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Woodside: Folger Stable – Saturday, July 22 at 10 a.m.

Tour the Folger Estate Stable Historic District at Wunderlich Park (4040 Woodside Road). Learn about the history of the main stable, Carriage House, Chinese built stone walls, the blacksmith barn and dairy house. Take a trip back in time to learn about the agricultural uses of the property, the development of the Folger Coffee Company, the architectural legacy of the estate, the influence of horses to the American West and Woodside history.

San Carlos – Saturday, July 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Tour historic locations in downtown San Carlos with the San Carlos Heritage Association. Meet in City Hall Park at the corner of San Carlos Avenue and Elm Street. The tour will end at the San Carlos History Museum, where there will be refreshments and tours of the museum. For more information call 650.592.5822.

Pacifica – Saturday, July 29 from 7-8 p.m.

The Pacifica Historical Society will lead an evening tour that begins at the corner of Montecito and Beach Boulevard. During a tour of historic buildings of the central Sharp Park area, view the historic “castle,” walk past the Little Brown Church and stroll along the promenade. The tour will conclude at sunset with a view from the Pacifica Pier. Call 650.738.2332 for more information.

Pacifica: Milagra Ridge – Sunday, July 30 from 1 – 3 p.m.

Discover Milagra Ridge’s military history from World War II gun emplacements for coastal defense to the Nike missile launch site (1955-1974). The walk is led by Dave Bridgman, who was stationed at Milagra Ridge in the early 1970s. Part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Milagra Ridge is one of the few remaining habitats for the mission blue butterfly. Walking shoes are recommended for this two-hour hike on level ground. To get to the walk, from Sharp Park Road turn north on College Drive and continue about 1/4 mile to roadside parking at the Milagra Ridge gate. Parking is limited, carpools are encouraged.

Menlo Park – Saturday, August 5 at 11 a.m.

Menlo Park Historical Association (MPHA) Board Secretary, Bo Crane, along with other Board members, will lead a tour in one of Menlo Park’s oldest sections of town. The tour will cover 9 listings within the MPHA’s Historic Tour brochure, beginning at the Railroad Station, built in 1867. The tour will follow Oak Grove Ave out and Ravenswood Ave back, two roads that were officially proclaimed in an 1863 town map. The mile-and-a-half tour will also include sidewalk viewing of the Vallombrosa Center located in an 1880 house, the Church of the Nativity originally built in 1872, the Hopkins Gate House built in 1864, and Bright Eagle built in 1870. Meet at the Merrill St. Depot in Menlo Park ready to walk and engage.

Burlingame: Sunday, August 6 at 1 p.m.

Meet at the Burlingame Avenue Railroad Station (290 California Dr.) for a 45-minute tour that describes the three-decade growth of Burlingame Avenue, from wealthy equestrian playground in 1895 to a bustling suburb after the San Francisco Earthquake in 1906.

Burlingame: Sunday, August 6 at 3 p.m.

Meet at the Easton Branch Library (Cabrillo Ave. at 1800 Easton Dr.) for a 45-minute tour. Walk with us through a small residential section of North Burlingame history, exploring the development of the area from Rancho Buri Buri to Blackhawk Ranch to Town of Easton.

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San Bruno – Saturday, August 12 at 10 a.m.

Join San Mateo County Historical Association President Mitch Postel in an exploration of San Bruno's historic business district. Starting at the intersection of San Mateo Avenue and El Camino, the walk down San Mateo Avenue includes the original EIMAC building where vacuum tubes were produced for broadcast and radar transmitters during World War II. The tour will feature a stop at the Welch Family's private slot machine museum, a rare treat in itself.

Colma: Cypress Lawn – Saturday, August 12 at 1:30 p.m.

The annual Cypress Lawn Heritage Foundation Victorian Days Walking Tour done in conjunction with the San Mateo County Historical Association is Saturday August 12th at 1:30. You are encouraged to dress in Victorian attire. Come meet and take pictures of yourself with our special guest reenactor – an historical character come to life – who will accompany us on the tour. This is the fun event of the year! We meet at the Green Tent next the large granite Entry Gate on the East Campus of Cypress Lawn, 1383 El Camino Real, Colma. Bring your camera.

Redwood City: Historic Union Cemetery – Saturday, August 19 at 10 a.m.

The tour will compare and contrast life in "wild west" Redwood City with "Victorian Era" ideals. At the end of the tour, we will play a game of "Peter Coddle's Trip to New York," using the actual cards from the 1800s.

San Mateo – Saturday, August 19 at 1 p.m.

Join retired CSM History Professor Mark Still for a walk to look at some of San Mateo's oldest and most venerable residential structures, all located in the city's Central District. Emphasis will be on the unique and varying styles of Victorian design. Highlighting this historical walk will be a tour of the faithfully restored John Maynard House, c. 1881, a classic example of Tuscan villa Italianate architecture. Meet at the northeast corner of Tilton Avenue and Claremont Street. Tour restricted to 20, please RSVP to 650.299.0104, ext. 220.

Redwood City – Saturday, August 26 from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Redwood City's Historic Resources Advisory Committee will conduct a tour of historic sites in the downtown area. Participants will see where Wyatt Earp occasionally came for a drink, where a Wells Fargo Express Office operated in 1875, Redwood City's first new car showroom salon and auto repair garage, the finest theater on the peninsula in 1896, the former homes of prominent pioneer citizens, and much more. The tour will begin in front of the Lathrop House (627 Hamilton Street).

South San Francisco – Saturday, August 26 at 1:30 pm

Join the South San Francisco Public Library on a tour of historic sites along Grand Avenue. The tour will begin at the Grand Avenue Library, a Carnegie building, with a presentation and refreshments. We will visit the hotel that housed the earliest workers and their families in the booming industrial town, tour the house that served as the first hospital, and other buildings that hold historical memories of early South City. Grand Avenue is on a slight incline. Free parking behind library, entrance on Miller Street. To RSVP or for more information email martinezzev@plsinfo.org.

Pescadero – Sunday, August 27 from 1 - 3:30 p.m.

This year's Pescadero history walking tour will begin at 1:00 in front of the Community Native Sons Hall on South Stage Rd. Greg Timm, History Project President, and local historian, will cover Pescadero's history from the earliest times up through the present, featuring the period from 1850-1920. The historic 1863 Knapp home will be open for the tour, and we will visit the historic & still working churches during our tour. We will have local artifacts, historic maps & documents on display. If we are fortunate a member or two of a founding pioneer family may make an appearance, too. It will be a fun, fast moving tour, so be sure to bring water, hats, and sensible shoes.

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