



This is a lovely five mile walk from the easternmost stop of the Waterfront Electric Shuttle to Coast Village Road in Montecito. Many beautiful trees can be seen along this route, as well as beach and ocean views, the Biltmore Hotel, large homes, Montecito Village, and a little known pedestrian underpass. This is a good daytime or evening walk, with excellent restaurants along Coast Village Road.

This walk was originally developed by the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition. <www.sbbike.org>

Butterfly Beach and Coast Village Road

Take the Waterfront Electric Shuttle to (1) **Niños Drive**, its easternmost stop. The Waterfront Shuttle can be caught anywhere along Cabrillo Blvd from the Harbor to Niños Drive and is an easy transfer from the State Street Shuttle anywhere between Sola Street and Stearns Wharf.

Head east on the bicycle/pedestrian path on the north side of East Cabrillo Boulevard along (2) **East Beach** and the (3) **Andrea Clark Bird Refuge**. Cross Cabrillo Boulevard carefully at Channel Drive, near the entrance to the (4) **Santa Barbara Cemetery**. The Cemetery is known for its 1924 cluster of Mediterranean cloister buildings. Continue east up the hill on Channel Drive. At the top, a section of the road on the bluffs slipped into the ocean a decade ago. The County decided to close it to motorized traffic, leaving the remaining roadway as a dedicated path for bicyclists and pedestrians.

At the end of the bicycle/pedestrian path, continue east along Channel Drive, past (5) **Butterfly Beach** to the (6) **Biltmore Hotel**. Known for its Sunday brunches and High Teas, the Biltmore is a nice destination for a late afternoon drink, and is worth seeing for its beautiful grounds. On the beach side is the (7) **Coral Casino**, a private beach club.

From the **Biltmore**, turn left onto Olive Mill Road and left again onto (8) **Coast Village Road**. This pleasant road is lined with shops and excellent restaurants. Just before the Chevron Station, turn left again onto Coast Village Circle (Butterfly Lane), walking toward the freeway. Look carefully for the steps to the right and descend into the (9) **pedestrian underpass** to get under the freeway, coming out at the railroad tracks. This is now Butterfly Lane, a quiet, estate-lined street that comes out at the beach again. From here, turn right and retrace your route.

As described, the walk is almost five miles. The walk can be made a mile shorter by simply turning around at the **Biltmore**.

A shorter, two mile walk would leave out the Montecito loop, but would pass Stella Mare's Restaurant and take in a nature trail. This walk would go to the **Andrea Clark Bird Refuge** as directed above, but rather than continuing east and crossing Cabrillo at Channel Drive, would instead circle the end of the Bird Refuge, adjacent to Los Patos Way. At the end of Los Patos Way is a (10) **Wildlife Enhancement Area** that includes a sign-guided nature walk, which might take an extra twenty minutes or so.

Double back along the Bird Refuge to **Niños Drive**. If you walk up Niños Drive you will find soccer fields, a children's playground, and the (11) **Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens**. The Zoo has beautiful grounds, over 700 animals, and for kids, a playground, carousel, and zoo train.

