

Dana Point -- Orange County
Y 1343 Rated: 2A 5k/10K Walk

Special Program: Bridges – Pedestrian – Above The Hide Trail; Point Of Reference – Legend Of California’s Protected Areas (Orange County Area Detail); Ports Of Call – Dana Point Harbor; Treasure Hunt – Golden State; Walk The USA A-Z – D, Walk the USA – Street By Street: Dana Dr. > Dana, IA, IN, KY, NC; Santa Clara Ave. > Santa Clara, CA, or UT, Oregon’s 4H’s -- Hotel – Dana Point Marina Inn Hotel , 4I’s -- Image – Image of Doris I. Walker at Doris Walker Overlook, 4J’s -- -- Java – Coffee Importer’s; Canadian Volkspart Association – Murals – Tile Murals Throughout The Baby Beach

Start: Ralph’s Supermarket, 24871 Del Prado, Dana Point, CA 92629

Directions To Start: From I-5, exit at Hwy 1, Camino Las Ramblas to Pacific Coast Hwy North. (Or Turn West) Turn Left on Golden Lantern, U-Turn at Del Prado, right into Lantern Bay Village and park near Ralph’s Supermarket.

1. Leaving the front door of Ralphps, turn Right. Walk down the sidewalk in front of the stores that are on your right, up to the street of the Golden Lantern and turn Left. Go to the corner of Golden Lantern and Del Prado.
2. Cross Del Prado, turn Right and cross Golden Lantern. Continue one block and turn left on OLD Golden Lantern.
3. Turn Right on the right side of Santa Clara (no crosswalk).
4. Turn Left at Amber Lantern.
5. The overlook shows Dana Point Harbor below. *On your far right are the tide pools, the Marine Institute, replicas of R. H. Dana’s ship the Pilgrim, the wharf and the Customhouse.*
6. Walk down the stairs on your Left. This is called the Hide Trail. *This trail simulates the one used by early natives to deliver cowhides to Yankee sailors who tossed them from these cliffs to crew mates on the beach below. The arches you will see on the trail are part of what was going to be the Dana Point Inn. The ground breaking for the Inn was in 1930. The lantern streets were named at that time. The statue is of a drogher tossing a cowhide to Yankee sailors on the beach.*
7. Stay right on the sidewalk of El Camino Capistrano.
8. Turn Right on Old Golden Lantern to another viewpoint. Walk up the stairs to see the compass rose embedded in the flooring.
9. Walk back down the stairs and turn Right. Take the first sidewalk to the Right. You will take this ramp (*not stairs*) all the way to the street below. (*The 10K was figured on your using the ramp sidewalk all the way.*) Don’t go through the gates in the black fence. The trail ramp passes close

to the third gate and down to the street. Turn Left at the sidewalk and go to the corner.

10. Turn Right, crossing Dana Point Harbor Drive.

11. Turn Right along Dana Point Harbor Drive, passing the Brig Restaurant and the Marina Hotel on your left.

5K—Turn Left on Island Way and Left again at the beach. Follow it to Golden Lantern and turn Left. Cross Dana Point Harbor Drive, walk up the hill. Cross and turn Right at Del Prado to return to Ralph's and your car.

12. **10K**—Continue on Dana Point Harbor Drive. You will walk through the picnic areas, past restrooms and high cliffs on your right. The Pilgrim will be on your left and the Marine Institute on your right. Walk to the end of the sidewalk along the bronze railing to the edge of the ocean to see the tide pools on the right.

13. Backtrack along the bronze rail, taking time to look in the gift shop and the Marine Museum if they are open. Backtrack past the Pilgrim, Customhouse, wharf, and, Baby Beach. Go in front of the OC Sailing & Event Center and straight ahead to the bronze

railing and boat slips on your right.

14. Turn Right and go over the bridge on your right to Dana Island. At its end, turn Right and go down the stairs to the bronze rail and follow it again to its end behind the Dana Point Yacht Club.

15. Keep walking around the yacht club along the water's edge sidewalk, past the statue of Richard Henry Dana who wrote about the harbor in the book, *"Two Years Before The Mast"*, restrooms, and behind the Harbor Patrol building.

16. Follow the bronze railing along the boat moorings to the bridge.

17. Go up the steps, turn Right and cross the bridge, leaving the island. Turn Right and follow the railing past the Coffee Importer's green awnings, then turn Left through the parking lot. Cross the street to the sidewalk and turn Left on the sidewalk. It will curve around and away from the harbor and across Dana Point Harbor Drive. Walk up the hill.

18. Cross Del Prado, turn Right, then Left at Ralph's driveway sidewalk to your car.

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