



**SAN JUAN BAUTISTA TOWN AND MISSION
SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, CALIFORNIA
2023 CVA CONVENTION**

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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 Verutti Park, San Juan Bautista.

North or South on Hwy. 101 take exit 345, East Hwy. 156. Go 4.3 Miles to make a LEFT on Monterey St. (Church St. to the right).

After 1/2 mile on Monterey St., turn RIGHT onto 2nd St. Verutti Park is two blocks on the right. Park on the street.

- Restrooms are in the park close to the street.

The Walk

The walk is designed so that you pass down 3rd street closer to the end of the walk. Most of the town's restaurants and coffee shops are on this street.

The checkpoints are just for fun. We will not require them for walk credit.

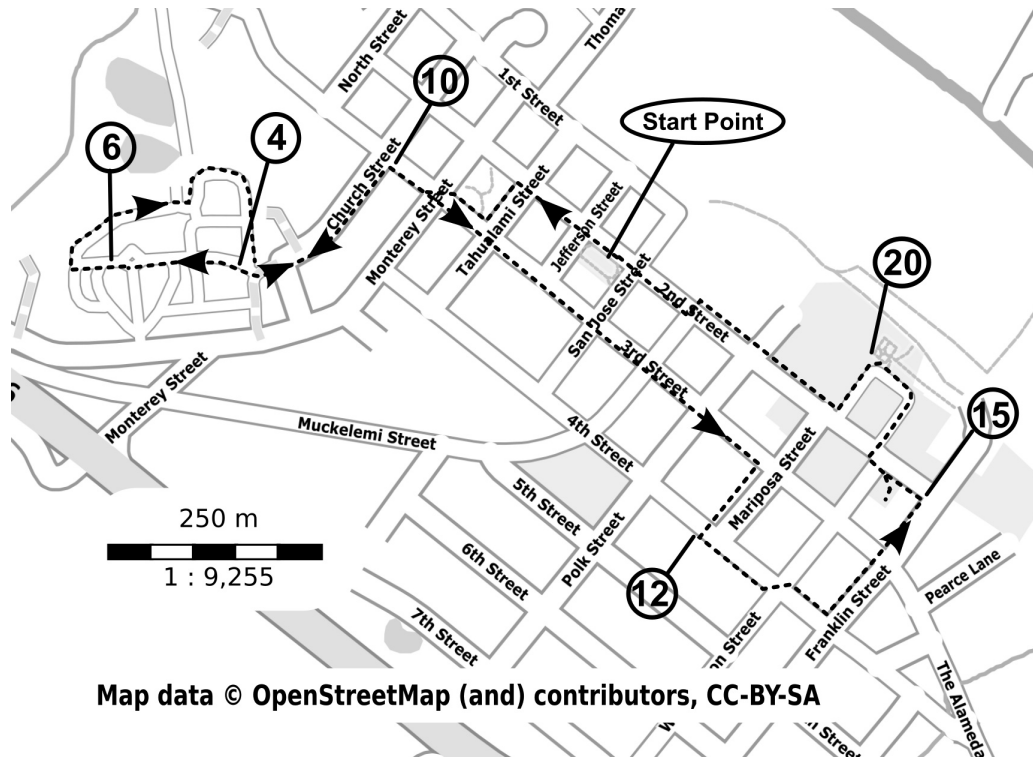
- *Special Programs: Mayflower 400th Anniversary , Town Hall/City Hall, Walking with America's Veterans, S for Walk USA A-Z (national) and Walking with Woody (CA).*

5K Walk Directions

- *Distance is 5K, Difficulty is 1A*
1. From the Start point, go LEFT on Second St. (the way you drove in) and walk to the corner at Jefferson St. Cross Jefferson and go one more block. This is Tualami St. (no sign). Cross and turn LEFT.
 2. At 3rd. St (no sign). Turn RIGHT. At Monterey St., cross 3rd St. and then Monterey St. using the crosswalk. Continue on 3rd St. walking against traffic.
 3. Continue one block to Church St. and turn LEFT.
 4. Continue on Church St. on the left side (some sidewalks, some dirt) until you reach the cemetery. Cross the road to the cemetery then jog RIGHT to take the road into the heart of the cemetery.
 - *See the flagpole ahead on your left in the special gravesite for military personnel who had served in WWI & WWII. Can you find the headstone from one who served in the Spanish American War? (Hint: it is near the center).*
 5. Go straight to the top of the hill.
 - ▶ **CHECKPOINT #1: Find the special Sheriff's badge headstone for Harvey S. Nyland. What is Harvey Nyland's birthdate? _____**
 - *While you are up here, take a look around you and the rich agriculture surrounding this town. Can you see why this mission was successful? "In its most prosperous years, the mission claimed over 12,000 head of cattle, and ranked 11th in livestock production. This allowed the mission to do a lively trade in hides and tallow with the vessels in Monterey." The padres keep excellent records and during the years 1797-1832 they recorded production as follows: Wheat: 5,106,00 lbs. Combined: Corn/ barley/ beans/ lentils: 1,852,700 lbs.*
 6. With your back to Nyland's headstone, go RIGHT, down the hill and RIGHT again at the dead end. You will be walking around the perimeter of cemetery.
 7. After passing the maintenance shed, turn LEFT at the 'T'.
 - *Look to your left to find the section of the cemetery where the headstones are primarily in Japanese.*

- Continue thorough the cemetery and on your right you will see the extensive Breen family gravesites. Patrick Breen, Senior was a pioneer and member of the Donner Party of 1846. It is said that his wife, Margaret and seven children arrived penniless in San Juan and were given free shelter in the Mission. Later, son John would discover gold and return with \$10,000 in gold dust from the Sierra foothills. One of the more prominent families in the development of this town, you will see their name again along the route.
8. **Make your way down towards the flagpole; but turn LEFT to exit the cemetery at Church St. (sign is hidden in a pine tree, but it is there).**
 9. **Continue on Church St. to the next street which is 3rd St. (no sign).**
 - 10. Turn **RIGHT** on 3rd St. staying on the right hand side. Cross 5 streets to Mariposa St.
 11. **Turn RIGHT at Mariposa St. and go one block.**
 - The house on the corner of Mariposa St. is the closest thing to a true Victorian (c.1895) in San Juan Bautista. (Where is this??)
 12. **At 4th St., cross to the other side and turn LEFT.**
 - In the next block, note historic district to your left - The Pico-Boronda Adobe. Built in 1840, this is one of only four remaining adobes in town. Currently owned by the Native Daughters, restored in 1935.
 13. **At the next corner, Washington St., cross 4th St. again and turn RIGHT staying on 4th St. Continue one block to Franklin Street.**
 14. **Turn LEFT onto Franklin St., crossing 3rd St.**
 - Look for historic site #11- the Jaspar Twitchell house. Further on at the intersection of 2nd St. and Franklin St., to your right, note historic site #9 - Old Indian Village.
 15. **Turn LEFT onto 2nd St. staying on the left side of the street. At the next corner is the State Historic Park.**
 16. **Enter through the white wooden gate to view the jail (built c.1880).**
 - Public Rest Rooms are just past the jailhouse. Notice the mural on the large wine barrel in the lot behind the jail.
 17. **Return to the gate along the brick path and now cross Washington St.**
- Observe the sign describing the Castro-Breen Adobe. Purchased by the Breen family in 1848. Remember this name from the cemetery!
18. **Now cross 2nd street to enter the Mission Plaza. Walk counterclockwise around the plaza.**
 - The Plaza Stable was built in 1870 to handle stage and wagon traffic. It currently houses a variety of antique wagons and carriages. Plaza Hall was acquired by Angleo Zanetta (builder of the Plaza Hotel) for his private residence; also on your right.
 19. **Closer to the church you will find the statue of John the Baptist, the San Andreas Fault plaque and the Mission Cemetery visible through the wooden gate.**
 20. **Just past the statue there are some steps down to the fault line. You can go down and walk on the fault line. Walk back up the stairs.**
 - ▶ **CHECKPOINT #2: Find the Historic site of the El Camino Real (King's Highway). The plaque is at ground level. What is the Boy Scout Troop #_____**
 - This mission is the location of filming of the famous scene from Alfred Hitchcock's movie Vertigo, where Jimmy Stewart believes he has witnessed Kim Novak falling from the bell tower. If you look carefully, there is no bell tower on this mission...it was built specifically for that scene.
 21. **From the front of the mission church walk along the arches of the mission building to pass under the original El Camino Real Bell.**
 - Enjoy the gift shop on the way. Entry fee to the inside grounds and buildings is \$10 (Seniors \$7, free Sunday). If you wish, visit the Plaza Hotel across the street - where the State Parks Dept. is housed. For an entrance fee of \$3 you may enjoy more historic areas.
 22. **Turn RIGHT on 2nd St. and follow the Mission wall.**
 - San Juan Bautista city hall is on your left.
 23. **Return to START/FINISH at Verutti Park by crossing 2nd St.**
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5K Map



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10K Walk Directions

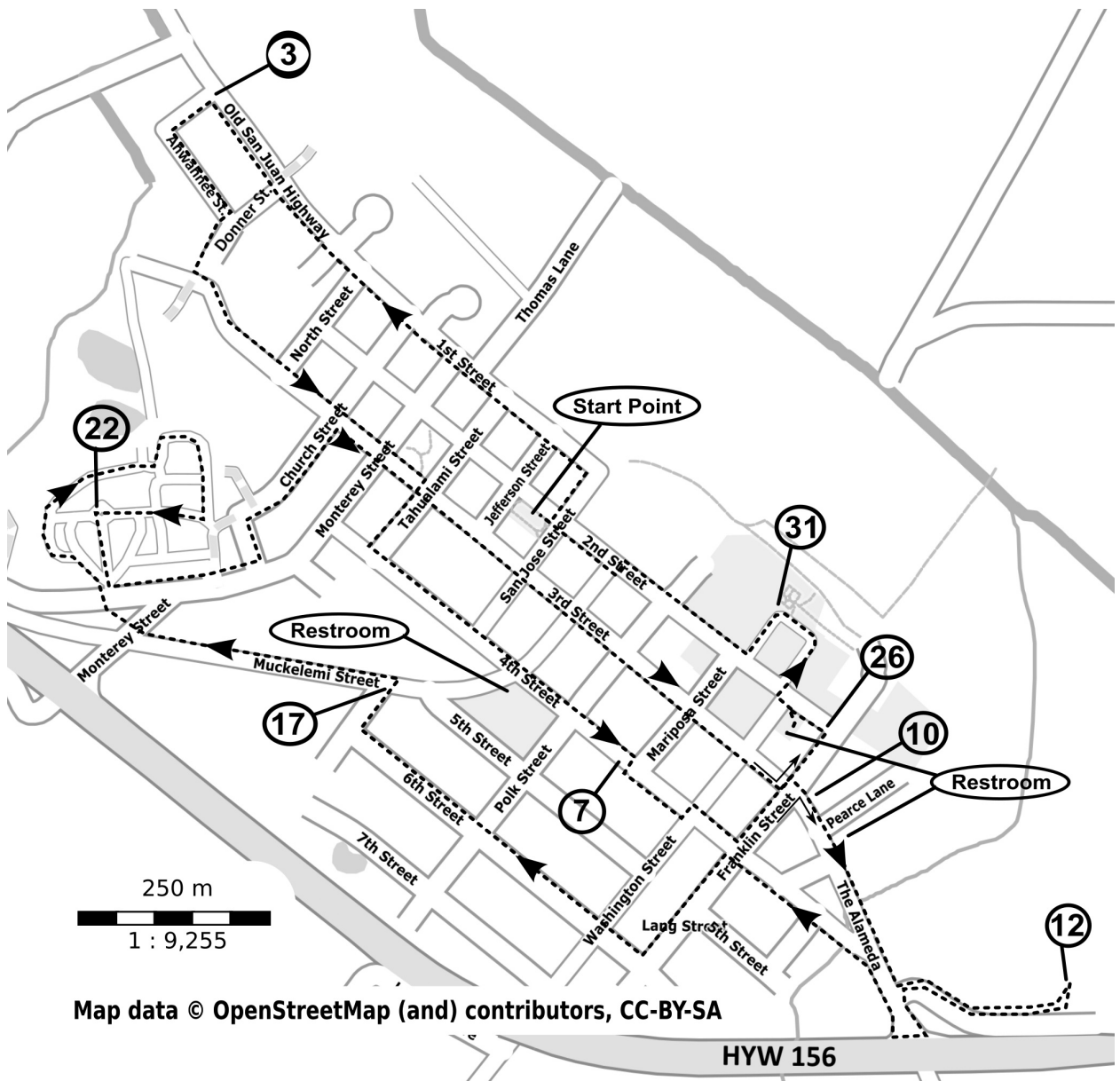
1. From the Start Point turn RIGHT to the corner (away from the way you drove in), turn LEFT to cross 2nd Street and walk along San Jose St. on the left side.
2. Go LEFT on 1st St., walking along the left side of the street. Continue for 7 blocks to Ahwahnee Street and turn LEFT.
3. Follow Ahwahnee St. as it curves left and ends at Donner St. Turn RIGHT crossing Ahwahnee St.
 - All of these homes in this subdivision are part of the new expansions of the town since 1992.
4. Pass a small gazebo and tiny park on your right. At 3rd St. turn LEFT to cross Donner St. Walk on the left side of 3rd St.
5. Cross 3 streets (North, Church, and Monterey) and turn RIGHT on Tuhalami St.
6. Go one block to 4th St. and turn LEFT. staying on the left side.
 - Restrooms are in the park at Muckelemi St. across the street.
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9. Turn LEFT onto Franklin St.
10. At 3rd St. cross and turn RIGHT to cross Franklin St. Continue on the left side as 3rd St. becomes The Alameda.
 - Find Restrooms in Ball Park just after Pearce Ln.
 - You are now entering the historic area to your left.
11. Stay on the Alameda through the artist gallery area to the school yard. Turn LEFT towards the school yard on Nyland Dr. , walking up the road to the big graphic on the gym building.
 - CHECKPOINT #1- What is the school the home of? _____
12. Walk a further 100m up Nyland to see the school.
13. Return to The Alameda and turn LEFT, proceeding to traffic light at Highway 156 so you can cross The Alameda safely.
14. Carefully cross The Alameda and turn RIGHT. Continue to the 4th St. Y intersection – just past the strip mall.
15. Veer LEFT on to 4th St. Cross Mission St. and continue to Franklin St. Cross Franklin St. and turn LEFT.

16. Stay on the right side of the street and proceed to Franklin Circle at 6th St. and turn RIGHT onto 6th St.
17. Go three blocks and turn RIGHT onto San Antonio St. to Muckelemi St. Cross Muckelemi St. using the crosswalk, then LEFT on Muckelemi St. The sidewalk ends, walk single file along the side of the road.
18. When you get to the Valero gas station (right side) at Monterey St., carefully cross Muckelemi St. (Rest Rooms at gas station).
19. With the gas station behind you, cross Monterey St. and continue across the gravel parking lot of the VFW Lodge to the entrance of the San Juan Bautista Cemetery.
20. Take the LEFT branch in the road, up hill, to follow the perimeter of the cemetery. After passing the maintenance shed on your left, turn LEFT at the 'T'.
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23. Turn LEFT on Monterey St. (no sign) then turn LEFT onto Church St., a sharp turn up a hill. Use the sidewalk on the right side of the street.
24. Continue to the next street which is 3rd St. Turn RIGHT staying on the right side.
 - You will be passing through a historic district for the next 8 blocks. Historical brochures are available at 319 3rd street in a box on the fence.
25. At Franklin St., turn LEFT to cross 3rd. St. Continue one block.
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