North Beach Beat

This tour of the North Beach hits all the literary hot spots from San Francisco’s Beat scene.

**Start** City Lights Books
**Distance** 1.5 miles
**Duration** Two hours

1. **Pick up a copy of Allen Ginsberg’s *Howl* at City Lights Books, home of Beat poetry and free speech.**

2. **With opera on the jukebox and potent espresso, Caffe Trieste** is where Francis Ford Coppola allegedly drafted *The Godfather.*

3. **Look for parrots in the treetops and octogenarians in tai chi stances on the lawn at Washington Square.**

4. **Bob Kaufman Alley** is a peaceful place that’s named after the legendary street-corner poet.

5. **Beat Museum** is where visitors are all (to quote Ginsberg) ‘angel-headed hipsters burning for the ancient heavenly connection.’

6. **Specs** is the jumping-off point for a literary bar crawl through the neighborhood.

**Take a Break** Follow the lead of Kerouac and Ginsberg and toss one back at Li Po.