

BAKER BEACH - San Francisco

DIRECTIONS

This is the way I go, but however you want to get to the Golden Gate Bridge is fine ... and then follow directions for exiting the last exit right before crossing the bridge:

580 W towards SF to the **Bay Bridge**
Cross **Bay Bridge** and then take
101 North towards **Golden Gate Bridge (GGB)**
R on Mission
Veer L on South Van Ness
L on Lombard
Follow signs to **GGB**

AS YOU APPROACH THE BRIDGE

Take last exit to the RIGHT before the bridge (last SF exit). This is JUST before the Toll Plaza.

Sign says View Area/Presidio/Fort Point.

R towards Presidio (not to Fort Point). You'll be on Lincoln Blvd.

Follow signs to Baker Beach (follow winding road down to beach)

R on Bowley (sign say s Baker Beach)

R on Gibson down towards beach

Near the end of the road by parking lot, turn R on little road towards parking lot that is toward the right and closer to the bridge. (This is Battery Chamberlin Rd)

IMPORTANT NOTES

- There are restrooms in the parking lot, so ... GO POTTY before trekking over to the photography spot.
- As you stare at the beautiful ocean, the **GGB** is on your right, and my shooting spot is on the right as well, all the way down the beach towards the rocky area on the right hand side.
- If the weather is nice, you will most likely see naked people (particularly old, naked men!). I hope this is not offensive to anyone – I have come to terms with it after the last few years of shoots ☺
- *You will be walking, walking, walking way down to the Golden Gate Bridge side of the beach. This is a fair walk (about 10 minutes), so please be prepared to carry small kids and plan to walk barefoot across the beach. **Whatever you bring, will have to be carried all the way to the shooting spot.***

CHECK-LIST OF WHAT TO BRING

- ☐ water, water, water and snacks for kiddies (cheerios, goldfish, cookies, whatever works!)
- ☐ change of clothing for kids AND adults for when we're are done (I've gotten wet up to my bootie before – not fun driving home this way)
- ☐ towels in the car for sandy, wet feet
- ☐ tissues for runny noses
- ☐ wipes
- ☐ candy to bribe kids ☺
- ☐ sweaters and blankets in case it's freezing
- ☐ plastics bag(s) for wet and/or sandy clothing
- ☐ payment for Monica ☺
- ☐ model release for new clients

WHAT TO WEAR

COUPLES AND FAMILIES – ALL TYPES OF SESSIONS

Think: Coordination, but not too matchy-matchy!

You are all individuals with a unique style and personality, and my hope is to try capture some of that in pictures. When considering clothing for a group of people (or a couple), try to think coordination, but not exactly a complete match. You do not all have to wear blue jeans and white shirts. You can certainly all wear blue and white – but think variety with those colors. For example: Dad can wear blue jeans and a white button-down shirt. Mom can wear a beautiful white dress. Little girls can wear a denim skirt and navy or white top and little boys can wear jeans and a blue & white striped shirt. *There's your blue and white, but not too matchy-matchy!*

I love to see families select similar color tones that compliment each other – think all muted tones, or all bold tones, but not necessarily a little of both. Also, stick with the same “style” either all *casual* or all *formal*, not a combination of both. Always feel free to bring a few clothing choices so we can decide on the best one at the session.

Typically, we do not do multiple outfits for Beach sessions; however, if you would like to bring a second outfit, please make sure it is something that can be done quickly and *on the beach*, as the bathrooms are not near the shooting area.

BEACH SHOOTS:

For beach shoots, prepare to get wet feet. Think casual and barefoot. Flowy dresses. Flowy shirts. Whites and Khakis always look timeless and beautiful on the beach. Jeans are great too, and can be rolled up for a casual, fun “beach” look. A great variation of the classic khaki/white or denim/white beach color scheme might be for the women and girls to wear long, flowing white dresses instead of slacks or capris. A beachy straw hat can be a nice touch for the girls as well. Another great color choice for beach shoots are tones of blue – for example, a family can choose to put together a combination of light blues and browns with khaki; or even Navy blues and whites.

San Francisco's weather is unpredictable. At Baker Beach in particular, it can be VERY cold (and foggy) one minute, and then pretty warm and clear the next. Bring layers! Have sweaters that compliment your outfits so that kids aren't shivering and miserable.

The WEATHER and FOG in San Francisco (from the internet) – *in the late Spring and Summer, the fog rolls in and, depending on the day, we may get sketchy glimpses of the Golden Gate Bridge and its towers if the fog rolls in – still beautiful and VERY San Francisco. Fall in the city yields less fog, warmer days and clearer skies.* Hence my decision to shoot the majority of beach sessions in the Fall.

DRIVE TIME

Please allow at least 1 hour 15 minutes (or more in case there's traffic in SF) to:

- A. get to Baker Beach from the San Ramon/Danville area, and then
- B. walk about 10 minutes to get to the shooting spot on the beach

Because I'm shooting back-to-back sessions, please plan your trip to be on time (or slightly early) for your shoot. I will promise to stay on schedule as much as possible, and respect your time :-)

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MWP agrees not to publish any personally identifying information about your child(ren) (e.g. name/age/address etc.), unless with permission by you.

Today's Date: _____ How did you hear about me? _____

Child's Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Age: _____

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Mother: (or Parent) First name: _____ Last Name: _____

Father (or Parent): First name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Parent's Phone: HOME _____ CELL _____

Parent's E-mail Address: _____

Alternate E-mail Address: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

* I hereby represent that I am authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of myself and my children)

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