

In winter 2011, Stephanie Dodaro scouted, mapped, and walked an 800-mile route along the way commonly known as California's Camino Real. The original trails were created by and used for millennia by first peoples, and sections of their paths were later used by colonial Europeans and successive waves of immigrants. As much of the historic way has been paved over or displaced by freeways, this route runs along city and suburban streets, greenways, farmland, highways, and park trails. The walk itself is a meditative exercise as well as a chance to meet people from many communities and experience the area's varied geographies and landscapes, step by step. Attendees will learn about the inspiration behind the walk, route information, obstacles to making the path safe and accessible, as well as an inclusive vision for the path.