

MISSION SANTA BARBARA

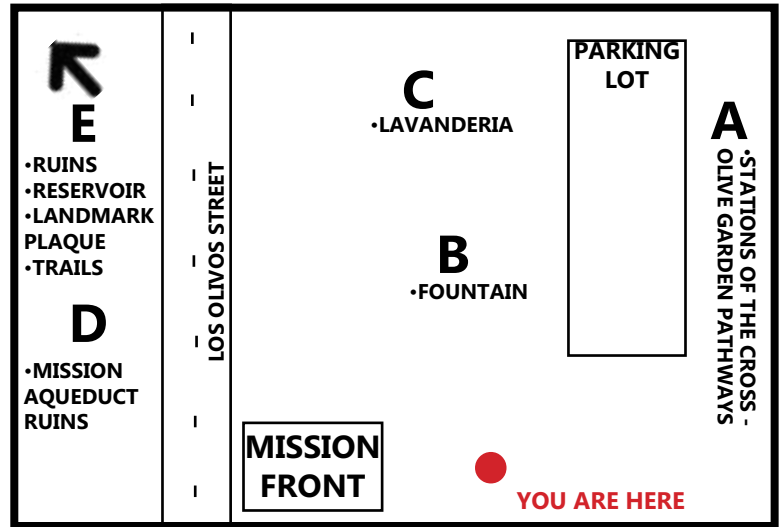
EXTERIOR POINTS OF INTEREST

A. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - OLIVE GARDEN PATHWAYS



Stroll through the peaceful olive grove just across the parking lot outside the Mission building. Here you will see exquisite mosaic art pieces depicting the Stations of the Cross. These hand crafted mosaics were constructed by Fr. Nevin Ford, OFM, between the years 1960 to 1963. His hope was for the Mosaic Stations of the Cross to be used by parishioners and Mission visitors for years to come.

AREA MAP



B. MISSION FOUNTAIN



The Mission fountain was most likely carved by a Native Chumash sculptor in 1808, as part of the new water system. An extensive irrigation system once existed down the canyon, helping to filter water to the Mission. Although the water is no longer suitable for drinking today, this fountain was originally built as a fresh water source. As such, it had a gravity fed water spout to aerate the water for purity and the water had already been through charcoal filtering in the filter house on Mountain drive, a few blocks from the Mission.

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C. THE LAVANDERIA (MISSION LAUNDRY)



From a separate aqueduct line, water also ran to the lavandería to the south and then emerged into the clothes washing pool through a bear's head spout (reconstructed after vandalism). The exit spout at the end of the structure, a mountain lion

or bear head, is original, and one of the oldest public structures in California.

D. RUINS OF THE MISSION AQUEDUCT SYSTEM



Initially sourced from two dams, (one originally in Rattlesnake Canyon and the other, still visible in part today, at the SB Botanic Garden) there were 2.5 miles of aqueduct line with open tile channels that took water down to the



Mission. Remains of these systems can be seen across the street from the Mission church, using the crosswalk adjacent to the cemetery wall.

E. MORE MISSION RUINS, LANDMARK PLAQUE, RESERVOIR, WALKING TRAILS

Purchased by the city of Santa Barbara in 1928, the Mission Historical Park is a must-see when visiting our grounds. Spanning the area between Los Olivos Street, Alameda Padre Serra, and Mission Ridge Road, the park includes ruins of the Mission's original waterworks, tanning vats, jail house, grist mill, and the official National Landmark plaque. The beloved Mission Rose Garden is also part of this property, along with several beautiful walking trails.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN CROSSING THE VARIOUS BUSY STREETS TO VISIT THESE SPECIAL AREAS.

