



## GREAT WALKS- FAIRFAX, CA

### **Bolinas-Dominga-Meerna-Deer Park Leisurely Walk**

Approximately 1 hour, 5000 steps, 1.6 miles

1. START at The Coffee Roastery on the corner of Broadway walk south on Bolinas
2. LEFT on Sherman
3. RIGHT on Dominga
4. LEFT on Creek Road ("Last Home of Steelhead Trout" plaque on bridge, built in 1929)
5. RIGHT at end of bridge
6. LEFT on Meernaa, which remains Meernaa but veers to the right 3 times. Stay on Meernaa to the Deer Park trail head and Fairfax Children's Center (on left). Public restrooms, trash cans to toss doggie poop bags, drinking fountain, and picnic tables available.
7. RETURN: Walk down Porteous Avenue (Little Free Libraries at #52 and corner of Wood Lane (Marin Stables at the end of Wood Lane, and trailhead to open space and the watershed), and a poetry fence at #91; Deer Park Villa is on Bolinas Road just south of Porteous.)
8. RIGHT on Creek Road, cross bridge
9. RIGHT on Dominga - Weaving fence at #62; you are invited to fill-in. Continue past Sherman
10. RIGHT on Napa. (Check out the eclectic, artistic decor and ski fence at #17). Nearby at 22 Pacheco - the house is 100 years old! - check out the poetry box.)
11. Turn around and then
12. RIGHT on a short alley,
13. LEFT on Mono Lane to Bolinas

### **Some Historical Notes**

In 1875, the North Pacific Coast Railroad, which went from San Rafael to Occidental, signed a 5 year lease with the land owner, Manuela Sais, for 1500 acres for Fairfax Park. The trains went through town where the Parkade is now. In 1865, Bolinas Road was built as part of the stage coach route from San Rafael to Olema, Bolinas, and Pt. Reyes Station. It was 14 miles long with 29 bridges, and was completed in 1879, on schedule and under budget, costing around \$16,000. The Alpine Building at Broadway and Bolinas was built in 1920, on the site of a former saloon called the Fairfax Park Annex, which became Tony's Corner Bar and Alpine Market. The Coffee Roastery now occupies the building. New York Yankee Lefty Gomez lived at 22 Porteous in Deer Park for a while. The apartment building on the corner of Bolinas and Porteous was a grocery store, built in 1914. An antique store at 341 Bolinas was the background for the 1968 cover of the psychedelic band Moby Grape's first album. At the end of Wood Lane are the old Marin Stables, with trails that go to Phoenix Lake. Van Morrison's album cover for "Tupelo Honey," was shot on a path here. Deer Park Villa started as a hunting lodge, then became Delani's Restaurant in 1927. The two-story carriage house was the first structure built on the four-acre property in 1902, and still stands today. The Ghiringelli's bought the property in 1937, and it became Deer Park Villa.

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