DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT
The waterfront stroll combines metropolitan comforts of Downtown dining, shopping & entertainment with a deep appreciation for the local watershed and habitat.

DISTANCE 3.0 MILES  DIFFICULTY ●●●●●

Start at the end Shoreline Village Drive & go north by MARINA GREEN PARK to Shoreline Drive. Beyond is 1 RAINBOW LAGOON, a man made water body supporting recreational activities, events, & wildlife habitat. Rise above via stairs to the PROMENADE, a raised pedestrian walkway connecting the waterfront to the Downtown. North past the Convention Center main entrance, descend the grand staircase into the 2 PIKE AT RAINBOW HARBOR, an entertainment district of restaurants, theaters, arcade & amusement rides. Veer left at Aquarium Way back onto Shoreline Drive, which forms the spine of the GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH racetrack. Take Shoreline below the overpass to climb the stairs and continue towards CATALINA LANDING. Follow the ramp up to the terrace level & head west toward the 3 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANCELLORS BUILDING, a sleek mid-rise structure that is headquarters to the largest university system in the nation. Beyond are the mouth of the 48-mile long Los Angeles River & Golden Shore salt marshes, home to native flora, fauna and wildlife. Follow the water-edge back under the Queens Way Bridge until reaching the LIGHTHOUSE. After traversing the dune landscape around the peninsula the Rainbow Harbor esplanade connects to the 4 AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC, with architecture reminiscent of crashing waves and whose central hall contains a full-scale model of a humpback whale swimming above visitors. The esplanade continues by various restaurants and shops of the Pike and 5 SHORELINE VILLAGE as well as a variety of maritime adventures in the adjacent marina. After passing through the New England style village at Parkers Lighthouse the path reaches the LONG BEACH MARINA and the end of this loop.