

Fun stuff to do in and/or from the Bay Area (updated July 2011)...

3 day weekend:

Crater Lake in Oregon:

<http://www.nps.gov/crla/>

<http://www.craterlakelodges.com/>

http://www.pbase.com/cokids/crater_lake

2 day weekend:

Northern California coast and/or coast redwoods:

<http://www.humboldtredwoods.org/>

<http://www.icdc.com/~neubauer/red.htm>

Hearst Castle:

<http://www.hearstcastle.org/>

1 day trip:

Carmel/Monterey:

<http://www.monterey.com/>

Santa Cruz Boardwalk/Pier:

<http://www.beachboardwalk.com/>

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/index.aspx?page=648>

Natural Bridges (winter = Monarch Butterflies):

<http://www.santacruzstateparks.org/parks/natbridges/>

Felton Roaring Camp train ride through the Redwoods:

<http://www.roaringcamp.com/>

San Jose Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum:

<http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/>

San Jose History Park at Kelley Park

http://www.historysanjose.org/visiting_hsj/history_park/

Santa Clara Triton Museum of Art

<http://www.tritonmuseum.org/>

Santa Clara Great America amusement park, opens March/April
(get a Season Pass either in September/October or March/April):

<http://www.cagreatamerica.com/>

Here's what I did one spring in San Francisco...

I had lunch at Tommy's Joint on Van Ness, then great views along the bay near the Bay Bridge, more sunny views of the city from Twin Peaks, drove past Haight + Ashbury out through Golden Gate Park to the ocean, parked near the old windmill, walked along Ocean Beach up to the Cliff House and watched the sun set.

Other tourist ideas...

In Golden Gate Park during daytime, there's the Japanese Tea Garden (cost to get in) and Strybing Arboretum (cost to get in):
<http://www.sfgate.com/traveler/guide/sf/neighborhoods/ggpark.shtml>

Lombard Street - world's crookedest street
<http://www.htmlhelp.com/~liam/California/SanFrancisco/LombardStreet/>

Views from Coit Tower (walk around tower building to front for view also)
http://www.inetours.com/Pages/SFNbrhds/Coit_Tower.html

At foot of Market, Hyatt Regency Hotel lobby, or have a drink at revolving restaurant at top, go out back door to Justin Herman Plaza and waterfront
<http://sanfranciscoregency.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>
<http://sanfranciscoregency.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/entertainment/restaurants/index.jsp>

Area at San Francisco side of Golden Gate Bridge, overlooking Fort Point, but be in right lane ready for parking lot else you'll go over bridge, I think easier to park on Cliff House (ocean) side of bridge and walk through tunnel under the bridge approach road
<http://www.sftravel.com/goldengatebridge.html>
<http://www.nps.gov/fopo/>

China Town, Fisherman's Wharf, the Cannery, Ghirardelli Square
<http://www.danheller.com/sf-chinatown.html>
<http://www.sfgate.com/traveler/guide/sf/neighborhoods/wharf.shtml>
<http://www.thecannery.com/>
<http://www.ghirardellisq.com/>

Pier 39 and the sea lions
<http://www.pier39.com/>
<http://www.pier39restaurants.com/cam.htm>

Barbary Coast Trail - self-guided walk
<http://www.barbarycoasttrail.org/>

Cliff House, Sutro Baths
<http://www.cliffhouse.com/>
http://sfphototour.tripod.com/sutro_baths.html

The Musée Mecanique - used to be located
under the Cliff House, now it's at Pier 45
<http://www.museemechanique.org/>

Legion of Honor - Rodin's "The Thinker" in patio, statues of El Cid and Joan of Arc on front lawn,
front plaza and fountain are western terminus of the Lincoln Highway (first road across America),
views of Golden Gate Bridge driving on ocean side (El Camino Del Mar St + Sea Cliff Ave)
<http://www.virtuar.com/ysf2/ap-Legion.htm>
http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM4G15_California_Palace_of_the_Legion_of_Honor_San_Francisco_CA

Twin Peaks - great views of the City
<http://www.gocitykids.com/browse/attraction.jsp?id=391>
<http://www.inside-guide-to-san-francisco-tourism.com/twin-peaks-san-francisco.html>

Tommy's Joynt
<http://www.tommysjoynt.com/>

Fairmont Hotel - The Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar
Happy hour and all-you-can-eat buffet
<http://www.tongaroom.com/>
<http://www.fairmont.com/sanfrancisco/GuestServices/Restaurants/TheTongaRoomHurricaneBar.htm>

Scoma's Restaurant
<http://www.scomas.com/>

Louis' Restaurant
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/gate/archive/1999/06/15/louis.DTL>

Wave Organ - park at far right end of Yacht Club parking lot
(when facing the bay) then walk out to tip of jetty
<http://www.roadtripamerica.com/places/waveorg.htm>

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