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The Peace Pole Walk

Walk on city sidewalks, rural streets, and paved trails. Some hills. Frequent public facilities. See page 2.

7.2 miles: Plaza to all 12 Peace Poles and the Living Peace Wall, return to Plaza

3.1 miles: Plaza to Peace Poles 1 thru 7 and the Living Peace Wall, return to the Plaza

5 miles: Plaza to Peace Poles 7 thru 12, the Living Peace Wall, and Peace Pole 1

A Nuclear-Free Zone since 1986, Sebastopol was declared “Peacetown USA” by proclamation of the City Council in 2009. It’s no surprise, then, that there are so many peace poles in public and private gardens throughout the town.



How many ways can you say “Peace”?

The following languages are represented across the 12 poles on this walk. See if you can find them.

(See answers at bottom of page.)

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| Dutch | Hebrew |
| Pomo | Miwok |
| Tibetan | Japanese |
| French | Hawaiian |
| Arabic | Swahili |
| Spanish | |

Each of the Peace Pole Walk routes will take you through Sebastopol’s charming neighborhoods, to parks and open spaces, and along paved trails. The route map on the next page will help you choose a shorter or longer route to match your time and energy. Start at the Plaza or from any place you happen to be.

There is plenty of free parking at Pole 11 near the Community Cultural Center, and paid parking at Pole 9 in Ragle Ranch Regional Park (free with a Sonoma County Parks Pass), with picnic and playground areas nearby. At Poles 7 and 8 consider taking your time to view the Patrick Amiot sculptures along Florence Avenue.

Some walkers may prefer following the alternate scenic route noted, requiring a one block segment on a footpath along the noisy highway to reach the tranquil West County Trail, a historic railroad grade.

PRECAUTIONS: Sections of this route will take you along the highway and along local streets with no sidewalks. Always be mindful of cars; obey all traffic and pedestrian rules; use sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks and signalized intersections when available.

DISCLAIMER: You must take responsibility for your health and safety while taking this route. The author and Sebastopol Walks assume no responsibility for any injury or damage that may occur along this route.



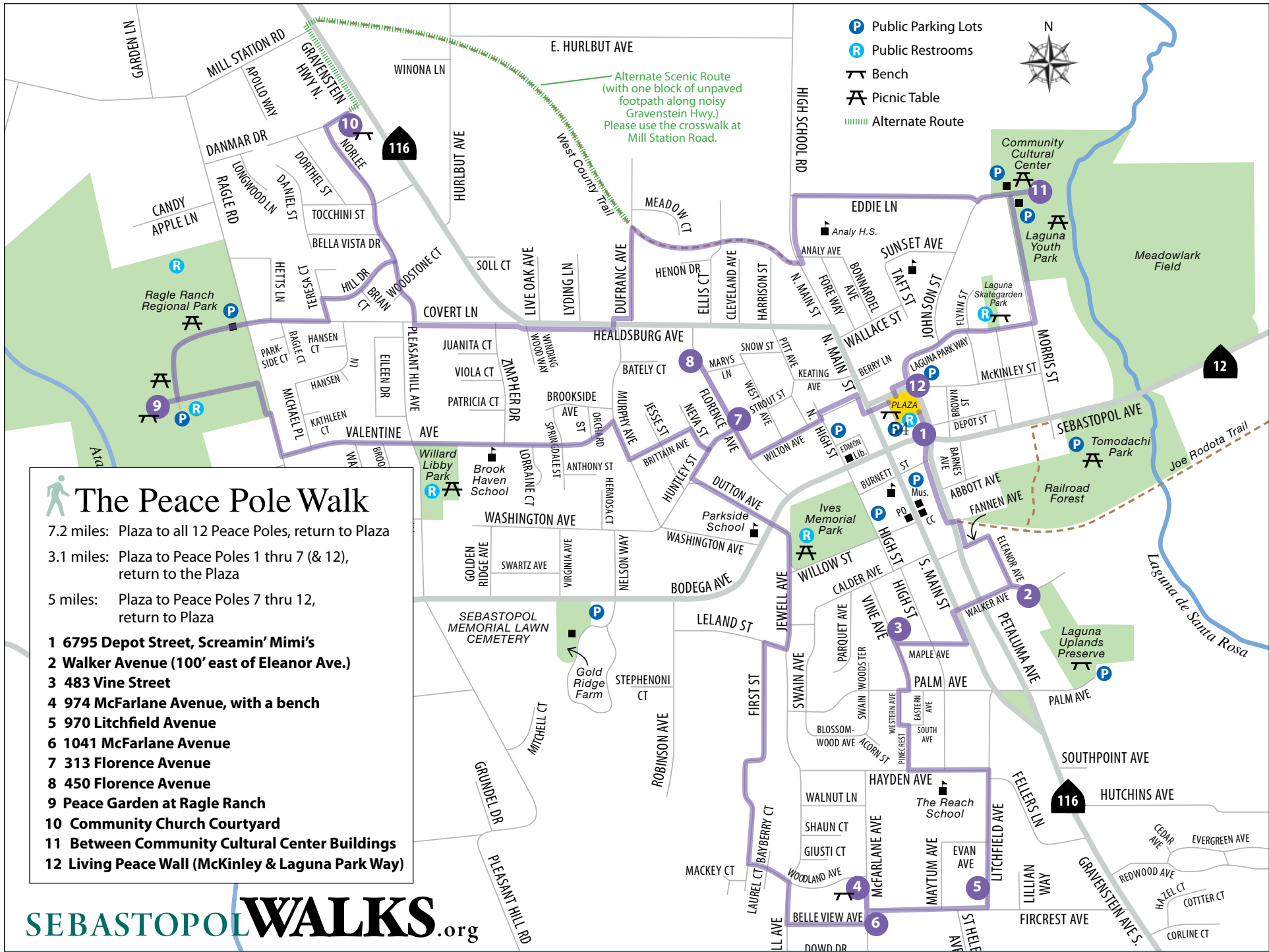
“Sebastopol is a fertile place for peace, a town filled with good energies, peaceful intentions, varieties of thought. The languages in which our poles speak include many combinations of sounds, cultures, experiences and histories. I hope you enjoy our community and, during your walk, will send out good energy for peace in our world.”

Barbara B.

Local peace activist and author of this walk



Dutch: Pole 3, Hebrew: Pole 1, Pomo: Pole 8, Miwok: Pole 7, Tibetan: Pole 5, Japanese: Pole 2, French: Pole 2, Hawaiian: Pole 8, Arabic: Pole 1, Swahili: Pole 6, Spanish: Pole 2



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5 miles: Plaza to Peace Poles 7 thru 12, return to Plaza

- 1 6795 Depot Street, Screamin' Mimi's
- 2 Walker Avenue (100' east of Eleanor Ave.)
- 3 483 Vine Street
- 4 974 McFarlane Avenue, with a bench
- 5 970 Litchfield Avenue
- 6 1041 McFarlane Avenue
- 7 313 Florence Avenue
- 8 450 Florence Avenue
- 9 Peace Garden at Ragle Ranch
- 10 Community Church Courtyard
- 11 Between Community Cultural Center Buildings
- 12 Living Peace Wall (McKinley & Laguna Park Way)

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