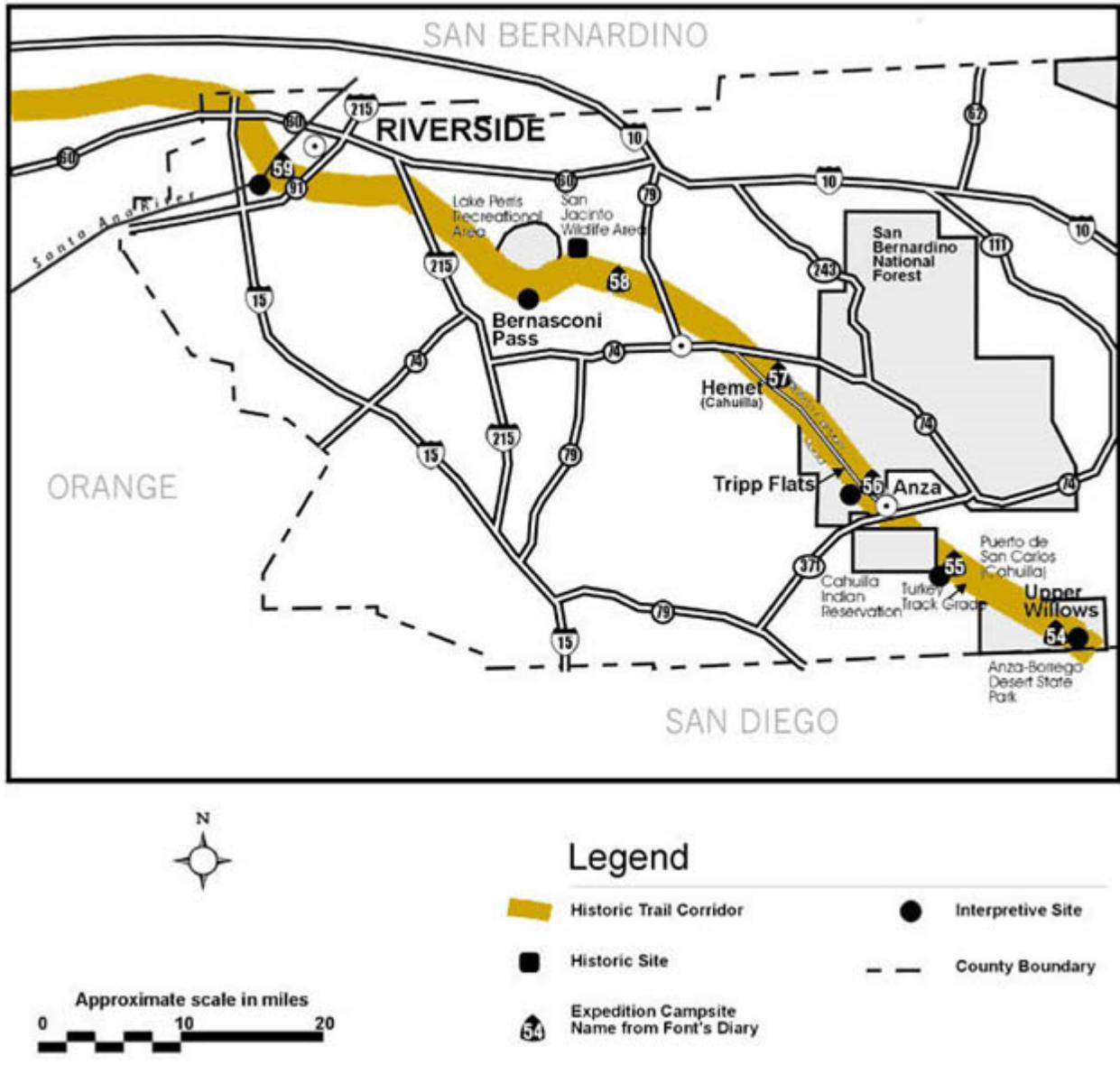


California - Riverside County



Historic Route. The historic route enters Riverside County from the south via Coyote Canyon, crosses the Cahuilla Indian Reservation, and descends to the Hemet/San Jacinto area via Bautista Canyon. The route follows the San Jacinto River to Mystic Lake, then through Bernasconi Pass near Perris Lake State Recreation Area, passes through March Air Force Base to enter the urbanized area of Riverside today. It crosses the Santa Ana River and proceeds westerly through Pedley toward Mission San Gabriel.

Federal Components

Bautista Canyon Road (US Forest Service)

High Potential Route Segments

Trails within San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Historic Sites

Camp #54, Christmas Eve campsite (Anza-Borrego Desert State Park)

Camp #58, Mystic Lake (San Jacinto Wildlife Area)

Interpretive Sites

Turkey Track Grade

San Carlos Pass

Tripp Flats

Bautista Canyon Road

Anza marker/statue, in Newman Park, down town Riverside at 14th and Market Streets

Anza Park at corner of Euclid and Phillips in Ontario (San Bernardino County).

Lake Perris Recreation Area/ Bernasconi Pass

Camp # 59, Santa Ana River Crossing (Martha

McLean-Anza Narrows Park)

Recreational Trail

The trail on the historic route within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park ends at private land and commences again on U.S. Forest Service land. This trail is proposed to continue along the San Jacinto River.

The City of Riverside Trails Master Plan identifies trails which approximate the historic route and which connect to the existing Santa Ana River National Recreation Trail. This river trail could be used to skirt highly urbanized areas in San Bernardino County to connect with the County of Los Angeles Schabarum Trail via planned open space on the San Bernardino-Orange County line south of the Chino Hills. These trail connections could be marked as recreational links to the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail and would provide an offroad recreational experience of an environment somewhat similar to that Anza experienced.

A bicycle route could follow existing Bautista Canyon Road to a proposed multiuse Class I bikeway and equestrian trail along the south side of the San Jacinto River through Bernasconi Pass to Lake Perris Recreation Area.

Auto Route (marked)

Four-wheel drive vehicles may be able to follow the historic route through a part of Coyote Canyon. For a through route, vehicles will need to follow S22 to state route 79 north, to state route 371 west, and to Bautista Canyon Road north. Road conditions through the canyon should be verified. Bautista Canyon Road becomes Fairview Avenue. Follow this to Florida Avenue, turn west on Florida Avenue to the Ramona Expressway to I-215 northwest to state highway 60.

Auto Tour (guide book)

The county task force identified a scenic route from I-215 which links historic sites and points of interest. From I-215, take the Alessandro Boulevard exit, west and northwest to Chicago Avenue, north to 14th Street and Market Street, northeast to Mission Boulevard, northwest to Limonite Avenue, west to Van Buren Boulevard northwest which becomes Mission Boulevard as it passes out of the county. Within San Bernardino County, follow Mission Boulevard to Euclid Avenue north, and within the City of Ontario, turn west on Arrow Highway. Follow Arrow Highway to Claremont in Los Angeles County.

Historians in Riverside County urged that the plan begin with Anza's first expedition and that historic uses of the trail which predate Anza should be better spelled out.

For instance, Phil Brigandi stated the following: "The history of the trail could properly be said to begin with Sebastian Tarabal, and the others who traveled portions of the route before Anza (there is good argument, for example, that Pedro Fages and his men traversed Coyote Canyon before him). And Bancroft's History of California (v. I, pp 353-371) lists at least 23 treks on the desert portion of the trail after Anza. Most of these trips were associated with the mission outposts of San Pedro y San Pablo, and La Purisima Concepcion on the Colorado River." (alternatives review, October 4, 1993)

With the selected plan, layering of history would not be part of the official interpretation of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. The first Anza expedition would be included in interpretation as it was essential to the success of the colonizing trip.

Agency/Organization Coordination

Cahuilla Indian Reservation

Cities of

Anza

Hemet

Moreno Valley

Riverside

San Jacinto

County of Riverside

- Historical Commission
- Trails Committee
- Transportation & Land Management Agency
- Regional Park and Open Space District

Santa Rosa Indian Reservation

Soboba Indian Reservation

State of California

- Caltrans
- Department of Parks & Recreation
 - Anza-Borrego State Desert Park
- Fish and Game Department
 - San Jacinto Wildlife Area
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Office of Historic Preservation
- Office of Tourism

US Fish and Wildlife Service
US Forest Service

Notes:

1. Participants in public meetings and those who reviewed the alternatives noted that much of Bautista Canyon is shown on the county transportation plan as a 4-lane highway. They further noted that this proposal would jeopardize the historic route and should be removed from county plans.

2. This task force stated strongly that trail use, public awareness, and promotion should enhance protection of the sensitive environment along the trail route in both San Diego and Riverside counties.
