

Cliff House and Beyond Walking Tours – Questions and Answers

Q. How often are the walks offered?

A. Walks will be offered on four Saturdays in 2018: September 8, September 22, October 13, and October 27.

Q. What time does the walk begin?

A. Continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 am and the walk will begin at approx. 10:00 am.

Q. How can I make a reservation?

A. Reservations can be made through our online store at www.cliffhouse.com/shop or by calling the Cliff House Gift Shop at 415-666-4006.

Q. What is the cost?

A. The program costs \$40.00 and includes continental breakfast at the Cliff House and the walking tour.

Q. What's for breakfast?

A. Continental style breakfast consisting of fruit, popovers, juice, coffee, tea, water.

Q. What do we see on the walk?

A. The walk takes you along the old Lands End railroad grade to a scenic overlook then follows the railroad bed back to Sutro Heights. There you will explore the former lavish estate of Adolph Sutro. On the return to the Cliff House, you'll stop for a look down at the ruins of Sutro's Baths.

Q. What should I wear?

A. You should wear comfortable walking shoes and layered clothing.

Q. Who was Adolf Sutro?

A. A 'silver baron' who made a fortune in the Comstock mines during the 1870s. In the late 1800's Sutro bought most of the Lands End area where he built his home and lavish gardens, the second Cliff House, Sutro Baths, and the Merrie Way amusement park. He was also mayor of San Francisco for two years.

Q. How long does the walk last? How far is it?

A. The walk takes about 90 minutes and covers a distance of 1.5 miles.

Q. Is it strenuous?

A. No, the route takes place entirely on sidewalks, hard-surfaced trails, and asphalt pavement.

Q. Is the route wheelchair accessible?

A. Yes, however there is an uphill section at the start from the Cliff House to Merrie Way.

Q. Is there a size limit?

A. Yes, 40 participants max. Unless there are at least five participants the walk will be cancelled.

Q. What else would cause a cancellation?

A. Inclement weather (rain, high winds), sickness, or unforeseen construction.

Q. Are refunds given?

A. In case a tour is cancelled you will be offered a rain check for another date. If for some reason you cannot re-schedule, a refund will be made.

Q. Who's the tour guide?

A. John Martini, historian and author. John was a National Park Ranger for the Sutro District of the GGNRA. He's an expert on the Cliff House-Lands End-Sutro Baths area.

Q. What's "Lands End"?

A. The name given to the west corner of San Francisco including the Cliff House, the Sutro Bath ruins, and the undeveloped lands between here and Sea Cliff.

Q. Are the tours offered on other dates?

A. The "Cliff House and Beyond" tour and other guided programs can be scheduled by special arrangement with John Martini.