



This is a great early morning walk through Chase Palm Park to State Street, Stearns Wharf, and back along the ocean to the Cabrillo Arts Pavilion. An optional route takes you through the Harbor to the breakwater. From Chase Palm Park to Stearns Wharf and back is about 2 ½ miles. Continuing to the end of the breakwater adds a little more than 2 miles. The Cabrillo Beachway, above, is heavily used by pedestrians, cyclists, skaters, and others.

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Chase Palm Park to Stearns Wharf with an option to explore the Harbor and Breakwater

Begin this walk at **(1) Chase Palm Park** on Cabrillo Boulevard west of Calle Cesar Chavez. The Electric Waterfront Shuttle stops here. Meander through the long linear park, stopping to enjoy the environs along the way. There is a children's playground, carousel, and open air stage for community events.

Exit the park at **(2) Garden Street**, cross Cabrillo Blvd to the bike and pedestrian pathway, and continue west to State Street and the Dolphin Fountain, created by local artist Bud Bottoms, marking the entrance to the **(3) Stearns Wharf** at the bottom of State Street. Stearns Wharf is heavily used by pedestrians, and is the number one tourist attraction in Santa Barbara. The wharf has great views looking toward Santa Barbara and the Santa Ynez Mountains, and the city lights create a spectacular view at night.

Continue straight on Stearns Wharf, which houses three restaurants, a bait and tackle shop, and gift shops. This is the oldest operating wharf on the West Coast, and the longest wharf between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Built in 1872 by John Peck Stearns, the wharf has a colorful history, including devastating storms and three different fires (in 1998, 1986, and 1973). In each case, the wharf has been rebuilt. The fire in November 1998 destroyed about 20% of the wharf. The 1986 fire occurred on the shoreward finger of the wharf, and damaged the Sea Center, the Nature Conservancy Building, and the wharf underpinnings. The 1973 fire destroyed the Harbor Restaurant and some of the pier structure. Originally a Y-shaped wharf with railroad

tracks, storms swept one leg away, leaving a spur which now houses the newly remodeled Ty Warner Sea Center.

Heading back to Cabrillo Boulevard you can retrace your route back to Calle Cesar Chavez, or continue either left or right on the Cabrillo Boulevard bike and pedestrian pathway. Because bicycles also use the path, remember to keep to your right as you walk.

If you have turned left, you are heading toward the **(4) Harbor**. The harbor, completed in 1928, is home to hundreds of fishing and pleasure boats and about 25 shops (including a marine supply store). From the harbor entrance, turn left and continue along the sidewalk adjacent to the boats. You will pass the old Navy Building, now the site of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, pass an unloading dock for the fishing fleet (on your left), and restaurants and shops (on your right). Continue to the statue of a boy riding a seahorse, donated by the city of Puerto Vallarta, Santa Barbara's sister city. The Santa Barbara Yacht Club is on your right. Continue along the harborside walkway; the flags represent various Santa Barbara civic and community service groups. You can continue past the end of the breakwater along the rocky groin (and sandspit at low tide), where you may see many shorebirds, great blue herons, seagulls, cormorants and pelicans. From this point, retrace your route back to the Calle Cesar Chavez and Cabrillo. Public restrooms are near the Chandlery and in Chase Palm Park.

If you turned right on the bikeway (option 2), you are headed toward East Beach. Continue along the bike path through Palm Park (on the ocean side of Cabrillo) to the **(5) the Cabrillo Arts Pavilion**, at the east end of the park. The Pavilion is across from the Radisson Hotel. On the Cabrillo side of the Pavilion is an art gallery with monthly exhibits of local artists. East Beach Grill is on the ocean side, a good spot to stop and relax and have a bite to eat while enjoying the view. There is also a public bathhouse with showers, changing rooms and lockers for the beachgoers, and a public restroom.

