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*Journey to
Joaquin Miller Park*

Secret Garden

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statute at U N plaza in San Francisco

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03 - what is joaquin miller park ?

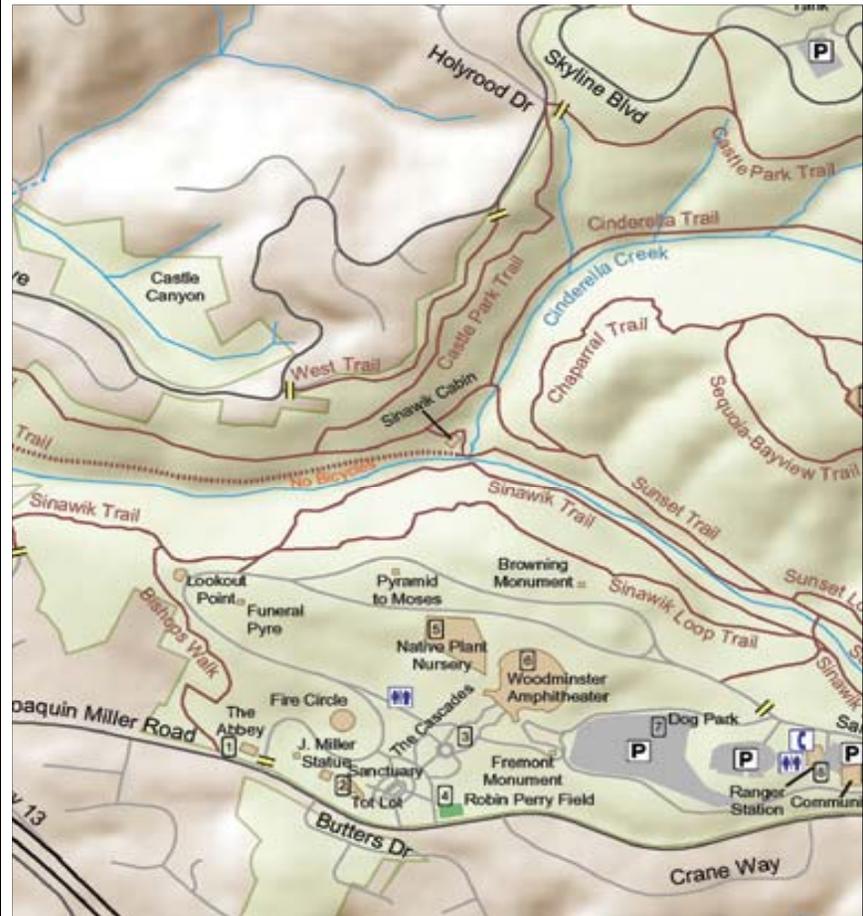
Joaquin Miller Park is a big park in the mountains of a big city in northern California.

The park has a lot trails for hiking, jogging, dirt bike and horse riding.

Amongst the hills, the park have many flat areas with chairs and benches for picnics and other social events.

Joaquin Miller Park has many big Redwoods trees which adds to it beauty and create very comforting shade

partial map of oakland hills and Joaquin Miller Park



map courtesy of

http://www.oaklandnet.com/joaquinmillerpark/jmpmap_Large.jpg

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04 - Where is Joaquin Miller Park ?

Joaquin Miller Park is located in Oakland, CA, the 3rd biggest city on the San Francisco Bay.

Oakland is more famous for

- (1) being close to San Francisco*
- (2) its baseball and football teams*
- (3) a major destination for cargo ships*

But I think it should be equally famous for Joaquin Miller Park Secret Garden because it is one of the worlds greatest acheivment in Architecture and Landscaping !



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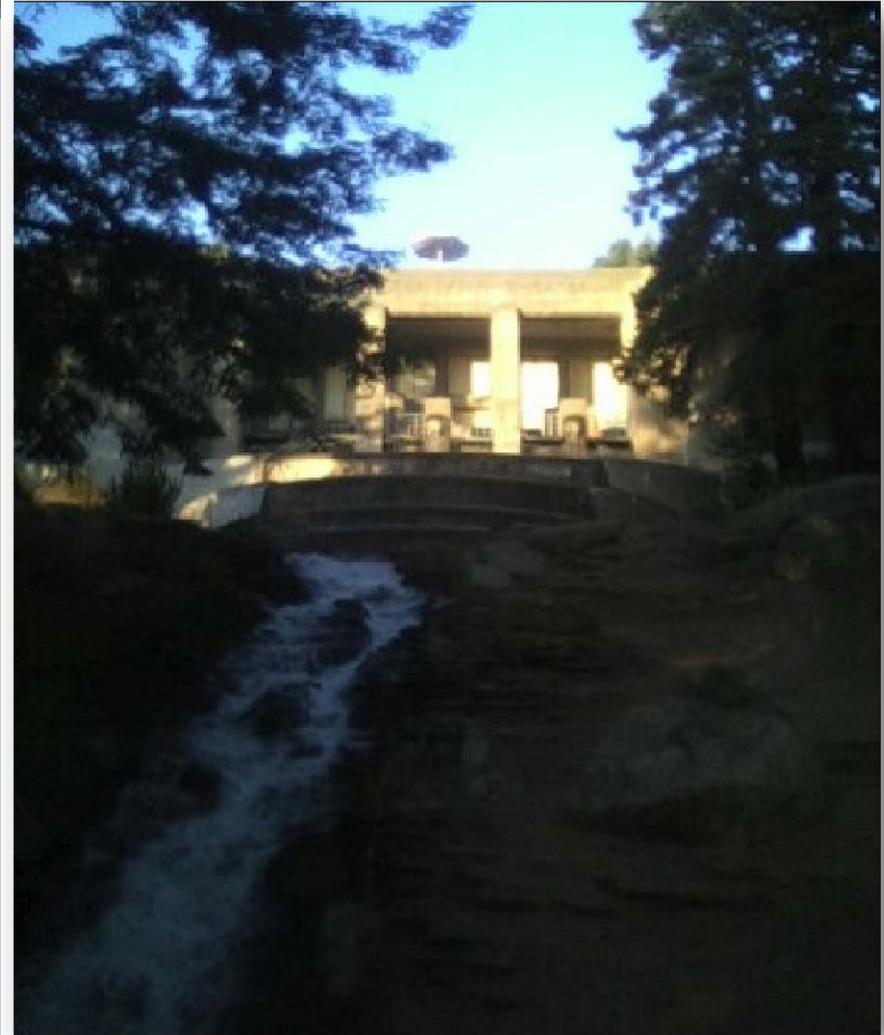
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05 - why I love joaquin miller so much (01) !

*as the name of the story implies,
I love Joaquin Miller Park so much
because of its Secret Garden.*

*the name Secret Garden is a name I
created for a part of the park because
it contains some of worlds most unique
architecture and landscaping I have
ever seen in my life.*

*the architecture that thrills me the most
is (1) the cascading pond (2) the down
hill stream (3) the waterfalls and
(4) the giant water fountains.*



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06 - why I love joaquin miller park so much (02)!

*I consider my experience at
the Secret Garden an Epiphany.*

*while some consider Epiphanies a
realization or understanding something,
I consider an Epiphany seeing
architecture, building, nature and
the environment in a new ways.*

*words cannot explain the beauty I seen
in the Secret Garden ponds, water,
streams, waterfalls and water fountains;*

the Secret Garden is a great Epiphany.



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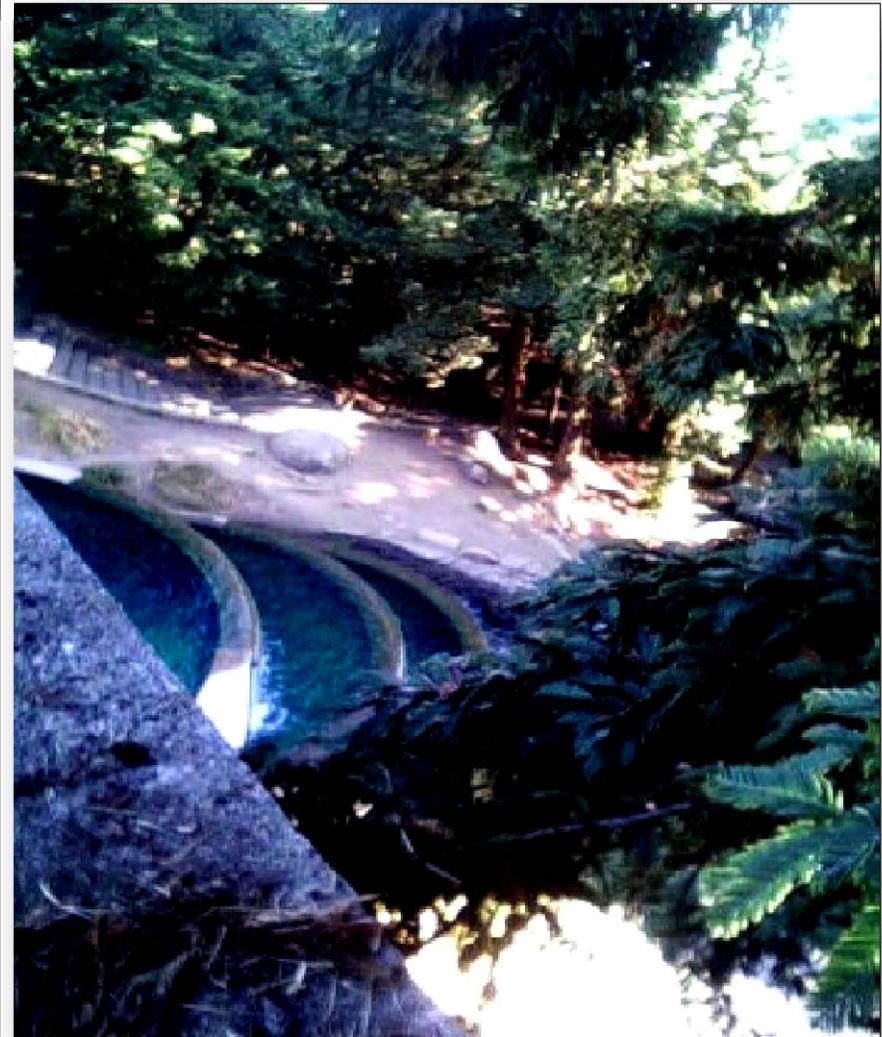
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07 - the Secret Garden Cascading Ponds (1)

my love affair with Joaquin Miller Park "Secret Garden" is a relationship that started by accident.

visiting the park amphitheater to attend a musical concert, the spirit of curiosity took me the rear walls of the arena to witness the most beautiful set of Cascading Ponds I ever seen in my life.

to me what made the ponds so special was the blueness of the water and the way it was moving.



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08 - the Secret Garden Cascading Ponds (2)

because I was at such a weird angle on the wall of the amphitheater, I was unable to capture the pictures I wanted to show off the true beauty of the Cascading Ponds.

being an explorer, the spirit of curiosity took me the back of the amphitheater to get better look at the ponds and to get a better picture.

because the ponds emptied out into a stream, again I was unable to get a picture that magnified their beauty !



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09 - the Secret Garden Cascading Ponds (3)

*while I am grateful for my blessing
of a low resolution cell phone camera,
one of my biggest regrets in life is not
having a high mega pixel digital camera
so I could have captured the true beauty
I witnessed when I first set my eyes
on the cascading ponds in
Joaquin Miller Park*

*from the wall of the amphitheater and
ground level from the back, the blueness
of the water and motion of it moving over
and down the wall was amongst the
beautiful things I ever seen in my life.*



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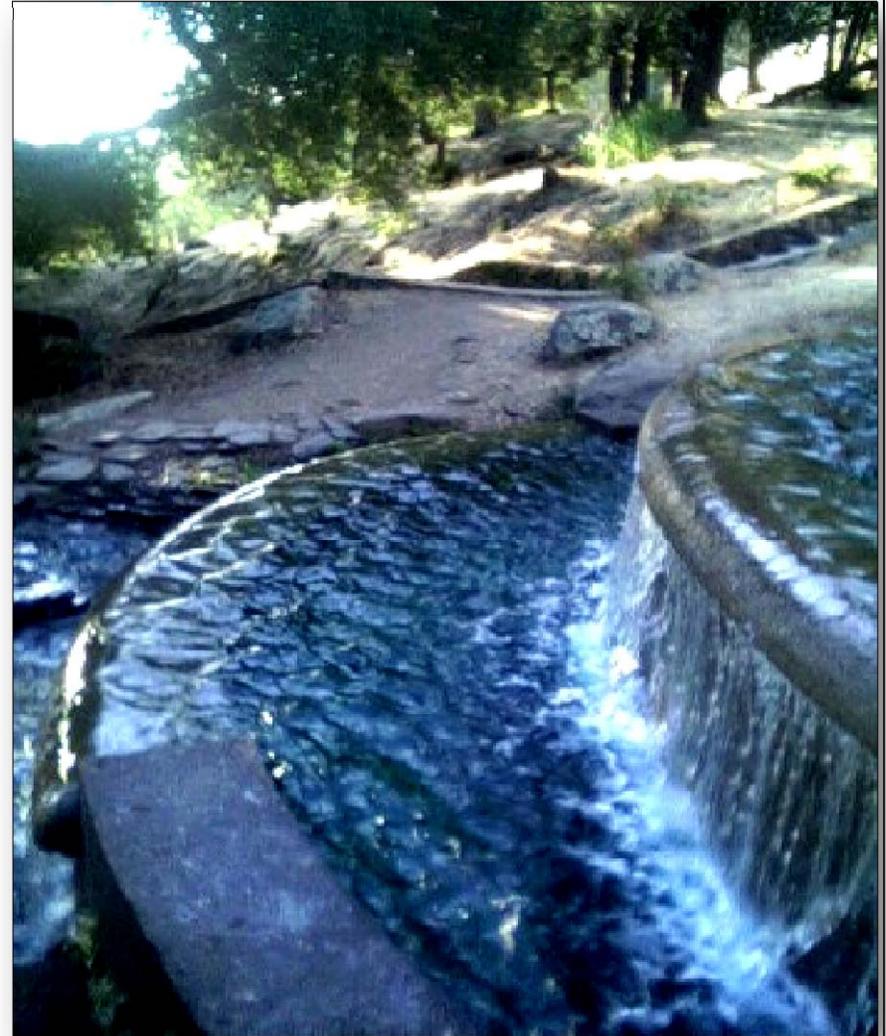
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10 - the Secret Garden Cascading Ponds (4)

*when the designers of
Joaquin Miller Park
Secret Garden;*

*I wonder if they knew they were creating
a park setting that people like myself
would consider on of the worlds
greatest natural wonders !*

*from the cascading ponds, to the giant
water fountains, to the setting of the
big rocks in the streams, everything
about the Secret Garden are true
masterpieces worthy of praise.*



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11 - the Secret Garden cascading ponds (5)

*the picture to the left is a picture
Joaquin Miller Park Secret Garden
from the rear of the Amphitheater.*

*the tall right wall is where I first seen
the Secret Garden.*

*on the back wall of the
Woodminister Amphitheater
is a balcony where you can look at
many part of the Secret Garden.*

*I wonder who I would need to ask to get
permission to take pictures from there !*



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12 - the Secret Garden Downhill Stream (1)

my first visit to the Secret Garden was a warm day with a few children playing around the stream and a few adults exercising on the park steps.

the problems I faced with the cascading ponds is the same problem I face with the downhill stream, unable to get a get picture because of angles and sunlight.

I wonder if was blessed with a enpifany or everything about the Secret Garden is that perfect.



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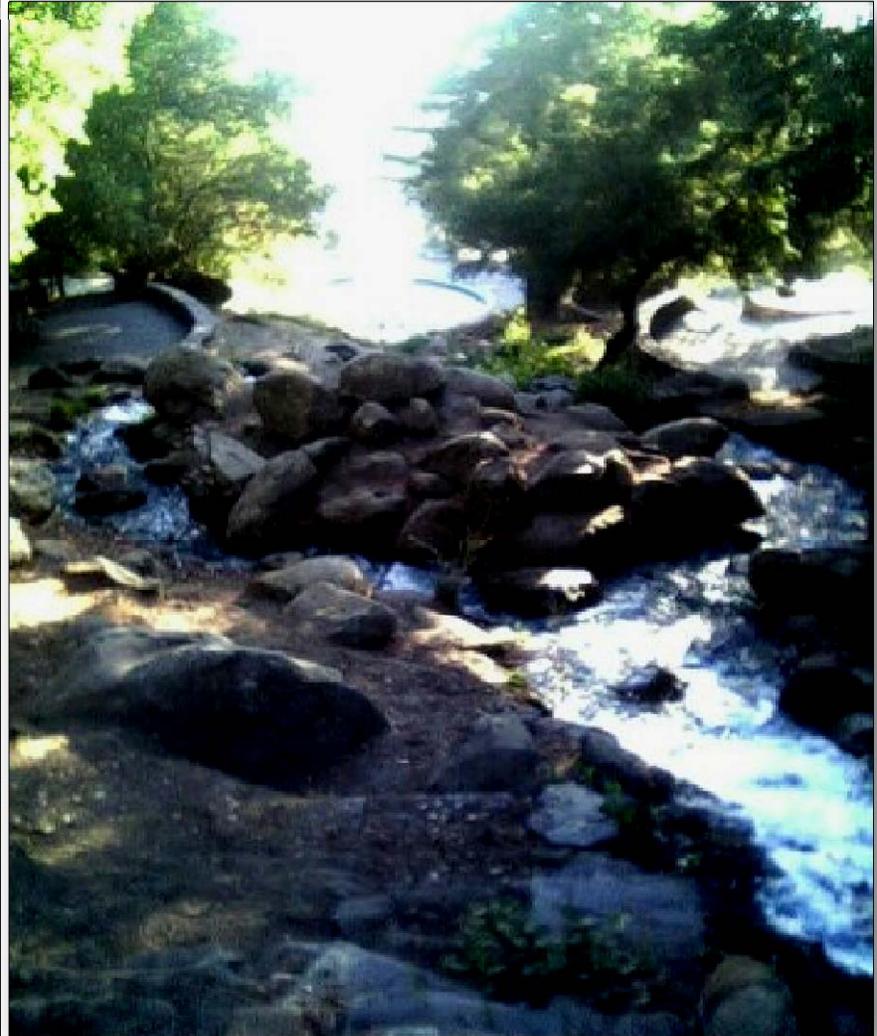
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13 - the Secret Garden Downhill Stream (2)

the picture to the left was taken to capture an image of a fork in a river.

because the downhill stream has a very steep decline, it was impossible for me to get a good angle to show the beauty of the water moving on the stream.

while my low resolution cell phone camera took an okay images of the stream, I wonder what other details could have been captured with a camera with a bigger sense and more megapixels.



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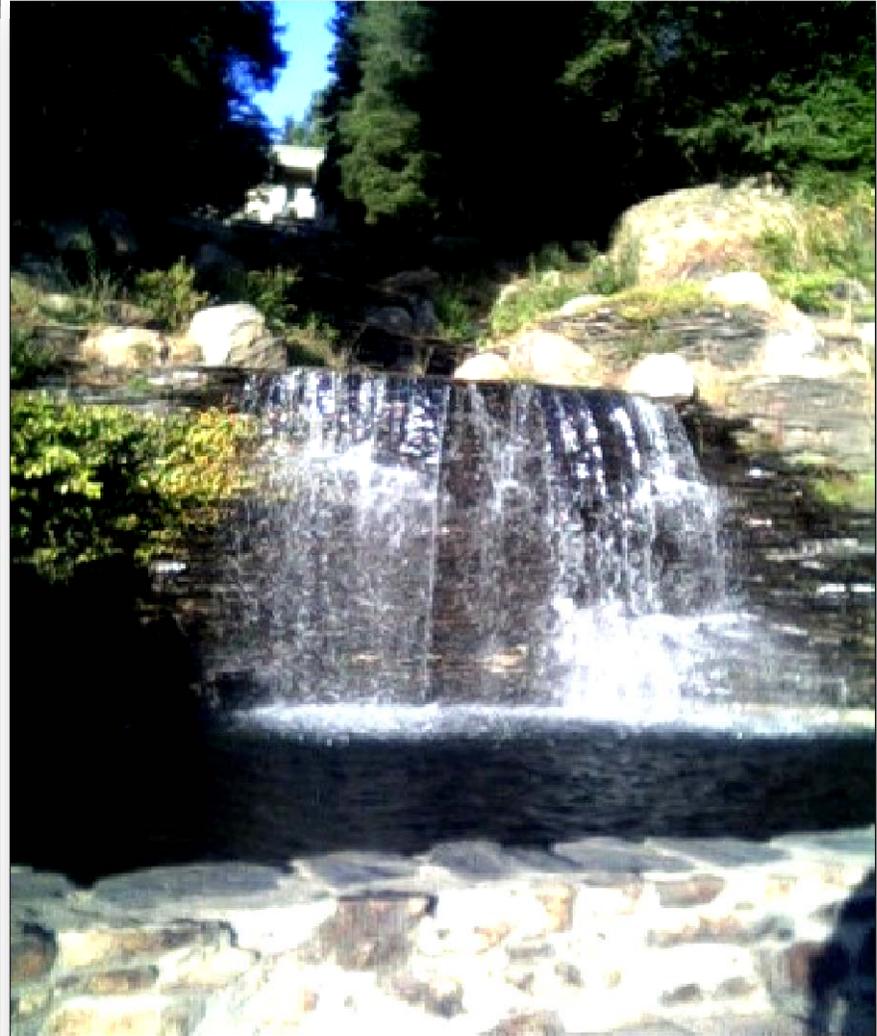
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14 - the secret garden water falls (1)

*the digital images I felt best about
while photographing the
Secret Garden
was the pictures of the waterfalls.*

*the waterfalls emptied into a pond
with a small wall that gave me an
excellent angle to capture the beauty
of the falling water.*

*the reflection of the sun and shadow
of trees created dark and light spots
I wish wasnot there.*



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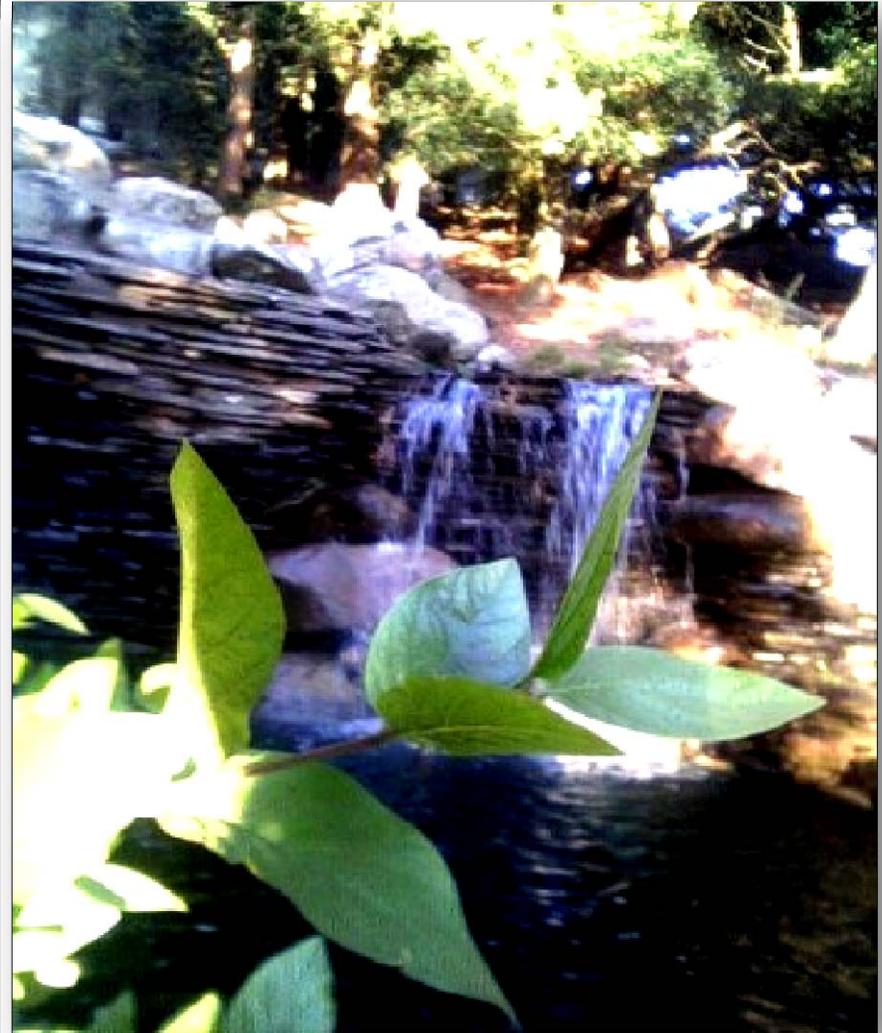
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15 - the secret garden water falls (2)

*while I have four digital of
Joaquin Miller Park waterfalls,
I wonder how many other pictures
I could taken from there.*

*the day I took this picture I remember
a professional photographer with a very
big sense digital camera taking picture
of a wedding party.*

*the big green leaves in the picture
to the left highlights the water flowing
over the wall.*



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16 - the secret garden water falls (3)

*trying to capture the beauty of
Joaquin Miller Park
Secret Garden*

I took the picture to the left.

*I posted this picture on my art website
www.artwanted.com/ambenjamin79;*

*this picture has been one of the most
popular getting the most hits for it
month and in the top three for most
views for the year.*



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17 - the Secret Garden Water Fountain (1)

*this picture is to the left is another
one favorites of
Joaquin Miller Park Secret Garden.*

*what makes it so special to me is has
both the giant water fountain and
little waterfalls in the same picture.*

*again the reflection from the sunlight
and shadow from the trees hid some
parts of the Secret Garden I wish
could be seen.*



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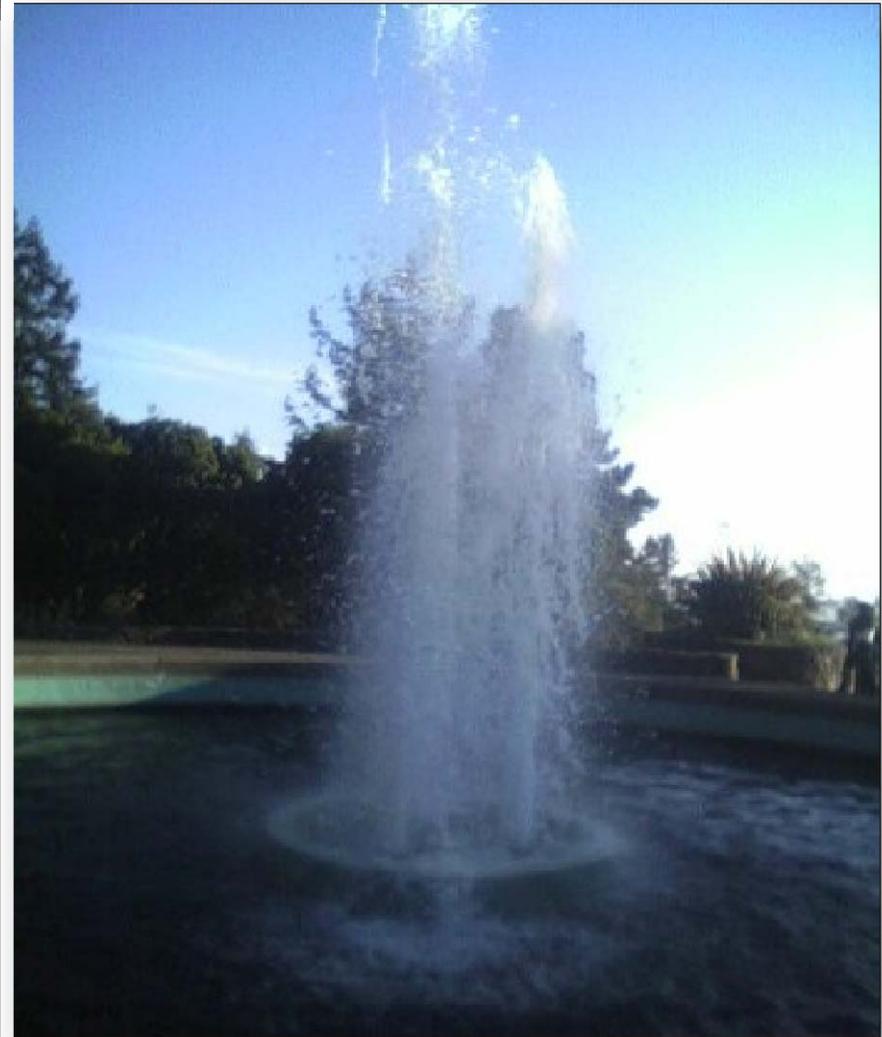
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18 - the Secret Garden Water Fountain (2)

*in my opinion the giant water fountain
is a grand finale or beginning to the
Secret Garden of
Joaquin Miller Park*

*the water shooting over 20 feet in the
highlights the waterfalls, rocks and
streams giving praise to a great creation.*

*being such an original and creative
design, I wonder why I never heard
of this beauty garden before attending
a concert at the amphitheater.*



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19 - Secret Garden Steps

while the Joaquin Miller Park has quite a few trails for jogging, hiking and dirt bike riding, the Secret has its own steps that will give you a special workout exploring the many wonders of the park.

exploring the Secret Garden requires the observer or photographer be in moderate good shape, because while viewing the ponds, streams, waterfalls and waters fountains there is no escaping climbing the steps and hills on the trail.



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20 - the amphitheater (1)

thou in this picture is a grammy nominated singer, I used this picture in my journal of digital images to show amazing vistas of the bay area.

the white wall under the redwood trees is the restroom, from that wall visitor have an excellent view of the San Francisco Bay and homes in Oakland.

I will never forget a conversation I had there with a younger black man who also was aware of the benefits of vacationing !



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21 - the amphitheater (1)

Joaquin Miller Park Amphitheater is a work of architecture equal in greatness to the Secret Gardens Cascading Ponds, Downhill Stream, Waterfalls and Water Fountains.

The amphitheater was built into the side of a mountain which had to add an difficulties in the construction.

being designed in the 1930's, I wonder if the designers knew there craftsmanship would last so long.



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22 - let A.M. Benjamin Services be your tourist guide !

my objective in writing

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*was to make people aware of some
alternative places to see while in the
San Francisco Bay Area.*

if you are ever in the

San Francisco Bay Area

*and need a personal guide to show you
around Joaquin Miller Park
Secret Garden or any of my personal
favorite places listed on the left
email and we can make plans.*

my ten favorites places to take pictures

San Francisco Bay Area

- 01. Great Whale Beach*
- 02. John Muir Beach*
- 03. Santa Cruz Beach*
- 04. the Marin Headlands*
- 05. Joaquin Miller Park*
- 06. Crissy Field Recreation Area*
- 07. Monterey Beach*
- 08. Black Beach in La Jolla, CA*
- 09. Las Vegas Casino Strip !*
- 10. Black Beach in La Jolla, CA*

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24 - thank you for reading my ebook 1 !

*thank you for reading
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journey to
Joaquin Miller Park
Secret Garden*

*the Secret Garden to me is like the
digital image on the left, the spaceship
is symbolic of Dream that has been
completed returning to a base for a new
Dream.*

*your reading of the Secret Garden
made my dream complete !*



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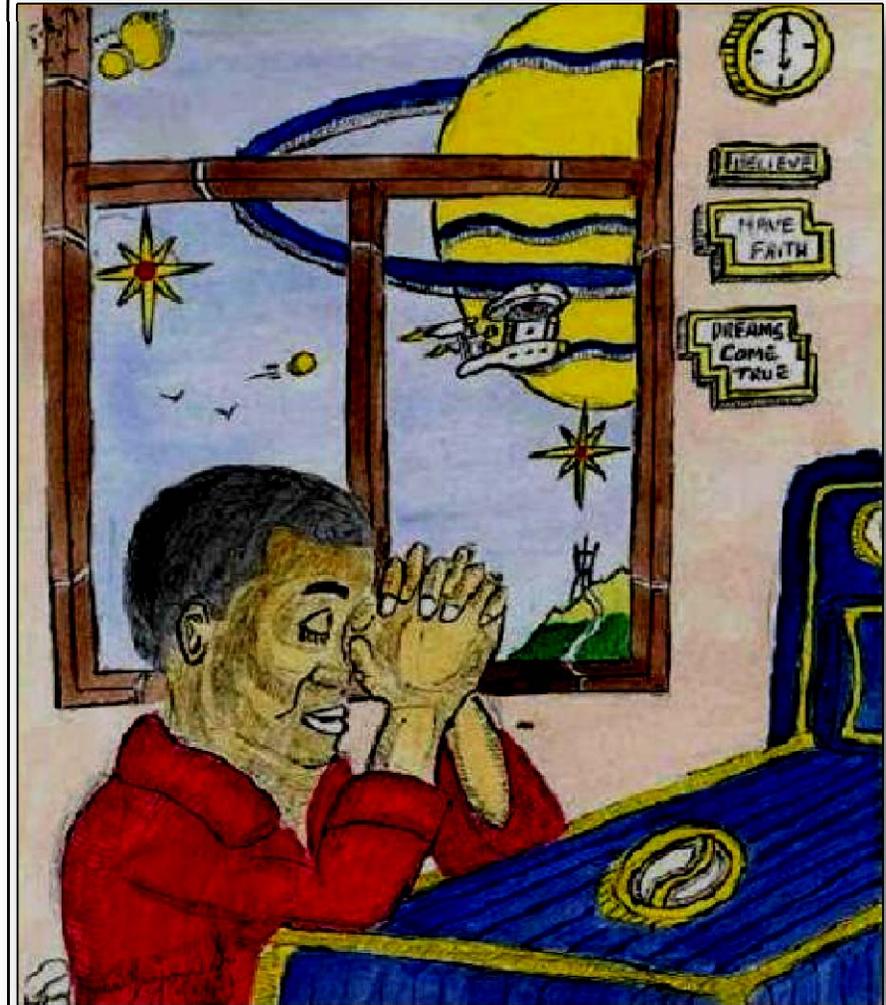
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Spiritual Guarantee Number One

*somewhere in the
Future
there is a
Dream
that will take you to
Paradise the Home of Peace*

*and there is absolutely nothing
you can Say or Do
to stop that magical
Dream
from coming to you !*



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