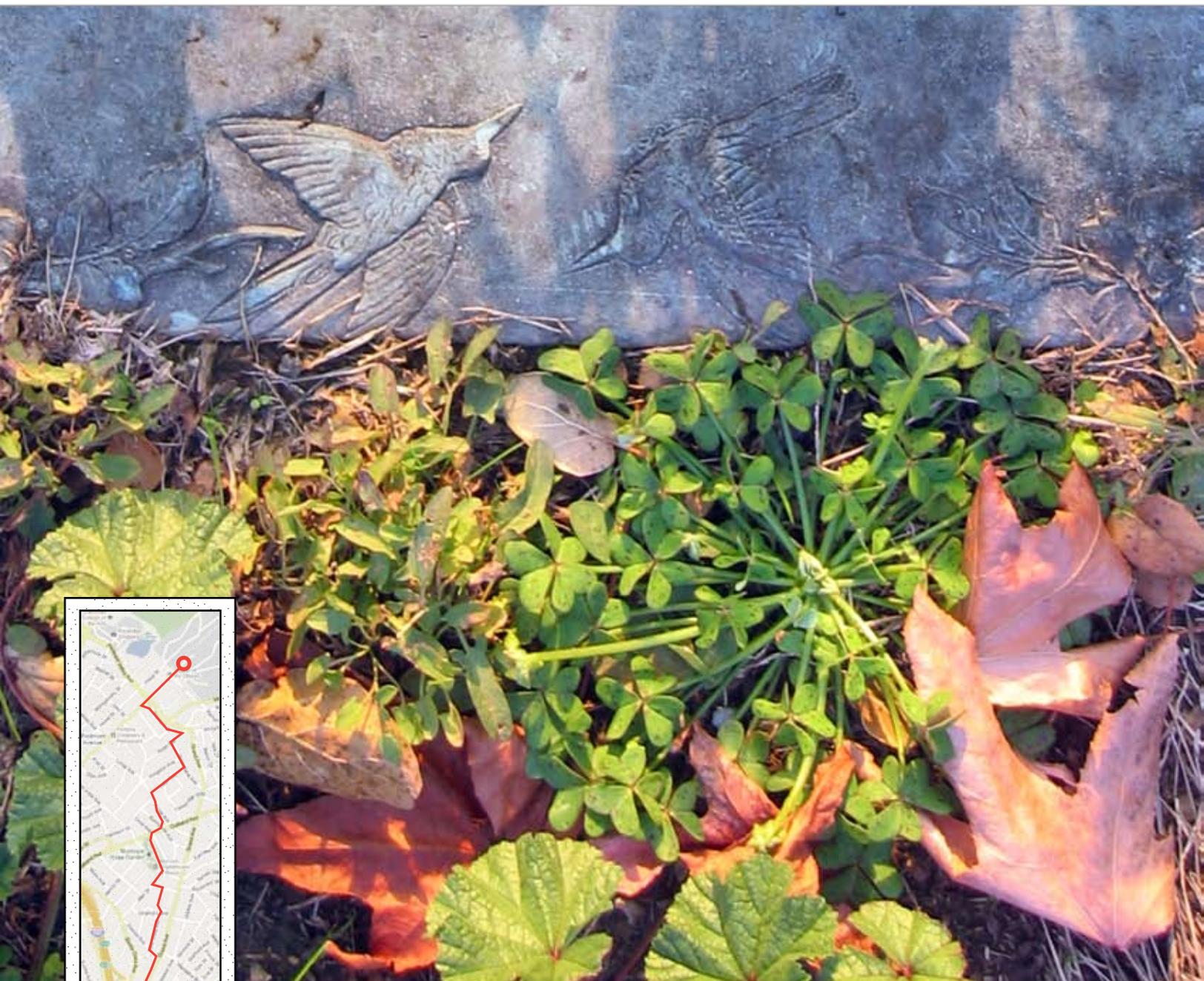




WALKS



THREE: LAKE TO CEMETARY

DISTANCE ~2.25miles

DIRECTION ~N/NW

TERRAIN Flat to moderate grade, some stairs and uneven paths

ROUTE

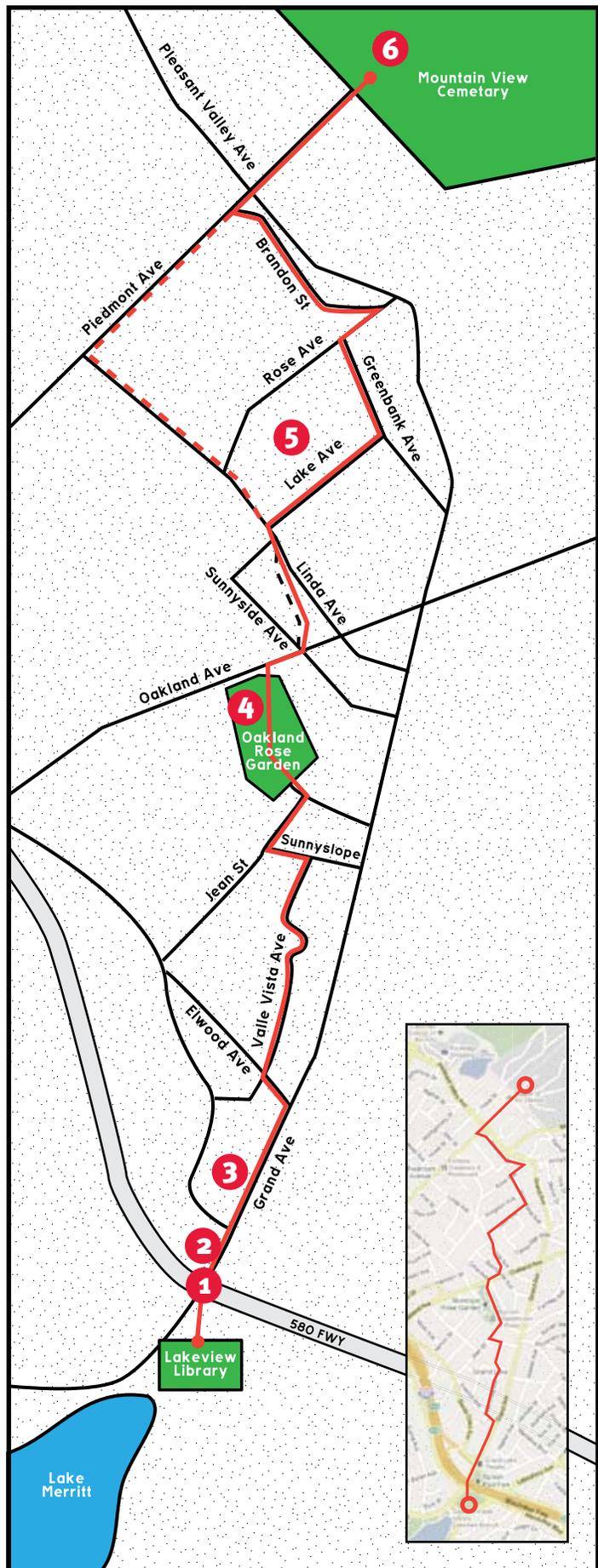
START: LAKEVIEW LIBRARY
2311 Embarcadero East

- Arrive at Lakeview Library via the 57 or NL bus from Macarthur or Downtown BART stations.
- Follow Grand Avenue up the hill: under 580 and across Lake Park Drive.
- Turn left at Elwood Avenue, then right at Valle Vista Avenue. Valle Vista splits into high and low roads then comes back together again at Sunnyslope Avenue.
- Turn left on Sunnyslope, then right on Jean Street. Follow Jean to the Oakland Rose Garden entrance.
- Walk through the Oz-like dreamland that is Oakland's Rose Garden—stop and smell those roses.
- Come out of the garden at the northwest corner (Oakland and Olive Avenues), go right on Oakland Avenue for a block.
- Find the paved path entrance at Sunnyside and Oakland Avenues. Follow it past the dog park to where it meets up with Linda Avenue.
- Here you have options, both of which involve turning left on Linda. Then...
 - Option 1: Take a quick right off of Linda onto Lake Avenue. Follow Lake to Greenbank, go left, then right on Rose Avenue. Follow Rose to Brandon Street, go left, and follow it to Piedmont Avenue: a scenic residential tour.
 - Option 2: Follow Linda to Piedmont Avenue and stop for ice cream, yogurt, or whatever treat you're in the mood for. Grab 'n' go!
- Take Piedmont Avenue uphill til it ends at the hilly wonderland of Mountain View Cemetary.

END: MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETARY
5000 Piedmont Avenue

HOW TO GET BACK

Catch any combination of buses to several Oakland BART stations: check actransit.org for the latest maps and schedules.



*map numbers correspond to points of interest described on following pages

points of interest

Check numbers on map for specific location

1. 'GRAND PERFORMANCE' MURAL

Created in the early 80's, this super complex mural features major players from many cultures in Bay Area arts: dancers, musicians, writers, painters and acrobats are all in the mix. What's even cooler about this mural is the incredible detail—our arts giants are doing their thing all over the richly textured Oakland landscape. Can you find your block in there? And who packed this all into a 580 underpass? Daniel Galvez, Keith Sklar, Brooke Fancher, Karen Sjoholm and lots of community members, whose work lives on 30 years later.



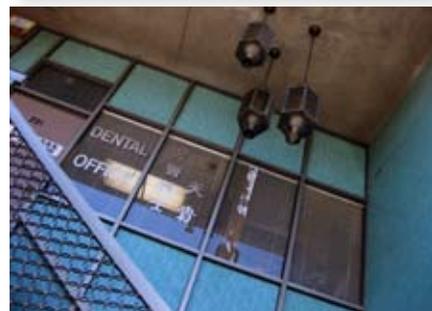
L-R: 'Grand Performance' mural detail; states map at Lakeview Elementary

2. LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Aside from being housed in a truly old-school building with classic block lettering, Lakeview Elementary makes great use of its outdoor space with two creative teaching tools: an organic vegetable garden and a giant map of the 50 states. The front courtyard feels expansive and squeaky clean despite being right next to the 580 freeway, with the states map front and center for a quickie geography review anytime.

3. GRAND AVENUE ARCHITECTURE

The strip of Grand Avenue between Lake Park Avenue and Elwood has a few buildings that feature unique architectural styles and details. Grand Lake Theater needs no intro, but a small mid-century gem like the Lake Pet Hospital might not grab distracted passerby. The building's metal-ceramic tile and bronzy railwork manage to be bright and subdued at the same time, and the 'Pet Hospital' letters are a perfect example of mid-century font styling. The Alley and Smitty's are great places to have a drink *and* you can love them just as much for their cool facades and ageless neon signs.



Pet Hospital and Dental Office building



L-R, Oakland Rose Garden: Aquamarine pool on mowing day; the long view plus informational plaque; perfect color

4. OAKLAND ROSE GARDEN aka MORCOM ROSE GARDEN

Named after Mayor Frank Morcom who planted the first rose here in 1933, the Morcom Rose Garden is one of Oakland’s most uplifting places. Between the flowers, the Technicolor pools right out of a 50’s water ballet movie, and the surrounding redwoods, this relatively small spot really delivers. Wild turkeys sometimes hang out in the trees and hawks regularly circle overhead. Even in the off-season the Rose Garden takes Oakland’s color and style and gives it back multiplied.



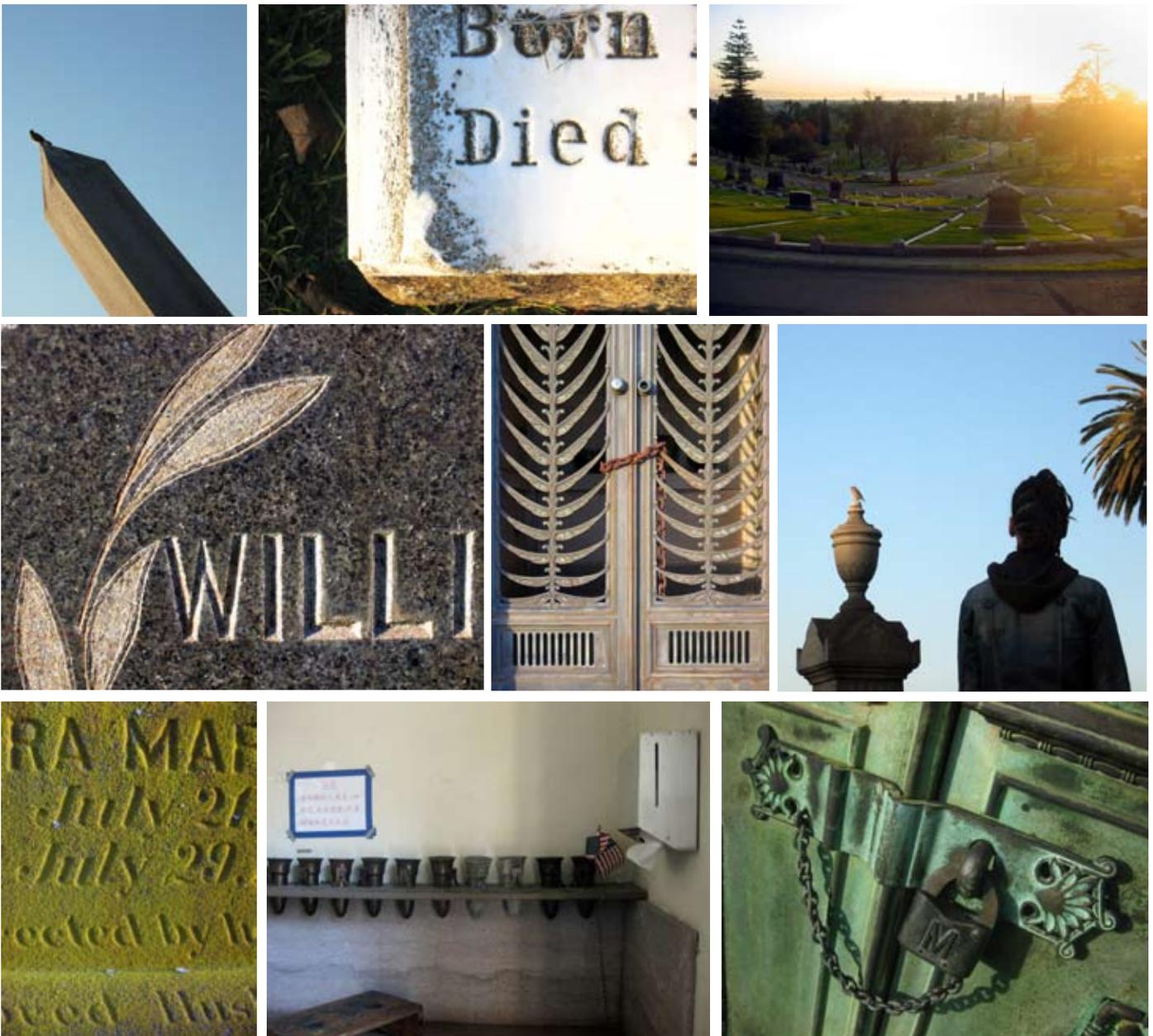
Clockwise from top left: Giant foot and Black-eyed Susan vine; tiled staircase; winning flower color combo; backyard chickens; variegated Geranium

5. NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS

This entire walk features some of Oakland’s most flourishing and color-filled gardens. The area between the Rose Garden and the Mountain View Cemetery is full of booming yards that include native plants and edibles. Actually the same can be said for the area from Elwood to the Rose Garden—that’s what makes this one of Oakland’s most easy-on-the-eyes wanderings.

6. MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY & CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES

We could fill an entire guide with facts and suggestions about this unique Oakland landmark—there’s that much to know and see here, from history and culture to wildlife and geography. Instead we’ll send you to the Mountain View’s website, listed in the resource section on the back page. Find information on the cemetery’s history—it was designed by the same guy that did New York’s Central Park!—plus tours, events and maps of the grounds. We’ve been coming here for years and still haven’t seen the whole thing, but what we have seen is all kinds of Oaklanders enjoying everything this totally un-creepy cemetery has to offer. 🌿



Views and details, Mountain View Cemetery

additional resources

www.friendsofoaklandrose.org

Learn about the Oakland Rose Garden's history, events and ways to volunteer.

www.mountainviewcemetery.org

Cemetery maps, information on guided tours, history and events—who knew cemeteries held events?

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Lake_Theater

Grand Lake Theater's Wikipedia entry is a great source of info on the theater's architecture, film and political history.

www.oaklandmurals.com

Learn more about the 'Grand Performance' mural and about a hundred others in town. This site features images, background info, and a map of Oakland's murals—see them while they're still here.

