

This story describes toy Admiral Ackbar's visit to the historical downtown of Redwood City, introducing the cities history and tidbits that A.A. would have wanted his dutiful crew to observe during their off duty hours!

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“Park”ering is always hard to find, though Ackbar was able to find a spot in the downtown parking garage on Broadway near Main Street.



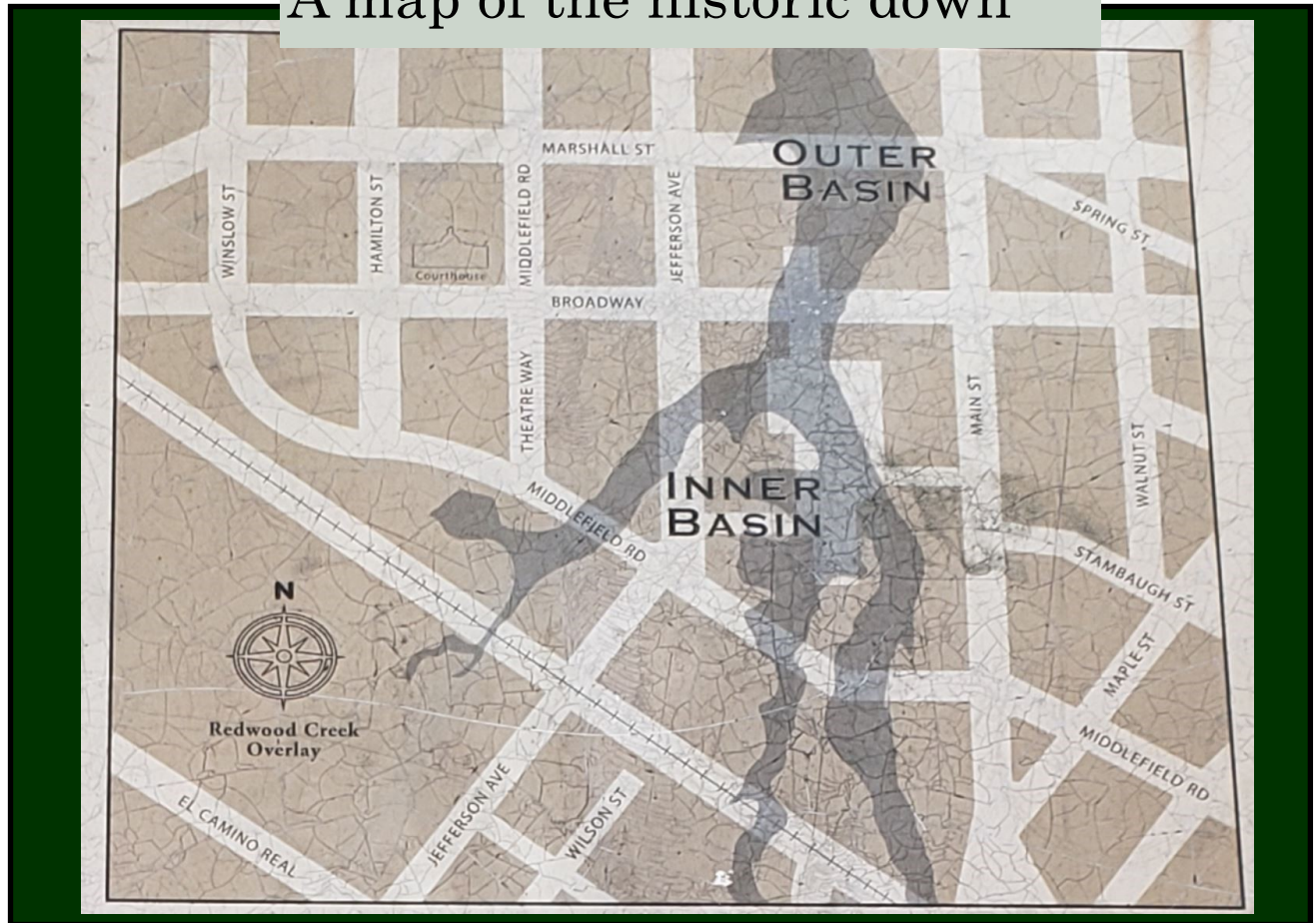
Ackbar was very lucky to find a spot next to the handicap parking, usually found closest to the entrance and exits!



Can you find Ackbar?



A map of the historic down-



The historic downtown, primarily encircled in an area bordered by Broadway, Main Street and Middlefield Road, dates from at least 1878. Redwood City was founded by Simon Mezes and incorporated in 1868 and the downtown was built on what was formerly known as the Redwood Creek turning basin. As the name implies, a turning basin is an area of water at the end of a canal or port that allows for ships to turn and reverse direction.

Redwood Creek turning basin served as an important port in the mid-peninsula region for delivery of wood log, prior to completion of the railway connecting San Fran-



cisco and San Jose in 1864.



Ackbar thought it might be fun to stay here one day or night (look for the log at the entrance).



By (at least) 1915, the historic downtown came to resemble more closely what it is today geologically, with the basin water having receded (and drained).

Ackbar checks out a structure on the site of the oldest brick and stone commercial building in Redwood City, the Diller-Chamberlain Store.

Ackbar enjoyed strolling through the downtown, noticing metal plates covering pavement dating to 1961!



The historic downtown is dotted with foliage, green and red and colorful this time of year (December). Ackbar always makes a point to “stop and smell the roses,” particularly as there is still plenty to learn about botany.

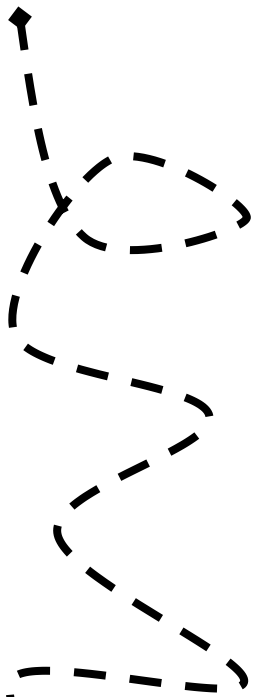




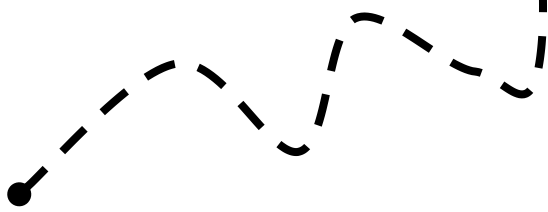
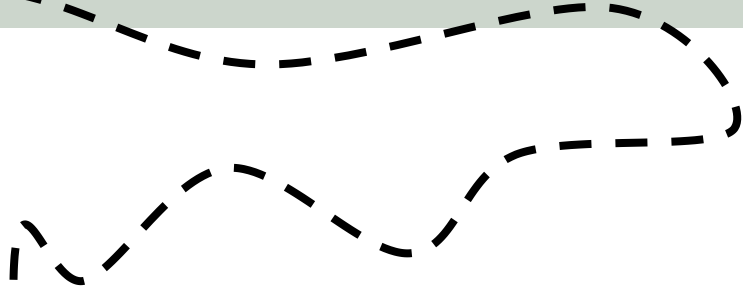
Noticing the vertical column, Ackbar ascended the pole to obtain a wider view of the street in the historic Redwood City downtown.

Unlike some other downtown areas, the historic Redwood City has few buildings that could be considered as skyscrapers!

This pole climbing photo reminded Ackbar of Admiral Horatio Nelson, who's tactics were studied in the rebel naval schools.



Some of the views in the histor-





Ackbar visited the San Mateo Historic Museum and society, noticing the intricate metal work designs throughout the building, which used to be a courthouse.

Not wanting to be in legal trouble, Ackbar went to the RFCD!





On the RCFD grounds, Ackbar makes a note to call the Fire department if ever an emergency were to arise (such as if friend Cat needs any help!)

Near the sign was a bell! The bell interior contains the clapper that swings and hits the bell walls to create a resonant and unforgettable sound! Ackbar sat on the clapper to make some noise.





While ringing, Ackbar moved to the top of the metal bell dated from June 6, 1864. This scenic spot at Station 9 RFCD, or Redwood City Fire Department, simply had to be photo'd!

Then all of a sudden, a dragon appeared, probably beckoning to the bell's call!

The dragon swooshed in a grabbed Ackbar by its claws!

Oh No!



Ackbar hung on for dear life,
managing to maneuver to the
wings!

Punching in commands to his notepad, Ackbar
found an old poem and starting singing. Poorly
out of sync and tune, the dragon dropped Ackbar
on the sidewalk out of exasperation, breathing
fire and admonishing Ackbar to find a harmoniz-
er and tuner!



The dragon wasn't the only monster in town. The old wall painting post office box also had shadows abound that nearly ate Ackbar up.

Ackbar decided it was far safer to rest on the neon green fire hydrant to catch his breath.



Fire departments help to provide safety and work in tandem with city planning to keep cities safe!

Ackbar knows how difficult it is to keep a crew safe, having commanded numerous Rebel starship missions. Metaphorically, all this work keeping everyone safe is like walking a tightrope from one end of the fire hydrant valve to the next.

Ackbar also appreciates any chance to train his tippy toe muscles (to keep those arches toned)!



Finally, Ackbar took time to admire the maple leaf metal work on the side walk ledge, as well as the winter berry brush nearby (though don't eat them) before saying good bye and good evening to the historic Redwood City downtown. Until next time!

Before beaming up to his command starship, Ackbar noted, "It's not a trap to visit the lovely historic downtown!"

