



Li'l Kid, Big City:

Noe Valley

By Jessica Williams

Need some summer sun? Head to Noe Valley. Thanks to Twin Peaks, which blocks much of the fog rolling in from the ocean, Noe's mostly flat 24th Street (between Church and Douglass streets) is typically sunny and ideal for a walk with a little one.

Burn off some energy at the **Noe Valley Courts Playground** (24th St. at Douglass St.), and then grab a seat on a red mushroom stool for storytime at children's bookstore **Charlie's Corner** (4102 24th St.). Around the block, a tree canopy provides a shady reading nook at the **Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library** garden (451 Jersey St.).

Lost that sun hat (again)? Browse for children's clothing and toys at **Mamamundi Kids** (1306 Castro St.) and **Small Frys** (4066 24th St.), or for toys and books at **Just for Fun & Scribbledoodles** (3982 24th St.) and **Folio Books** (3957 24th St.).

Have lunch on the patio at **Barney's** (4138 24th St.) or **Savor** (3913 24th St.), or gather picnic supplies at **La Boulangerie** (3898 24th St.). Sit inside at **Patxi's Pizza** (4042 24th St.) or **The Little Chihuahua** (4123 24th St.).

Summertime calls for frozen yogurt from **Easy Breezy** (4028 24th St.). Or, stop by the **Noe Valley Bakery** (4073 24th St.) to admire the window displays and choose a cupcake or two. ❖

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