

# GREAT WALKS- FAIRFAX, CA

## Rocca Steps

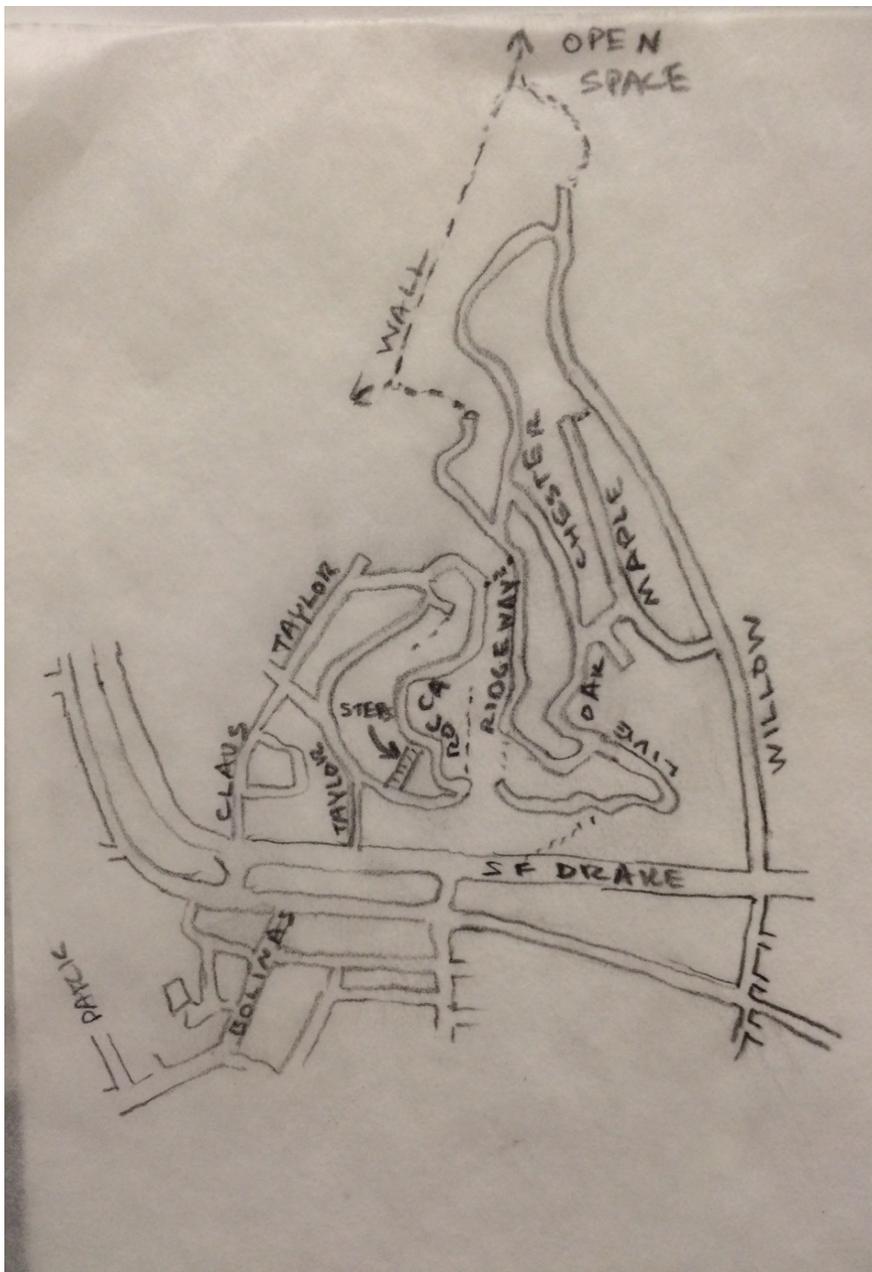
These steps were built decades ago by some of the early residents of Fairfax, many of whom settled here to build the reservoir system that we still use and enjoy today. The dams at lakes Lagunitas, Alpine, etc used many skilled masons, often of Italian or Portuguese heritage.

To walk this short tour, from downtown, cross Broadway to the Parkade, and then cross Sir Francis Drake at the crosswalk leading to Taylor. Walk up Taylor a short block, and turn right at the T. The street now changes it's name to Rocca.

Almost immediately, the Rocca steps begin on your left. Ascend these steps, and you will be using the historic masonry. Several houses are accessed by these steps, please respect their privacy and stay on the main steps.

At the top of the stairway, you are again on Rocca, which has switched back to climb the hill. Turn left to continue your circuit. Rocca continues up through a shady section, then curves around and continues back down the hill to downtown, changing it's name back to Taylor as it does so.

After you reach the crest of the road, there is a private residence (124) that has allowed the public to cross their private walkway to access Ridgeway, for the past 25 years or so. Before that, another different resident provided this community benefit. There are several old paths on private property in this neighborhood.



Please be respectful if you decide to use this privilege, as this type of connection through private land is the only way to walk between the Rocca and Willow neighborhoods.

By using this path and then turning left on Ridgeway, you can walk to the Wall property, and open space beyond. Various loops are available. Alternatively, you may walk through the willow neighborhood to get back downtown (example: R Vanni, R Chester, L Live Oak, R Maple, R Willow).



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**All in favor of conserving gasoline, please raise your right foot!**