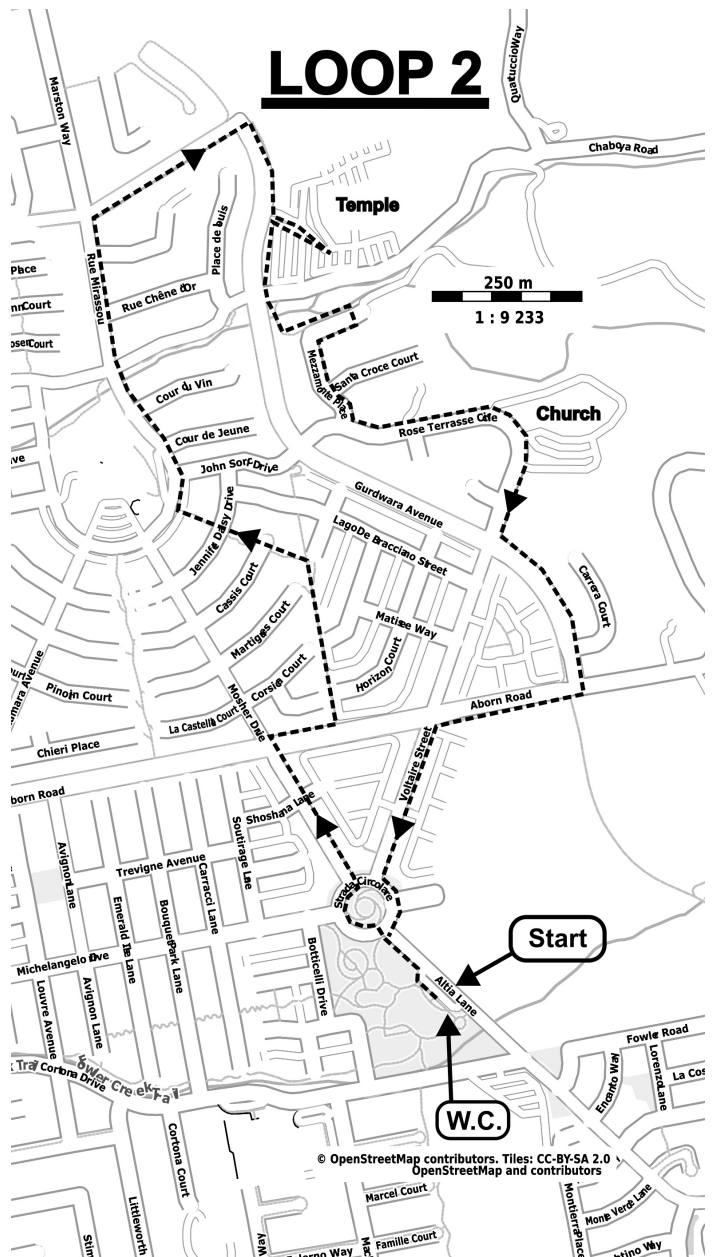


21. Turn RIGHT onto Botticelli Dr. and go to the 'T' at Michelangelo Dr.
22. Turn RIGHT onto Michelangelo Dr. and immediately take a RIGHT onto the paved path back into the park.
23. Follow the path as it spirals up to the overlook at the top of the hill. Stop to take in the view.
24. Make your way down the hill towards the parking lot using the path you came up, except go LEFT down the first set of stairs.
25. At the bottom of the stairs turn LEFT then RIGHT on the first path to make you way back to the parking lot and the end of loop #1.
  - *Thank you for walking with the South Bay Striders and attending the CVA convention. Happy trails.*
  - *This concludes the first 5K. You may continue onto loop #2 for a full 10K walk.*

## Loop #2 (5K) Walk Directions

- Distance is 5K, Difficulty is 2A
1. Exit the park and turn LEFT on Altia Ave. (towards the traffic circle).
  2. At the traffic circle, cross the street, carefully looking for traffic from your left, and onto the sidewalk around the plaza. Turn LEFT to go clockwise for two streets.
  3. The second street is Mosher Dr. (sign is hard to see). Cross Strada Circolare onto the right side of Mosher Dr. (Do not go up the hill on Voltaire St.)
  4. Go two blocks to the lights at Aborn Rd. Cross Aborn Rd. and turn RIGHT.
  5. After 100m, turn LEFT into the greenway between the houses. (concrete path with curbs)
  6. Follow the path, passing three exits (count them) on the left that clearly go to a street. The fourth exit on your left is another greenway path. Go LEFT.
  7. Cross two streets to a 'T' at Rue Mirassou. A high school is on the other side of the street. Turn RIGHT.
    - Rue Mirassou (Mirassou Ave) is named for the 6 generation family-owned and operated vineyard and winery that overlooked Evergreen area for 160 yrs.
  8. Follow Rue Mirassou, passing six streets on your right. At Quimby Rd. turn RIGHT, up the hill.
    - Half way up the hill, turn around to look at the view.
  9. At the next corner, cross Gurdwara Ave. (Murillo Ave. is off to the left) and turn RIGHT.
  10. After 100m turn into the Sikh temple grounds walking on the side walk on the right side of the entrance road.
    - Gurdwara means gate or portal to the guru. Guru, a name for the six generations of spiritual leaders, also refers to their written spiritual text.
  11. Walk up the hill, crossing one parking lot road, to observe the temple. DO NOT leave the road, but you may take pictures from the road.
  12. Retrace your steps to the entrance at Gurdwara Ave. and turn LEFT.
  13. Cross Chaboya Rd. and jog LEFT to take the asphalt path uphill.

14. The path is only 200m long as it turns up the hill. At the end cross San Minete Ct. (no sign) to the sidewalk.
15. Turn RIGHT to follow the sidewalk as it heads downhill.
16. The sidewalk takes you to a 'T' at Rose Terrasse Cir.
  - Ignore the annoying security warnings from the houses.
17. Turn LEFT and go up the hill on the right side.
  - At the top of the hill is the Point Church. You may enter the grounds to look at the church and see the spectacular views they have. Return to the street and turn LEFT.



18. **Staying on the left side of Rose Terrasse Cir., continue down to Gurdwara Ave. and turn LEFT.**
19. **At Aborn Rd., carefully cross Aborn. (it is safer here than further down Aborn). Turn RIGHT, down the hill, single file, on the left side of Aborn Rd.**
  - *Aborn is rarely busy above Gurdwara Ave., but be careful anyway.*
20. **At Voltaire St., turn LEFT staying on the left side.**
21. **Back at the traffic circle, follow it clockwise around to Altia Ave., staying on the left.**
22. **At Altia Ave., carefully cross and turn LEFT to return to the parking lot.**
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