



**TREASURE
ISLAND
MUSEUM**

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Self-Guided Tour – Treasure and Yerba Buena Islands

View more information on your smartphone by pointing your camera at a QR code in the first column and clicking the link.

On Android phones, use Google Lens, or a QR code reader app.

To access the google map online: www.bit.ly/treasureislandtour

	Directions and Parking	What to See
 	<p>Building One (Administration Building): Follow GPS to Treasure Island Museum or: It's the semicircular building on the right as you enter Treasure Island. Park in front of Building One in the parking lot. Visit the museum's table in front of Building One for information.</p>	<p>The six statues in front of the building are from the Golden Gate International Exposition World's Fair. Learn more by using the QR code to the left or inserting the link below!</p> <p>https://www.treasureislandmuseum.org/pacific-unity-sculptures</p> <p>The Treasure Island Museum is located in the lobby. It's temporarily closed, but the building is worth a peek through the doors. The Lowell Nesbitt mural in the lobby depicts the history of the Navy in the Pacific. It was painted in 1975 for the U.S. Bicentennial, when this was the Administration Building for Naval Station Treasure Island.</p>
 	<p>Olive Trees and Building Two: Go north on Avenue of the Palms. Turn right onto 9th Street, right on Avenue H and then right on California Ave. The trees are along California Ave on your left. Building Two will be on your left. Park on the street or in front of Building Two on Avenue D.</p>	<p>The olive trees date from the Golden Gate International Exposition. Our video contains reminiscences by two childhood visitors to the fair, and the story of two generations of guardians of these olive trees that continue to yield a heritage today. View the video by using the QR code to the left or inserting the link below!</p> <p>https://vimeo.com/91358439</p>



The Hall of Transportation (Building 2):

See above directions

Building 2 once housed Pan American Airways' Clipper flying boats. Treasure Island was built to be the site of an exposition, and after the expo's close, it was to be a new airport for San Francisco. The three original buildings still standing on the island--a terminal and two hangars--were created for the dual purposes. The Pan American Pacific Clippers called Treasure Island their west coast base from 1938 to 1945. After the fair closed, the island did not become an airport, but a Navy base. Learn more by using the QR code to the left or inserting the link below!

<https://vimeo.com/91251845>



In Building 3 (formally The Palace of Fine and Decorative Arts): Turn right from Avenue of the Palms, right on Avenue H and then right on California Ave. You will run into Building three at the intersection of Avenue H and California

Another of the three surviving buildings from the fair, Building 3 was the Palace of Fine and Decorative Arts, which housed the Art in Action exhibition during the fair. Check out this amazing color footage from the Art in Action exhibition, a "theater of arts" where onlookers could watch as artists worked on their pieces (most notably Diego Rivera and Dudley Carter). The video Features scenes of Diego Rivera and Miné Okubo working on the Pan American Unity Mural. Although there is no sound, the visuals are stunning and it all happened in Building 3! Learn more by using the QR code to the left or inserting the link below!

<https://diva.sfsu.edu/collections/sfbatv/bundles/187038>



**Signal Sculpture and Historic Plaque:
Follow GPS to Mersea.**

Or: Head north on Avenue of the Palms, then right on 9th Street into Mersea restaurant's parking lot. The Signal sculpture is located across the street from Mersea along the water at the end of Avenue of the Palms. There is also a historic plaque on a rock in the parking lot.

Signal is a public art piece by Tom Loughlin made from repurposed steel from the East bound span of the old Bay Bridge. This is significant to the history of the Golden Gate International Exposition because the fair was meant to commemorate the building of the original Bay and Golden Gate bridges. Learn more by using the QR code to the left or inserting the link below!

<https://www.signalsf.com>



**Nimitz House and Officers Quarters:
Follow GPS to Nimitz House.**

Or: From the East Bay, take the Treasure Island exit off the Bay Bridge. Turn left then continue onto Northgate Road, then take the first right on Whiting Way. Return the way you came.

From San Francisco, take the Treasure Island left exit off the Bay Bridge. Take the first right onto Macalla, continue past the freeway entrance and follow the directions above.

Enjoy the scenery and the officers' houses built around 1900. Don't miss the two blue wayside history displays: one next to the Nimitz House, and another, across from the house opposite, about the "Senior Officers" Housing District. To view an oral history about the Naval Station on Treasure Island use the QR code or the link below!

<https://vimeo.com/91336284>



**The Bay Bridge Lookout:
Follow GPS to Bay Bridge Trail Lookout.**

Parking at this site may be unavailable due to construction from October 13, 2020 through April 2021. Park in the large turnout on the north side of Hillcrest Rd. before the I-80 West onramp. Cross the street and go left down Hillcrest Rd. to the bike path shuttle stop, then turn around and go down the path to the Vista Point.

Enjoy the beautiful scenery and use the blue wayside display to read about the history of the Bay Bridge and Emperor Norton! The Emperor will appear in person at our Zoom lecture Sept. 26, 2020. The talk will eventually be posted on our YouTube channel; sign up on our email list at www.treasureislandmuseum.org to be notified.

