



EXPLORE SUNNYVALE PUBLIC ARTWORK WALKING TOURS

Downtown/Murphy Park Walk

Walking Distance: 2.8 miles (4.5 km)

Sunnyvale has more than 100 publicly accessible, outdoor artworks in the City limits, 88 of which are in private developments, but accessible to the public, and 17 which are on City owned property and facilities. To explore the public art near you, visit locate.publicartarchive.org for a map of all of the outdoor art. Choose one of our existing self-tours or create your own walking or biking tour using our searchable database locate.publicartarchive.org. Existing tours also include heritage trees, historical landmarks and points of interest along the way.



There are a lot of hidden treasures near downtown that we walk by every day and may not even realize are there. This walk starts at the Target under the flyway bridging Taaffe Street. Here is where you will find the tall, painted steel sculptures of **"Meadow Flowers"** by Troy Corliss, 2009 **1** (37.37446, -122.03286). Stay on the right sidewalk and head toward Washington Avenue where you will cross the street and make a right. Proceed 1/3 block to see **"Tools of Technology,"** 2013 **2** (37.37648, -122.03203), Eric Powell's steel sculpture railing. Back track down Washington towards Mathilda, where you will see the BBVA bank kitty-corner across the intersection. On the Mathilda Avenue facade of the building is a large **untitled** mosaic by Millard Sheets, 1986 **3** (37.37678, -122.03479). Retrace your tracks down Washington and turn left on Aries Way. Embedded into the sidewalk in front of the buildings, you will find greenish-blue, fiber-optic and glass inlays by Nancy Mooslin titled **"Streams of Time,"** 2003 **4** (37.37702, -122.03348). Continue to the end of the street to see the stunning bronze and stainless-steel fountain by Archie Held titled **"Community,"** 2002 **5** (37.37831, -122.03298). Looking to your right down Altair, you will find **"Ball Tower,"** 2002 **6** (37.37820, -122.03244) by Michael Brown, a functional, steel clock tower that moves colored balls through a Rube Goldberg machine at the top of each hour.

As Altair turns into Taaffe, you will find yourself at Plaza de Sol, which has four painted aluminum sculptures by Gerald Heffernon titled **"Fruit Gigantica,"** 2004 **7** (37.37799, -122.03215). Make sure you find the apricot, cherries, apple, and pear you stroll through the plaza to Frances Street and turn left

towards the **Sunnyvale CalTrain Station Clock Tower** 2003 **8** (37.37841, -122.03080). Continue past the tower and walk towards the tracks, using the pedestrian crossing to safely cross the tracks. Exit, cross Hendy Avenue and follow the sidewalk until you make a left at Sunnyvale Avenue across from the former **Hendy Iron Works factory** **9** which is now Northrop Grumman Marine Systems. There is also a heritage **American Chestnut tree** **10** along Hendy Avenue (500 block) which marked the former entrance to the factory. Use the sidewalk along Sunnyvale Avenue to continue to the corner of California Avenue. Cross the street to the Martin Murphy Historical Park. At the corner, you will find a **historic Stamp Mill** **11** (37.38145, -122.02701) from the Hendy Iron Works factory. Continue into the park to find a plaque for the Martin Murphy, Jr. Homestead **12** (37.38211, -122.02619) next to the lawn bowling green are two ceramic murals on the park building titled **"Arrival"** and **"Influence,"** **13** (37.38231, -122.02601) by Peter Hazel.

Loop back to the sidewalk along California Avenue and continue toward Mathilda Avenue. Across Mathilda, at the former site of the Mellow Nursery, you will see a glass mural on the facade of the 23andMe building titled **"Element: Grove,"** 2019 **14** (37.382636, -122.033057) by Stephen Galloway. The original house on the property, an 1897 Colonial Revival style house, was restored and re-purposed as a stand-alone meeting room.

Cross Mathilda and proceed along California to Pastoria Avenue. At Shirley Avenue, look right to see an **untitled** grouping of painted aluminum geometric shapes line the outside stair well of the Central Station building. A second set of geometric shapes rise up the North façade of the building, visible from Central Expressway. The artwork is by John Krawczyk, 2019 **15** (37.38455, -122.03547).



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Back track down Pastoria and across California and proceed left. At Sobrante Way, look right to see Laddie John Dill's glass sculpture **"Blue Cobalt Flow,"** 2013 **16** (37.38227, -122.03486) at the Sunnyvale Business Park. Towards the back of the parking lot, you will see the **Libby's Water Tower** **17** (37.38111, -122.03508) towering over the neighborhood. Painted with an early 1900's Libby's fruit cocktail label, this water tower is designed as a historical landmark that memorializes the spot of Sunnyvale's first fruit-packing factory, opened in 1906. The tower was saved when the current office park was built in 1985. For extra steps, walk to the bottom of the tower to view historical plaque.

Return to California Avenue and proceed right to find yourself at **Sunnyvale Fire Station 1** **18** (37.38200, -122.03325). Cross Mathilda and turn right staying on the brickwork pathway to the left of the bridge to get to the pedestrian walkway. Climb the zigzagging ramp up the walkway and down the other side onto Evelyn. Turn left and walk along Evelyn to **Murphy Square** **19** (37.37784, -122.02987), the former Murphy Station railroad stop.

Cross Evelyn and then Murphy and turn right onto historic Murphy Avenue, noting the **Del Monte Building** **20** (37.37743, -122.02986) immediately on your left. (Look for the plaque out front for more information on this historical 1904 structure.) The building anchors this quaint, tree-lined block of shops and restaurants, considered by residents as the jewel of Sunnyvale.

The walking tour comes to an end as you continue your walk along Murphy Avenue into the newer downtown area. Our last stop is at the corner of McKinley and Murphy where you will see a small grove of **heritage redwood trees** **21** (37.37484, -122.03184) on what used to be the Town Center Mall.

