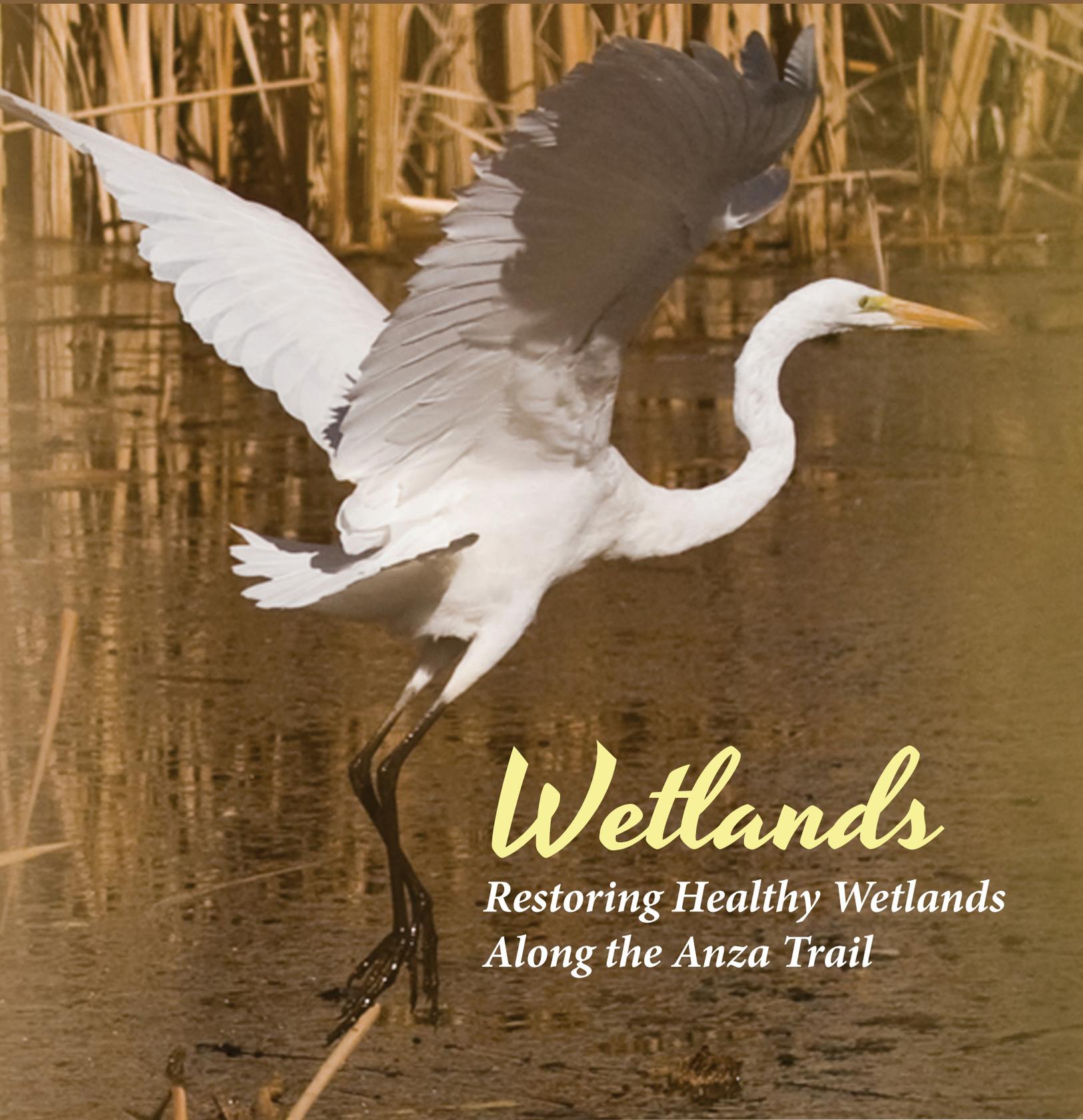


NOTICIAS DE ANZA

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Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

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Wetlands

*Restoring Healthy Wetlands
Along the Anza Trail*

Healthy Wetlands

The Anza Trail is bookended by a lake and a wetland. Symbols of life and sustenance, they served as the southernmost and northernmost campsites to the Anza Expedition within the present-day U.S.

Both were once threatened by development and industrialization. But gladly, today both are making a comeback as sites of environmental education and community conservation.

Las Lagunas de Anza in Nogales, Ariz., is the first historic Anza Expedition campsite in the U.S. On October 14, 1775, the colonists stopped here for a night, just two weeks into their journey, still wary of Apache raids and the longer route that lay ahead.

For Las Lagunas, the future was equally perilous. Today we value wetlands for their biodiversity, but for much of the modern era, wetlands were denigrated for their mosquitos and seen as a barrier to development. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, more than half of America's original wetlands have been drained, filled, converted to farmland or worse.

Indeed, though less than 1% of Arizona's landscape includes wetlands, Las Lagunas became a dumping ground over time. John "Tony" Sedgwick, whose family owned the land for decades, began its rehabilitation in 2009.

Working with volunteers, as well local, state, and federal agencies,



Cover and above: A natural habitat returns to Las Lagunas de Anza. (Images by Don Clemans, all rights reserved)

Tony has made Las Lagunas de Anza an outdoor classroom for environmental education. With the staff and volunteers of the Santa Fe Ranch Foundation, he has removed debris, thinned overgrown vegetation, planted native gardens, and welcomed local youth to take part every step of the way. In recognition of his efforts, the Environmental Law Institute honored Tony with the National Wetlands Award for Landowner Stewardship in 2012.

Las Lagunas continues to play an important role for the Anza Trail as home base for the Anza Trail Ambassadors, a youth development program that combines environmental stewardship with culture and history.

About 1,200 miles away, the Anza Trail arrives at the Golden Gate, where another body of water is undergoing its own revitalization.

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- Telling our stories and engaging new partners
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Volunteer Appreciation: Friends of Griffith Park



Carol Brusha, Ron Brusha, and Bernadette Soter share the Anza Trail story at LA Heritage Day (photo credit: Marian Dodge)

Since Fall 2011, members of Friends of Griffith Park have worked with the National Park Service and the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to highlight the trail as it passes through Griffith Park - the largest municipal park in the U.S.

The Griffith Park Anza Trail Project team, working together with Patrick Johnston of the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, has helped raise the profile of the trail in Los Angeles. They have hosted interpretive trail walks, given community presentations about the Anza Expedition, tabled at cultural festivals, and much more.

Three cheers to committee members Gerry Hans, Marian Dodge, Carol Henning, Felix Martinez, and Bernadette Soter.

Friends of Griffith Park Debuts Anza Trail Map

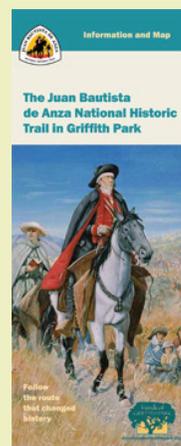
by Bernadette Soter, Friends of Griffith Park

This August, Friends of Griffith Park developed a new resource to commemorate the park's special place along the Anza Trail.

A new map and brochure, available at the Griffith Park Ranger Station, shares the story of the Anza Expedition colonists, including the Feliz family whose land grant would become Griffith Park.

The map, which highlights several Anza Trail landmarks and loop hikes within the park, represents the next chapter in the partnership between Griffith Park and the National Park Service.

Since Fall 2011, Friends of Griffith Park has worked with the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program and the City of Los Angeles to identify and enhance Griffith Park's portion of the trail.



More than 100 hikers, including Sierra Club members, joined Friends of Griffith Park and Anza Trail Ranger Hale Sargent for an evening hike Aug. 13, 2013 (photo credit: Marian Dodge)

For more, visit www.friendsofgriffithpark.org

The Anza Trail Meets the Bay Area Ridge Trail

by Steven Ross, Outdoor Recreation Planner

On August 31, I had the pleasure of hiking with a group of 75 sturdy hikers and equestrians participating in the 6th Annual East Bay Hills Thru Hike and Ride, a fundraising event organized by the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the Tilden Wildcat Horseman's Association.

Much of the journey was along newly signed segments of the Anza Trail (see page 10).

While I only joined the group for Saturday's hike, many participants started their adventure on Wednesday, and would hike approximately 55 miles by the time they finished on Monday.

Each morning, hikers and equestrians would have breakfast, and then pack up their tents and gear to have it shuttled to the next campsite, where they would again set up camp. In the evenings, the group enjoyed a variety of programs, including naturalist talks and an up-close look at the stars and planets during a visit to the Chabot Space and Science Center.

I met one of the Ridge Trail "circumnavigators" who has hiked all of the completed segments (350+ miles!) of Ridge Trail.

In 1776, Anza's team explored to the East Bay by navigating the grassy flatlands between the hills and the bay. However, the modern recreational retracement route aligns with Bay Area Ridge Trail through much of the East Bay Hills - the most pragmatic route for a continuous long distance recreation trail in a densely populated area.

In his description of the East Bay, Anza Expedition diarist Pedro Font wrote, "This place could be considered *tierra caliente* because of the combination of the heat and the plague of mosquitos that began stinging us from the camp here at this stream onward and that pursued us the whole way to our halting place, particularly in the low spots and at the streams where there were trees."

Font also remarked that the party "... saw four bears upon a slope. We surmised that there are a good many of these here also, since we have seen a number of Indians upon both sides of the inlet who are heavily marked by bear bites and scratches."

Fortunately for our group, this modern landscape has very few mosquitos, and no grizzly bears.

Because we'd been engaged in conversation and the scenery, we arrived at Bort Meadow, Saturday's campsite, sooner than we had expected. The thru-hikers found their gear and set up tents and chairs in a redwood grove, grateful for a spot to rest in the shade. Equestrians dismounted and began grooming their horses. We savored our lunches and popsicles, reflecting on the day's walk, and then made plans for more afternoon adventures, or a good nap.

As I was shuttled back to my car, I thought about how nice it would be to spend the night in a tent in the redwoods, beneath the stars.

Editor's Note: Read a full account of Steve's hike and see more pictures on the Anza Trail's new blog: www.anzahistorictrail.org.



Updates From Arizona

By Dawn Morley, Have Some Fun-Tourism Media

2013 is proving to be a great year for our tourism partners along the Anza Trail!

Did you know that our Heritage Area hosts some of the most usable trail sections along the entire 1,200 mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail?

New attractions like the Hacienda de la Canoa, Canoa Preserve Community Park, and Mission Gardens projects have opened to the public and are changing every day!

The new Palo Parado Bridge over the Santa Cruz River in Rio Rico is getting a new Anza Trailhead.

A 1.9-mile connector trail from the Canoa Preserve Community Park to the Anza Trail has been approved. A special thank you to the Born Again Jocks Association (BAJA), the Farmers Investment Co (FICO), and Pima County for helping to make this happen!

FICO continues to improve and preserve the Santa Cruz River and Anza Trail sections in Green Valley and Sahuarita.

Pima County, the Town of Sahuarita, and the Town of Marana continue their efforts on additional Anza Trail sections.

Congratulations to Marana's "Heritage on Wheels" mobile history unit, which is becoming a reality. The Nilz family has donated the RV, and the Tohono O'odham have awarded the Marana Heritage Conservancy grant funding to refurbish it.

The Anza Tourism Ambassador Project (ATAP) continues tourism industry economic and workforce development program efforts to generate increased tourism activity and revenue to the region. Thank you Friends of Canoa Heritage Foundation for overseeing this project!

Arizona Fish and Game have launched Watchable Wildlife programs, and Tucson Audubon's "Birders Mean Business" article reminds us of the bounty of our tourism opportunities.

Tourism partners: please make sure your information is correct on www.AnzaDays.com, and please send info for upcoming events that you would like posted.

Happy Trails!

Have Some Fun Tourism Media provides in-kind multimedia services for tourism-based industries whose efforts fund workforce development and prevention programs.

Pony Up

By Judith Noyes, past president,
Tubac Rotary

2013:

Anza Got His Horses

Photos: Regina Ford, Green Valley News (all rights reserved)

On a glorious Labor Day, more than 200 residents of Tubac came together to support the Anza Day celebration planned for October 19 at the Tubac Presidio.

With a lack of funding to provide horses for the re-enactment ride from Tumacacori to Tubac, the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona, the Tubac Rotary Club, the Tubac Chamber of Commerce, and the Tubac Presidio decided to have a Labor Day BBQ fundraiser called “Pony Up!”

Tubac Rotary offered to underwrite the cost of the event up to \$1,500 so that almost all of the money raised would be available for Anza Days.

We were overwhelmed by the community support, raising more than twice our goal.

We ate BBQ, listened to Mariachis, enjoyed ice cream and lemonade, watched several little children in period dress whack at a piñata that Colonel Anza pulled up and down, and tried our luck at a 50/50 raffle. The anonymous winner of the raffle donated his portion back!

Many thanks to all those who helped out: Anza Coalition folks, Rotarians, Presidio staff, Chamber members and especially the re-enactors who came from Tucson to remind everyone why we celebrate Anza Days.

Tubac Rotary underwrote the event so the money raised would be available for Anza Days.

Tey,
granddaughter
of ATCA Color
Guard member
Karen Sesler,
enjoys the
barbecue.



Music

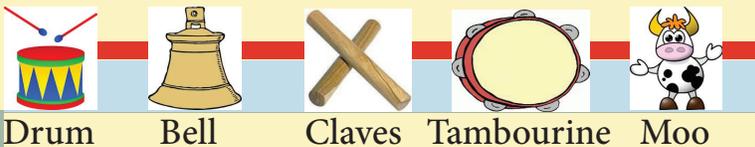
of the Anza Trail

THE ANZA EXPEDITION: A MUSICAL STORY

by Hale Sargent, Anza Trail Interpretive Specialist

Looking to get children interested in the story of the 1775-76 Anza Expedition? Try music.

In this activity, perfect for a campfire program or classroom presentation, assign musical instruments to the kids representing the different characters of the Anza Expedition story. As you recite the story below, kids play the instrument whenever their character is mentioned.



In this example:

A *Drum* represents Anza and the Soldiers

A *Bell* represents Father Font and the Priests

The *Claves* represent Native Americans

A *Tambourine* represents Children and Families

Everyone can shout *MOO* for the livestock

(Don't have instruments? Assign hand motions or clapping noises instead.)

Vayan subiendo -- "Everyone mount up!" This was the familiar call of Juan Bautista de Anza, a lieutenant colonel in the **SPANISH MILITARY**.

In 1776, while American patriots fought a war of independence from England, 30 **FAMILIES** traveled

more than 1,800 miles from Sonora (in present-day Mexico) to live in *Alta California*, the northern frontier of New Spain.

ANZA was the military commander who led an expedition across deserts, rivers, and mountains to create a new settlement at the port of San Francisco.

Of course, in 1776, the land we now know as California was already home to 300,000 **NATIVE AMERICANS**. But Spain considered California its territory. The **MILITARY** wanted to increase its control of *Alta California* by sending more colonists to live there. And Franciscan **PRIESTS** wanted to convert the **NATIVE AMERICANS** to the colonists' religion and way of life

An overland journey from Sonora to *Alta California* would be long and dangerous. Very few people had attempted it before.

So Captain **ANZA** had to convince **FAMILIES** to

come along on the trip. He told of the lush lands and plentiful resources waiting for the settlers in a faraway place. If they came with him, they might find great opportunity, but they might never return to the home they knew in Sonora.

30 **FAMILIES** said yes. Most of the fathers were **SOLDIERS**, and their job would be to establish a *presidio*, or fort, when they arrived to San Francisco.

The expedition also included **PRIESTS** who would record the movements of the expedition and establish a mission in San Francisco. The trip got underway.

The expedition followed well-worn **NATIVE AMERICAN** trails and sources of fresh water. There were no roads then, so there were no wagons. Instead the people walked and shared horses.

The **FAMILIES** included more than 240 people. About half were children. These frontier families had a diverse mix of European, Native American, and African heritage.

The expedition also included many cowboys and muleteers driving 1000 head of **LIVESTOCK** along with the families to *Alta California*. The **LIVESTOCK** provided food during the journey, and would help establish a ranching industry for the new settlers.

The **FAMILIES, SOLDIERS, PRIESTS, and LIVESTOCK** looked like a moving city as they slowly made their way across present-day Arizona and north to San Francisco. Imagine how the **NATIVE AMERICANS** would have felt seeing this noisy, unusual group crossing the landscape.

ANZA knew his expedition would only succeed with the help of the **NATIVE**

AMERICAN communities he encountered. One day, as the expedition reached the present-day town of Yuma, Arizona, the **FAMILIES, SOLDIERS, and PRIESTS** reached a large river. They were unable to cross the river on their own.

The Quechan, a community of **NATIVE AMERICANS**, lived by the river. **ANZA** had treated a leader of this community, whom he called Chief Palma, with respect, and in return the Quechan people aided the settlers in crossing the river.

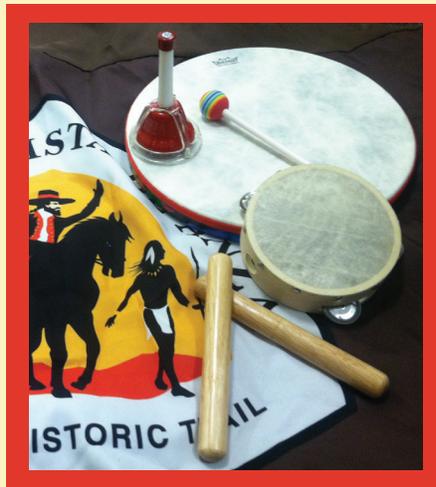
In many ways, the arrival of the Spanish to California brought about the end of a way of life for the region's **NATIVE AMERICANS**. The **PRIESTS** had the Native Americans construct mission communities where many were forced to accept an unfamiliar lifestyle.

The land also changed with the arrival of the Spanish. **LIVESTOCK** introduced new grasses and trampled over

NATIVE AMERICAN food sources as they traveled.

Upon their arrival to *Alta California*, the lives of many of the settler **FAMILIES** changed as well. After eight months of walking and riding, the group finally arrived to San Francisco Bay on June 27, 1776. Over time, California offered many of the **FAMILIES** the prosperity they hoped to achieve.

Today, California remains a diverse land, drawing migrants from all over the world. The region, its people, and its landscape were forever changed by the journey of the **SOLDIERS, PRIESTS, FAMILIES, and LIVESTOCK** of the Anza Expedition, as well as the **NATIVE AMERICAN** people who call California home.



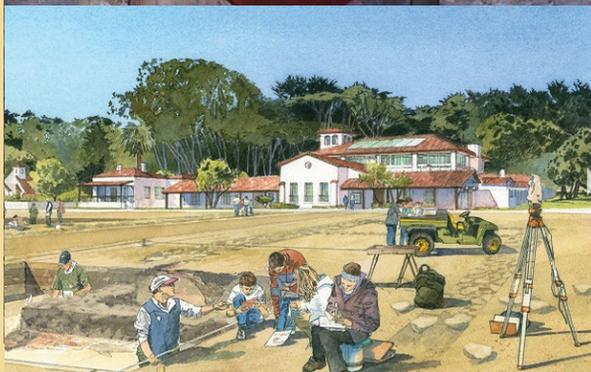


East Bay Regional Park District Completing Anza Trail Signage

by Steven Ross, Outdoor Recreation Planner

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is the largest regional park district in the country, managing more than 112,000 acres of land in 65 parks in both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The Recreational Retracement Route of the Anza Trail winds through 20 of these parks, totaling about 90 miles. Early in the trail's development, the EBRPD constructed the Delta de Anza Trail, a 19 mile paved trail between the cities of Concord and Oakley. In 2011 EBRPD completed an NPS cost-share project which installed 14 Anza Trail interpretive signs and an Anza Trail Brochure for the EBRPD. Since that time, NPS and EBRPD has been working to install Anza Trail signs on along the Recreational Trail route throughout all the EBRPD lands. EBRPD is also in the process of updating all of their trail maps to show the Anza Trail route. We're happy to report that the trail sign project is nearly complete, and new brochures are being printed that identify the trail route. It is now possible for visitors locate and hike over 90 miles of the Anza Trail, from the East Bay hills to the Delta region, and into the Ohlone Wilderness!

See the Recreation Trail Spotlight on page 11 for a great loop hike along the Anza Trail through the East Bay Regional Parks.



A Presidio Trust rendering of the future Heritage Center

Help Shape Presidio Heritage Programming

The Presidio Trust is asking for your comments and recommendations regarding Heritage Programs at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Questionnaires, including "What Stories Should We Tell" are available on Heritage program website: <http://www.presidio.gov/Heritage>

Wildcat Canyon Bike Ride

by Steven Ross, Outdoor Recreation Planner

I recently used my mountain bike to field check trail signs in Wildcat Canyon Regional Park in Contra Costa County and discovered a great loop ride in the process. The trail has some steep ascents and descents, so only experienced mountain bike riders should attempt it on a bike. However, it makes for a great hike on foot. Approximate distance: 6.25 miles.

TRAILHEAD DIRECTIONS AND ROUTE:

Park at the Wildcat Canyon Staging Area, off Park Avenue (exit Interstate 80 at McBryde / Solano Avenue). At the trailhead, look for an Anza Trail interpretive panel. From the trailhead, ride up the Wildcat Creek Trail approximately 2.3 miles to the intersection with the Havey Canyon Trail. After 0.5 miles you'll pass the Belgium Trail (part of the signed Anza Trail route), but continue on the road to make this a loop. At the Havey Canyon Trail, turn left and follow the single track trail uphill for approximately 1.25 miles. The first half of this route follows a stream and is shaded by trees; near the top it is open grassland. Use caution;

you'll have to dismount and carry your bike where the trail crosses the creek. At the top of the trail, you'll reach Nimitz Way (paved). Turn left on the Nimitz Way, and enjoy the panoramic views of the Bay Area as you pedal north about 2 miles along the San Pablo Ridge Trail, with peaks as high as 1,057 feet (San Pablo Ridge was once the site of a Nike missile installation).

Once you reach the Belgium Trail, continue downhill another 0.6 miles to the Wildcat Creek Trail and your car. After the bumps and jolts of the trail, you'll appreciate the pavement on the smooth return ride!

If you didn't consume your lunch (and energy) on the San Pablo Ridge, wander down to the historic Alvarado Park picnic area. The park, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, includes stone and masonry barbecue pits, light poles, and a bridge over Wildcat Creek that were constructed by Works Progress Administration crews in the 1930s.

Photos of the Anza Trail route can be seen at www.anzahistorictrail.org.

The Wildcat Canyon Trail Regional Park information and Trail Map can be found at www.ebparks.org/parks/wildcat

This loop ride begins at the upper left of the map, then follows the solid red line (Wildcat Creek and Havey Canyon trails) to connect to the Anza Recreation Trail (dotted line) for a return trip.





Anuncios

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OCTOBER

- 2-3 **LOS ANGELES: California State Park Foundation Hidden Stories Conference.** Explore Latino history in the context of California's state parks. For more information, visit www.calparks.org
- 5 **CAMPBELL: Interpretive Anza Trail Walk.** Join NPS and Santa Clara County Parks for a walk to a new Anza Trail way-side. 10AM, Los Gatos Creek Trail (Dell Ave. parking lot); (408) 918-7771
- 5 **NOGALES: Anza Days Fandango.** Free. 4PM - 8PM, Las Lagunas de Anza, 966. W Country Club Dr, (520) 287-7051
- 6 & 20 **PISMO BEACH: Price House Historical Park Tours.** Docent-led tours of this interpretive site where the Anza Expedition camped in 1776. 1PM, 100 Rancho Pismo Dr., Pismo Beach, CA 93449, (805) 773-4854
- 11 **OAKLAND: Naturalization Ceremony at Peralta Hacienda.** The Anza Trail helps the US Customs and Immigration Service naturalize our newest citizens. 11AM; 2465 34th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601, (510) 532-9142
- 12-13 **MONTEREY: Monterey State Historic Park History Fest.** Family activities, including free entrance to Custom House, and Cooper Store and Garden. 20 Custom House Plaza, Monterey, CA 93940, (831) 649-7118
- 19 **ANZA DAYS IN TUBAC & TUMACACORI** (see flyer next page)
- 22 **GREEN VALLEY: Inaugural Anza Days at Canoa Ranch.** 9AM - 1PM; 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, (520) 877-6000
- 27-29 **FRESNO: Los Californianos General Membership Meeting.** Will include a visit to Rancho Sueno, home to 85 of the Wilbur-Cruce strain of Spanish Colonial horses. Visit loscalifornianos.org

NOVEMBER

- 1-2 **LOS ANGELES: Día de los Muertos at El Pueblo Historic Monument.** Colorful ceremony with beautifully decorated altars and entertainment. 622 North Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 628-1274
- 2 **TUCSON: Tucson Presidio "Walls Talk".** Interpreters bring historical characters to life in an evening performance. Hear fascinating stories of early Tucson. 6PM; 184 N. Court, Tucson (520) 837-8119
- 3-6 **TUCSON HOSTS 14th NATIONAL SCENIC AND HISTORIC TRAILS CONFERENCE** (see flyer page 3)
- 16 **TUCSON: Tohono O'odham and Spanish Heritage Learning Expedition.** Arizona State Museum scholars explore Tucson's rich Native and Hispanic heritages. Cost \$180. To register, call (520) 626-8381
- 7 **NOGALES: Farm to Table Harvest Dinner at Las Lagunas de Anza.** A sit-down full course dinner with proceeds benefiting education programs at Las Lagunas. \$50. 4:30PM; Contact Arlyn, (520) 394-2447
- 16 **LOS ANGELES: Father Serra's 300th Birthday at the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum.** Speaker and activities for all ages. 12PM; 18127 S. Alameda St., Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220, (310) 603-0088
- 24 **SAN JOSE: Happy Birthday San Jose.** Celebrate San Jose's 236th Birthday at the Peralta Adobe Historic Site! Meet members of Founding Families, and take tours of the Peralta Adobe. 11AM - 4PM. (408) 287.2290

DECEMBER

- 7-8 **LA FIESTA DE TUMACACORI:** Celebrate the cultures of the Santa Cruz River Valley. Fifty food and craft booths, continuous live entertainment on stage, and children's activities each day. (520) 398-2341
- 14 **MARTINEZ: Las Posadas Return to the Martinez Adobe.** A holiday tradition returns, featuring the Spanish Choir of St. Catherine's. Time TBD; John Muir National Historic Site: 4202 Alhambra Ave., Martinez, CA 94553, (925) 228-8860

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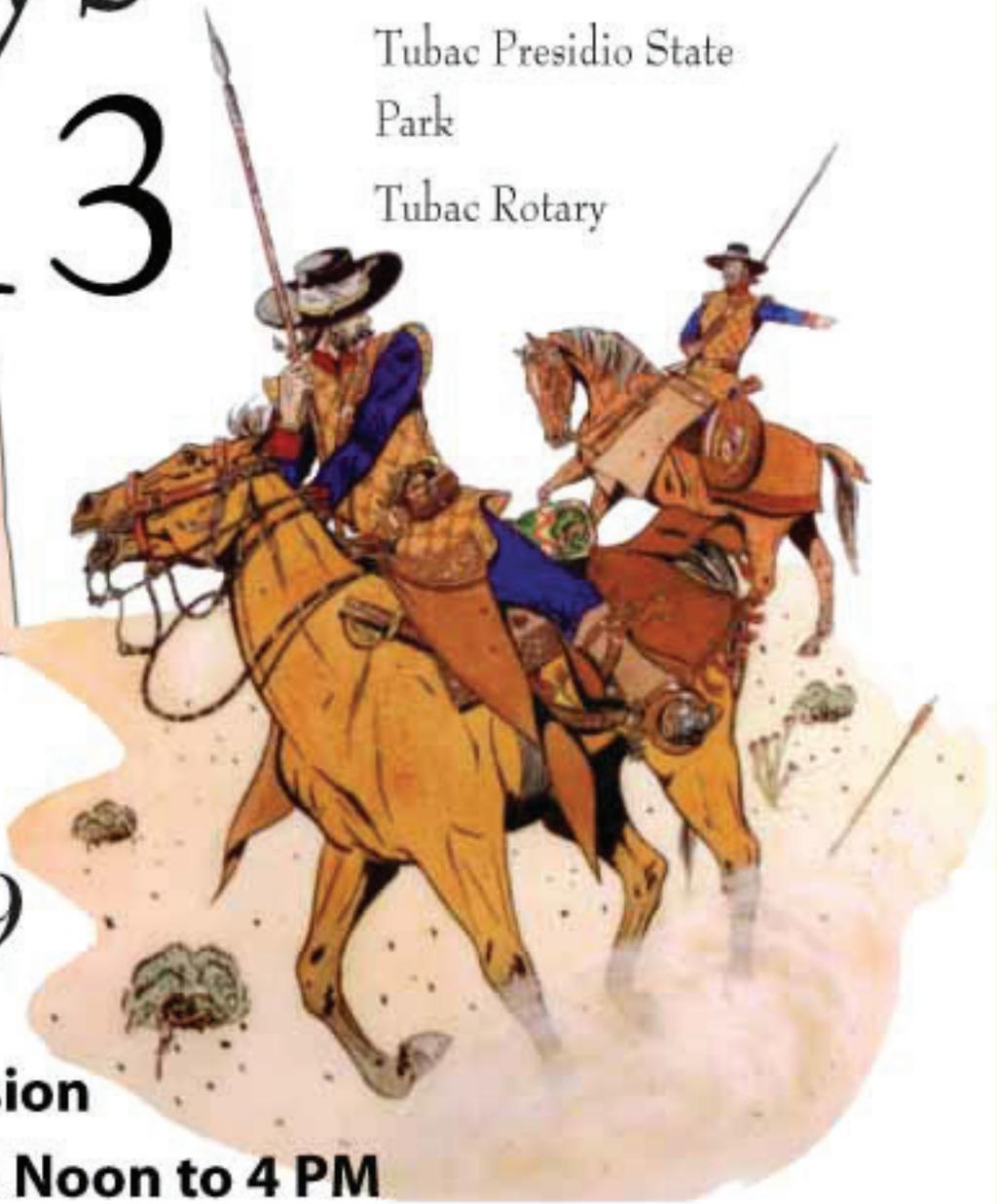
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An Anza Trail wayside overlooks a major habitat restoration underway at San Francisco's Mountain Lake.

Wetlands

Continued

“We arrived at half past ten at the mouth of the port of San Francisco,” Anza wrote upon reaching his destination on March 27, 1776. “Here we halted on the banks of a lake which until today has been regarded as a lagoon, because its outlet into the sea had not been seen, but it has a stream sufficient for a mill.”

This lake, Mountain Lake, served as campsite for Anza and his scouting party when they arrived to site the future presidio and mission. The Ohlone Indians were likely the first humans to drink the lake’s waters, and today it is one of the few remaining natural lakes in San Francisco and the only lake in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

In 2001, the Presidio Trust, National Park Service, and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy implemented a strategy to enhance the lake by removing sediment, restoring the landscape, and adding trails and benches.

But those plans were put on hold in 2002 when tests of the sediment revealed elevated levels of lead and motor oil from decades of highway run-off and urbanization.

Though the contaminants did not pose a risk to human health, they threatened the aquatic habitat. *Enhancement* of the lake turned to *remediation*.

A major dredging of Mountain Lake is now underway.

The Presidio Trust is removing the contaminated sediment via pipeline to a staging area where it will be dewatered. The clean water will be returned to the lake, and the dried sediment will be disposed of offsite. Non-native turtles and fish are also being removed, and native wildlife will be re-introduced to the lake after it is dredged. In addition, run-off from Highway 1 will be diverted to prevent further contamination.

The Trust anticipates removal of more than 15,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment. After dredging, the bottom of the lake will be graded to a stable and natural lake configuration, leaving a deeper, healthier habitat.

Like Las Lagunas de Anza, Mountain Lake has also become an open air classroom. This summer and fall, the Presidio Trust hosted monthly science talks on the lake’s shore.

As they were for Anza, these wetlands are again places to come discover and explore.



Steven Ross Moves on After Four Successful Years on the Anza Trail

by Naomi Torres, Anza Trail Superintendent

Steven Ross has left the Anza Trail after a fruitful four-year term as Outdoor Recreation Planner.

Steve worked closely with the organization, GreenInfo Network to develop the Anza Trail Map Collaborator, an online mapping program, and the related new website, anzahistorictrail.org. Steve became a leader in the National Trails System community and created the National Trails System GIS Network. Working with John Cannella (Santa Fe Trails office), he developed a learning community focused on addressing mapping and related planning issues common to National Trails. Steve also cultivated partnerships that resulted in recreational trail improvement projects with organizations that include the Santa Fe Ranch Foundation, the City of Paso Robles, the East Bay Regional Parks District and the Bureau of Land Management.

Steve moves on to a career as a Senior Environmental Planner at URS Corporation's Oakland office. In his new position, Steve will be managing the preparation of environmental analyses for a wide variety of projects, including high speed rail, electrical and gas transmission lines, reservoirs and water lines, the restoration of wetland wetlands in the San Francisco Bay. We wish him all the best.

In Memory of Linda Palmer

We at the National Park Service and the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail join the many friends and colleagues united in celebrating the life of Linda Palmer.

Linda played a key role in shaping and shepherding the Anza Trail through its formative years.

Linda researched the route traveled by the historic 1775-76 Anza Expedition through modern-day Ventura and Los Angeles Counties - the most urban counties along the entire route. In 1984-85, she coordinated the trail's feasibility study for Ventura and LA County. In the 1990s, she co-chaired a task force to bring that vision into reality.

Linda was able to envision, map, and help establish a continuous national recreation trail route that people will be able to explore and experience for many generations to come in perpetuity.

Linda shared her enthusiasm for trails and equestrianism with many. In helping develop the Anza Trail, she opened a window into the culture and history that shaped California's landscape. This will be part of her lasting legacy.



Linda Palmer (right) with Ruth Kilday, co-chairs of the Anza Trail Plan task force in Los Angeles County (photo provided by Ruth Kilday).

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The **Anza Trail Foundation**, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), raises visibility and promotes knowledge of the epic 18th century expeditions of Juan Bautista de Anza and preserves the Anza Trail through collaboration and partnering with organizations and individuals.

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View From the Trail



Anza Trail friends from throughout Arizona and California pose at the annual Pasados del Presidio kids' day event in San Francisco, June 28, 2013.