This self-guided tour is meant to be enjoyed at your own pace, but will typically last between 30 and 40 minutes. The path outlined on the map begins at the Mission Bay campus shuttle stop and proceeds through several UCSF buildings and landmarks.

While visitors are able to access the lobby entrance of some campus buildings, access to the majority of these buildings will be limited to UCSF faculty, staff, and students who have UCSF ID badges. Buildings that are accessible by visitors will be mentioned in the descriptions below and accessible entrances will be marked by a green half circle on the map. Dining options are listed at the end of the tour and will be marked by an orange fork and knife on the map.

A  Shuttle Stop
If you are traveling to Mission Bay from Parnassus or other campus locations, the UCSF shuttle will drop you off at the stop on 4th Street. If you are arriving by another means, you can start at any point on this walking tour and continue through the numbered points of interest.

1  Byers Hall & QB3
Housed in Byers Hall is QB3, a consortium made up of UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz and UCSF, which brings together the biotechnology industry and academic research, developing both new PhDs and new biotech startups.

2  Koret Quad
This centrally located, 3.2-acre campus green is one of many open spaces at Mission Bay. The quad is outlined by two symmetrical rings of pine trees, as well as Roy McMakin’s 2004 art instillation that includes a variety of domestic items found in unexpected locations and media, all functional as seating. At the east end of the quad, is the towering Dreamcatcher sculpture by Mark di Suvero, which was moved to this location after it was included in a temporary installation with other diSuvero pieces in Crissy Field, on the north side of the city of San Francisco.

3  Genentech Hall
Opened in 2003 as the first UCSF facility at Mission Bay, Genentech Hall houses programs in structural and chemical biology, and molecular, cellular and developmental biology, as well as the Molecular Design Institute, Nikon Imaging Center and the Center for Advanced Technology. Visitors can access the lobby of the building through the eastern doors off of Koret Quad to view Jim Isermann’s commissioned five-pendent chandelier in the 100-foot tall atrium of the building.

4  William J. Rutter Center
The Rutter Center is the heart of campus life on the Mission Bay Campus. This recreation and conference center serves both UCSF and the community with a fitness complex, indoor and rooftop pools, a conference facility, activity center, library and student services. Visitors can enter the main doors to view the four-story atrium, where they will find four towering figures, all carved from the same tree trunk, that make up Stephan Balkenhol’s roughhewn painted wood sculpture representing this space where many people cross paths. The Pub, a casual dining option, also shares the first floor space where visitors can stop in for a coffee, bite to eat or happy hour drink.

5  Sandler Neurosciences Center
This building houses the Department of Neurology, Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, the Memory and Aging Center, and the Center for Integrative Neuroscience, and helps to promote the sharing of ideas and collaboration among the world’s leading clinical and basic research programs focusing on neurological disorders. It houses about 100 principal investigators and more than 500 additional researchers and staff.
Arthur and Toni Rembe Rock Hall
While access to this building is restricted, visitors can enter the foyer to view the five-story atrium, which holds a large open staircase, zig-zagging between floors. This design encourages interaction between and among researchers and staff within the programs housed here, including human genetics, developmental biology, developmental neuroscience and the Center for Brain Development.

Smith Cardiovascular Research Building
This laboratory research building is the headquarters for the UCSF Cardiovascular Research Institute, and also contains the UCSF Center for Prevention of Heart and Vascular Disease, a world-renowned, research-driven prevention program serving outpatients. It is home to research scientists and clinicians who work towards a greater understanding of and treatment for heart and vascular diseases.

Helen Diller Family Cancer Research Building
This state-of-the-art research facility houses scientists investigating cancer’s basic biological mechanisms, as well as researchers in urologic oncology, pediatric oncology, cancer population sciences and computational biology. Looking into the lobby windows at street level, visitors can view Liz Larner’s color-changing art piece, Untitled 2001, meant to represent six equal steps in a progression from a sphere to a cube.

Plaza
This plaza is home to several dining options, including Caffe Terzetto, Peasant Pies, Publica, and Subway. On Wednesdays visitors can sample and purchase food from a variety of local vendors during the weekly farmers market. Installed in the plaza is Ballast, by San Francisco native Richard Serra. The angle, spacing, and size of these 70-ton steel plates help to animate the entire space.

Mission Bay Housing
This cluster of buildings is comprised of four high rises, totaling 431 housing units for UCSF students, post-docs, residents, and clinical fellows. Entering the courtyard of these buildings through the passage on your right at the end of the Plaza, you will find Miroslaw Balka’s HEAL, which stands slightly out-of-sync with the surrounding paving and structures. While the word ‘heal’ may be illegible when looking up at the structure, the projected shadow of the word below provides movement and change throughout the day. Additionally, the water spout on one of the supports invites the viewer to interact with the sculpture in an intimate way that contrasts with the massive buildings and spaces surrounding it.

Mission Hall
Also known as the Global Health & Clinical Sciences Building, it officially opened in October 2014, with an innovative Activity-Based Workspace plan, which allows for more efficient and flexible workspaces without walls. Occupied by approximately 1,500 professionals, this building pulls together all the faculty, staff and students working in global health, as well as the Office of the Chancellor. Visitors can enter through the lobby to access the courtyard on the southeast corner of the building. Here guests can relax on benches under the shade of purple jacaranda trees or grab lunch at SF Kabob.

UCSF Medical Center at Mission Bay
The next two stops on the tour (12 and 13) make up the UCSF Medical Center at Mission Bay, one of the newest additions to UCSF, opening in 2015. The 289-bed, integrated complex with specialty hospitals for children, women and cancer patients is equipped with the latest medical technology, including telemedicine, robotics and intraoperative imaging.
Women’s Hospital & Cancer Hospital
The north section of the Medical Center includes the Ron Conway Family Gateway Medical Building, providing outpatient care, the Betty Irene Moore Women’s Hospital, and the Bakar Cancer Hospital. Walking into the lobby of the Gateway Medical Building and continuing past the information desk, to the right, the Equator Coffee Shop offers a variety of coffees and snacks. Proceeding along the building’s exterior and looking through the windows, visitors can see Shinique Smith’s expansive mural inspired by UCSF pediatric patients and also read their poetry on the walls. In the plaza outside, the colorful “grassy” amphitheater, covered in a mosaic hummingbird motif representing regeneration and love, provides a spot to relax while enjoying some fresh air.

Benioff Children’s Hospital
This recently opened hospital, which is San Francisco’s only children’s hospital, is staffed by over 150 experts in 50 different specialties. The building was designed with kids in mind, and includes in-room multi-media walls, play and activity rooms, and more than four acres of green space. Entering the lobby, you will find Jessica Stockholder’s bold, colorful and expanding art installation, Like Water If Pond As Lily, highlighting the idea that shifting points of view are always possible.

Shuttle Stop
If you are taking the Blue, Gold, or Grey shuttle to another campus location after your tour, you can catch the UCSF Shuttle here.

Shuttle Stop
Several of the campus shuttle lines also pick up at this spot on 4th Street. On the West side of the street you will find the stop for the Blue, Gold, Grey, and Green shuttles. And the Red shuttle will pick up on the East side of the street.

Mission Bay Campus Dining Options

Genentech Hall – 2nd Floor
Café 24
Espresso bar, sandwiches, soups, salads

William J. Rutter Center – 1st Floor
The Pub
Hearty entrees, salads, sandwiches, and a variety of drinks

Plaza
Caffe Terzetto
Coffee, espresso and Italian sodas, sandwiches, salads and pastries

Farmers’ Market
Wednesdays only, fresh produce and prepared meals

Peasant Pies
Handheld sweet and savory pies, soups and salads

Publico
Taqueria favorites including burritos, tacos, quesadillas and tortas

Subway
Fast and affordable sandwiches, wraps, and soups

Mission Hall – 1st Floor
SF Kebab
Authentic Mediterranean cuisine such as gyros, wraps and kebabs

Gateway Medical Building
Equator Coffee Shop
Upscale convenience store with coffee, fresh sandwiches, salads, and pastries

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