Self-Guided Walking Routes

Get moving and get healthy as you walk through USD's beautiful campus! These selfguided routes range from approximately 0.3 miles to approximately 1.25 miles. Routes vary and some include stairs and/or hills. Choose your route based on distance or terrain, or link two or more together to make a more challenging walk.

Except for down the hill on the west side of the Shiley Center for Science and Technology, all loops are on extant pedestrian ways. Both the West and the Main Campus Loops have no stairs and are relatively flat.

Listed below are route descriptions.

IPJ Loop (~ 0.3 mile): Green

Begin at the east side of the fountain in front of the Institute of Peace and Justice, continue past the 9/11 memorial, around the north side of the IPJ, to its west end, around the scenic overlook, around the outer sidewalk on the building's south side, past the east entrance to La Paloma, and return back to the east side of the fountain.

Central Loop (~ 0.5 mile): Red

Begin from the east side of Loma Hall and walk south to the South Perimeter Road, then east, past the Pardee Legal Research Center and the Alumni Center, across Marian Way (the main road through the center of campus), east along the sidewalk over the lawn to the North Perimeter Road, north then west behind the University Center, north across the pedestrian crossing, west through the Tecolote Memorial Garden (overlooking the canyon), south across the North Perimeter Road, along the west side of the west UC parking lot, across Marian Way, east to the stairs on the east side of Warren Hall, south down the stairs, along the east side of Warren Hall and return back to the east side of Loma Hall.

Main Campus Loop (~ 1.25 miles): Pink

Begin from the front of the Shiley Center for Science and Technology, then continue east along the South Perimeter Road, past the south side of Serra Hall, Loma Hall, the Pardee Legal Research Center and the Alumni Center, across Marian Way, east along the sidewalk over the lawn to the North Perimeter Road, north then west behind the University Center, north across the pedestrian crosswalk, west through the Tecolote Memorial Garden (overlooking the canyon), past the Print Shop and Procurement Office, past the Immaculata, continue west past the tennis courts, turn south along the west side of Camino Way past the west side of the library, across Marian Way, across the South Perimeter Road to the front of the Shiley Center of Science and Technology.

West Loop (~ 1.0 mile): Blue

Begin from the front of the Shiley Center for Science and Technology, continue west on the road down the hill, around the west, south (through the Strata Plaza) and east sides of the building, up three flights of stairs, across to the north side of the South Perimeter Road, then east, north along the east side of the driveway into the Hughes Center parking lot, north along the west side of the Hughes Center, up the stairs on the south side of the fountain spillway, east along south side of the Colachis Plaza and up the east stairs, around the stair rail, then back down the stairs west along the north side of the fountain and spillway, down the west stairs, then north to the pedestrian crossing, west across the west Immaculata parking lot, north along the path to the east of the Founders Hall courtyard to the path's end, west into the courtyard, around the courtyard's perimeter through the north gate, west along the south side of the North Perimeter Road past the tennis courts, turning south along the east side of Camino Way and walk past the SOLES building, across Marian Way, east on Marian Way to the entrance to the 9/11 Memorial, past the entrance to the IPJ and return back to the front of the Shiley Center for Science and Technology.

East Loop (~1.0 mile): Blue

From the tram stop by the Jenny Craig Pavilion roundabout north down the hill past the baseball field, east along the Manchester Village field, south up the hill past Manchester Village. West at the top of the hill, then north and west along the north side of the parking lot and above the baseball field, along the north side of the JCP, south along the west side of the building to the tram stop by the Jenny Craig Pavilion roundabout.

Vistas Loop (~0.3 mile): Green

Begin at the entrance to the Alcala Vista Apartments by Linda Vista Road, continue walking east along the south side of the apartments, walk north along the east side of the Borrego apartment building through the Borrego courtyard, out to the east parking lot, follow the road northwest around the Palomar apartment building and then south past the tennis courts, west towards parking lot and the Sports Center, south along the road between the tram stop and the Cuyamaca apartment building until you arrive back to the entrance by Linda Vista Road.