ALL EVENTS ARE OUTDOORS

URBAN FORUMS: WALK & TALK

These popular urban walks feature guest speakers and open conversation on history and open space. Trek with us through San Francisco’s northern and northwestern neighborhoods this season.

FREE, all Urban Forums start at NOON. RSVP required: shaping@foundsf.org

Saturday, September 24
Chain o’ Lakes/Western Golden Gate Park
Bird life, the old steam railroad right of way, the windmills, a dye history and more!

Saturday, October 8
New Parks: Tunnel Top to Francisco
From new parks in the Presidio to a new park built over an old reservoir and points in between!

Saturday, November 5
China Beach to Mountain Lake
From an old swimmers’ cove to the first campground of equal rights with an urban excursion bridging the journey!

Saturday, November 19
Pacific Heights and Cow Hollow
Architectural gems, hidden histories of money and power, and a variety of forgotten agricultural pasts.

BICYCLE TOURS

$20–$50 donation requested (sliding scale, no one turned away).
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Saturday, October 1
West Portal’s Residence Parks
With resident historian Richard Brandi we visit upwards of 10 residence parks in the greater West Portal and Ocean Avenue areas. Between 1905 and 1914, 36 of these parks were planned or launched in San Francisco, with picturesque streets, landscaping, detached houses, and setbacks to convey the feeling of living in a park. The developers were colorful characters who left a 100-year legacy of attractive, landscaped neighborhoods. Co-hosted by Western Neighborhoods Project!

Sunday, October 30
Haunted Tour of Colma’s Cemeteries
Find out where San Francisco’s bodies are buried, timed to coincide with the thinning of the veil between the living and the dead!

Saturday, December 3
Ecological History: South
Heron’s Head Park, India Basin, The Farm, Presidio and Islais Cemeteries, sewage, community gardens, San Bruno Mountain, and more!

WALKING TOURS

$20–$30 donation requested (sliding scale, no one turned away).
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Saturday, September 10
Beer, Dunes, and Trains
A redesigned walk peeling back the layers of industrial history in the North Mission and South of Market.

Saturday, October 22
Rancho San Miguel Hilltopper
A semi-rugged walk across the hills at the center of the old pre-urban Rancho San Miguel. Walk up Glen Canyon to the Islais Creek headwaters, then via stairs and paths to the top of Twin Peaks, Tank Hill, Mt. Olympus, and Corona Heights.

Saturday, December 10
King Tide/Sea Level Rise: Mission Bay
The transformation of Mission Bay from a body of water to the current configuration of businesses, residential neighborhood, and open space. We look at San Francisco’s filling of the bay as well as current restoration projects, and the future of Mission Bay as climate change and sea level rise continue to impact shorelines and weather patterns.