

Things to Do In/Around Oakland Marriott City Center

- Go for a [walk around Lake Merritt](#) (3.4 miles around, flat)
 - Check out the drum circle on Saturday at 12pm at the Pergola (cool structure on the Lakeshore Ave. end of Lake Merritt)
- [Oakland Museum of California](#)
- Local brews at [Drake's Dealership](#) taproom
- Visit the permanent home of the oldest bonsai tree in the U.S. at the [Bonsai Garden](#) near Lake Merritt
- Walk or bus to Jack London Square for a pretty view of the Bay and lots of good food!
- Oakland Chinatown
- [Oakland Ice](#) (ice skating)

Restaurants

- [Shan dong](#) (famous for homemade hand-cut noodles and dumplings)
- Dim Sum/Chinese food in Chinatown at [Peony](#), [Ming's Tasty](#) or [Gum Kuo](#)
- Cambodian at [Battambang](#)
- World Famous [Hotboys](#) Chicken (Fried Chicken Sandwiches)
- Food Hall at [Swan's Market](#)
- Fentons Creamery
- [UC Dessert](#) (Asian Desserts)
- [Bombera](#) (Mexican)

BART-ing Distance

- Take a BART train to Embarcadero and wander around downtown San Francisco/the waterfront and Ferry Building. If you are a decent walker, you can walk to Pier 39 and/or Chinatown, or take a street car.
- Take BART to the Mission (16th or 24th st stops) and explore a super energetic area of SF! Valencia Street, Dolores Park, and Mission St. are all super walkable areas with beautiful murals, good food (especially Mexican!), and neat shops.