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Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

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#FindYourPark!

The National Park Service Centennial is here. Learn how to get involved with the Anza Trail.

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Anza Trail Webinars

April 21 & 23, 2015: "You, the Anza Trail, and the National Park Service Centennial"

The Anza Trail invites its friends and partners to a live webinar during National Park Week 2015.

Join us to learn more about the National Park Service Centennial and FindYourPark.com. We will share our own goals for the Anza Trail during the centennial and highlight tools you can leverage to bring this national spotlight onto your own sites and projects. We are offering the webinar twice. Register on our homepage (<http://www.nps.gov/JUBA>) or contact Hale Sargent to learn more: 415-623-2344 or hale_sargent@nps.gov

Webinars:

Tuesday, April 21 at
11AM Pacific

-or-

Thursday, April 23 at
2:30PM Pacific



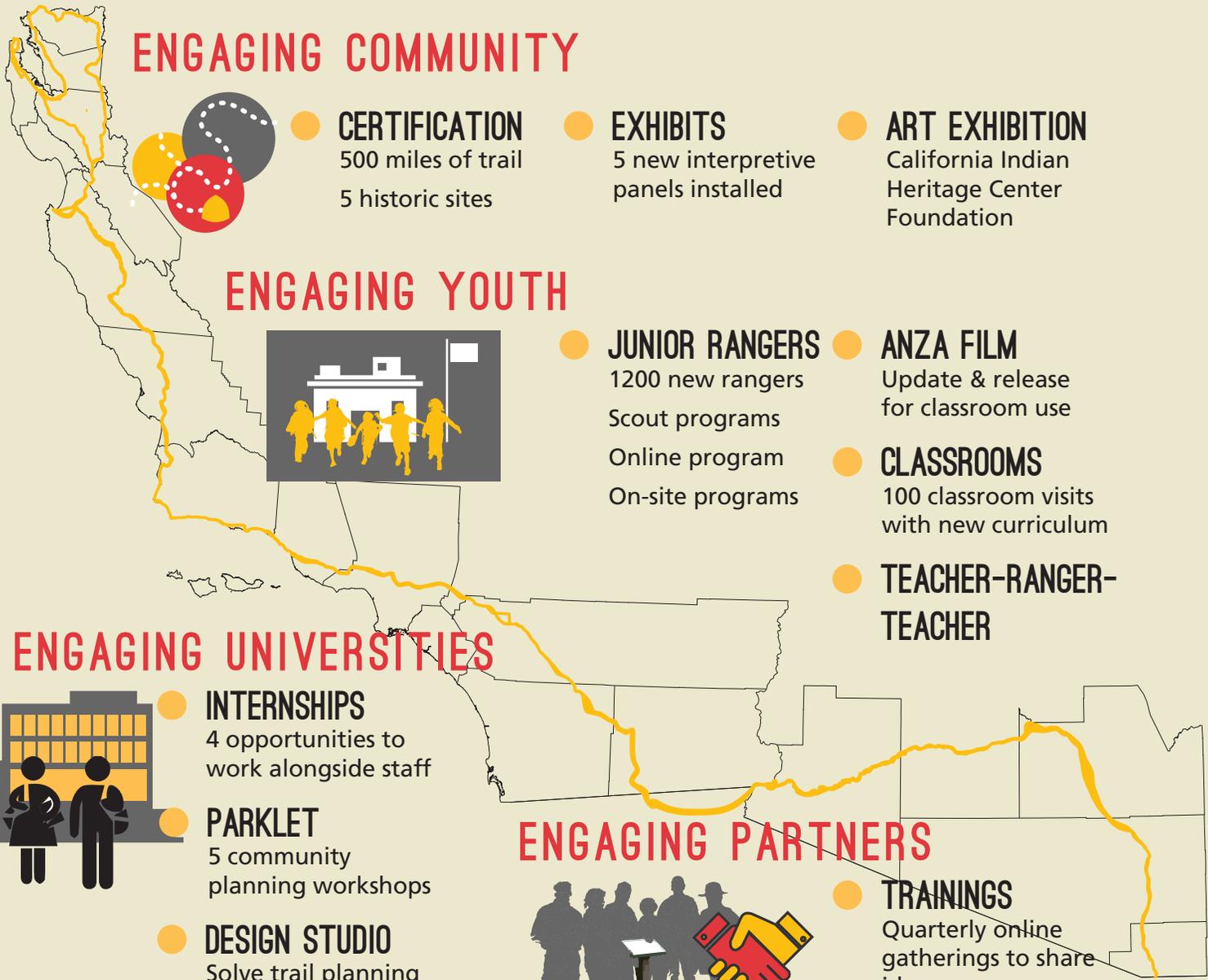
National Park Service Director John Jarvis (center) sharing our centennial social media campaign with Anza Trail Superintendent Naomi Torres and Interpretive Specialist Hale Sargent



CENTENNIAL SPOTLIGHT

August 25, 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service (NPS). In celebration, the Anza Trail has selected four themes of engagement and associated signature projects designed to enhance the visitor experience, build new partnerships, and connect with the next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates.

ENGAGING COMMUNITY



- CERTIFICATION**
500 miles of trail
5 historic sites

- EXHIBITS**
5 new interpretive panels installed

- ART EXHIBITION**
California Indian Heritage Center Foundation

ENGAGING YOUTH



- JUNIOR RANGERS**
1200 new rangers
Scout programs
Online program
On-site programs

- ANZA FILM**
Update & release for classroom use

- CLASSROOMS**
100 classroom visits with new curriculum

- TEACHER-RANGER-TEACHER**

ENGAGING UNIVERSITIES



- INTERNSHIPS**
4 opportunities to work alongside staff

- PARKLET**
5 community planning workshops

- DESIGN STUDIO**
Solve trail planning issues with design students

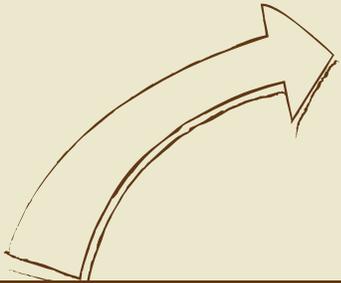
ENGAGING PARTNERS



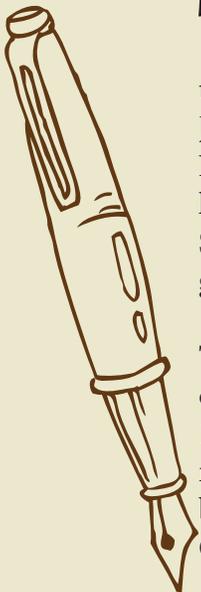
- TRAININGS**
Quarterly online gatherings to share ideas

- OUTREACH KITS**
4 interpretive kits distributed to partners along trail

- VOLUNTEERS**
100 new recruits to support the trail



ANZA SOCIETY CALLS FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS



The international Anza Society (a tax-exempt nonprofit) celebrates the life and times of Lt. Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza, soldier of New Spain, explorer, trailblazer, leader of the settlers who founded San Francisco, peacemaker, and governor of New Mexico.

The 20th annual Anza Society conference will be held September 10-13, 2015, in Pueblo, Colorado, near the site of the 1779 battle between Anza's forces and the Comanche chief Cuerno Verde.

In connection with its annual conference, the Anza society is sponsoring an essay contest open to individuals who have not reached their 35th birthday before January 1, 2016.

Essays must address subjects of interest to the Anza Society -- the life and times of Juan Bautista de Anza or members of his family, Spanish colonial history of western North America in the 18th century, Native American issues related to Spanish colonial history, etc.

Submit your essays of 12 to 20 double spaced pages by June 15, 2015. Email them, as well as questions and inquiries to gaydavismiller@socolo.net.

Essays will be judged by a panel of experts selected

by the Society. The Anza Society reserves the right to reject any essay deemed to be of insufficient academic merit or on the basis of lack of sufficient relevance to the interests of the Society.

Essays must be original, previously unpublished work, and submission will constitute permission to publish, reproduce and/or distribute copies of the material according to the needs of the society. The Anza Society will make a one-time payment of \$25 for any of the submissions that it decides to publish on its website. Essays may be, but are not required to be, abstracts or excerpts from academic papers (theses, dissertations, or other material prepared for academic assignments).

Up to three finalists will be awarded free registration to the 2015 Anza Society conference and will be invited to provide a 15-minute talk summarizing and discussing their essay at the conference.

One essay will be awarded a first prize of \$350 to be announced at the conference.

Further information about the Anza Society may be found at anzasociety.org.

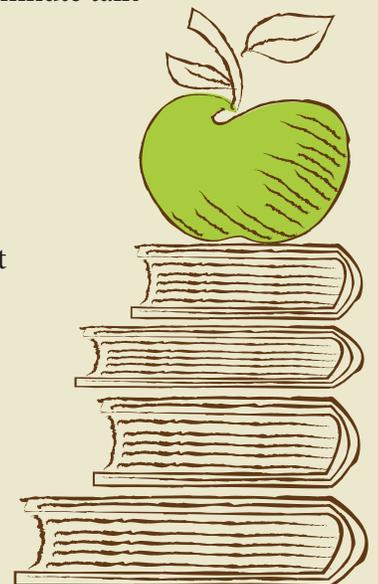


Photo Essay Shares Modern Stories Along the Anza Trail in Imperial County, California

Images of the people and landscapes of Imperial County, California, are part of the photo essay *Modern Stories Along the Anza Trail* by Tony Gleaton.

View and listen to the project at www.anzahistorictrail.org/stories

By Naomi Torres, Anza Trail Superintendent

An off road vehicle user has been riding the Ocotillo Wells area since he was a toddler. A sheepherder from Peru spends many hours alone grazing his sheep. A postmaster in Jacumba serves as a resource for community information, like where to find a plumber.

These individuals and others come alive in *Modern Stories Along the Anza Trail*, a new photo essay by photographer Tony Gleaton. The piece, available at anzahistorictrail.org/stories features the stories of twelve people and their experience of the desert. As you listen to their interviews a series of images provides a glimpse of Ocotillo, California, and the surrounding area.

On the surface, much of the landscape hasn't changed since the Anza Expedition passed through the area in December 1775. If you've ever traveled this area



along the Anza Trail, you may not have stopped for long to experience the place. But a closer look reveals a vibrant community, a dramatic desert, large tracts of agricultural fields, and renewable energy projects across the landscape.

We invite you to visit the area, while seated at your desk, and perhaps it will make you to slow down and take a closer look. You may even find Imperial County as cozy as one of the interviewees, Dilda McFadden:

"I've raised my children here. I have grandchildren here. So I guess it depends upon the pace of a person and what they are looking for...but Imperial Valley has been very comfortable for me."

Excerpt from Modern Stories Along the Anza Trail:

Dr. Neal Hitch Director, Desert Museum of Ocotillo

Interviewer: What is the mission of the Desert Museum?

NH: Well, our mission is to interpret, preserve, and celebrate the deserts of southern California. As a desert museum, and as an idea in the community, we serve the percentage of the community that either is interested in playing in the desert, or interested in preserving the desert. And so, that's a real interesting mix because, in many ways, those two constituencies are at opposite ends.

What we've found in the last couple of years is that the museum tends to be a mediator between those two communities.

If the desert isn't used, it's not appreciated. And things that aren't appreciated can be lost.

We are trying to get more and more people to engage with how unique and special the desert is here in Imperial County. And by doing that -- by hiking, off-roading, camping, being in the desert -- you begin to appreciate the unique eco-systems that are here. And that's where preservation begins.

When I first started going into classrooms here and talking about the desert, I would ask, "How many of you know who the Kumeyaay people are? Not

a single Ute kid in any classroom would have any idea.

Or, "How many people have ever hiked in the desert?" Not a single kid in any classroom.

"How many people know that we have more earthen art work on our deserts here, than anywhere outside of Nazca, Peru?" No one has any idea what that is.



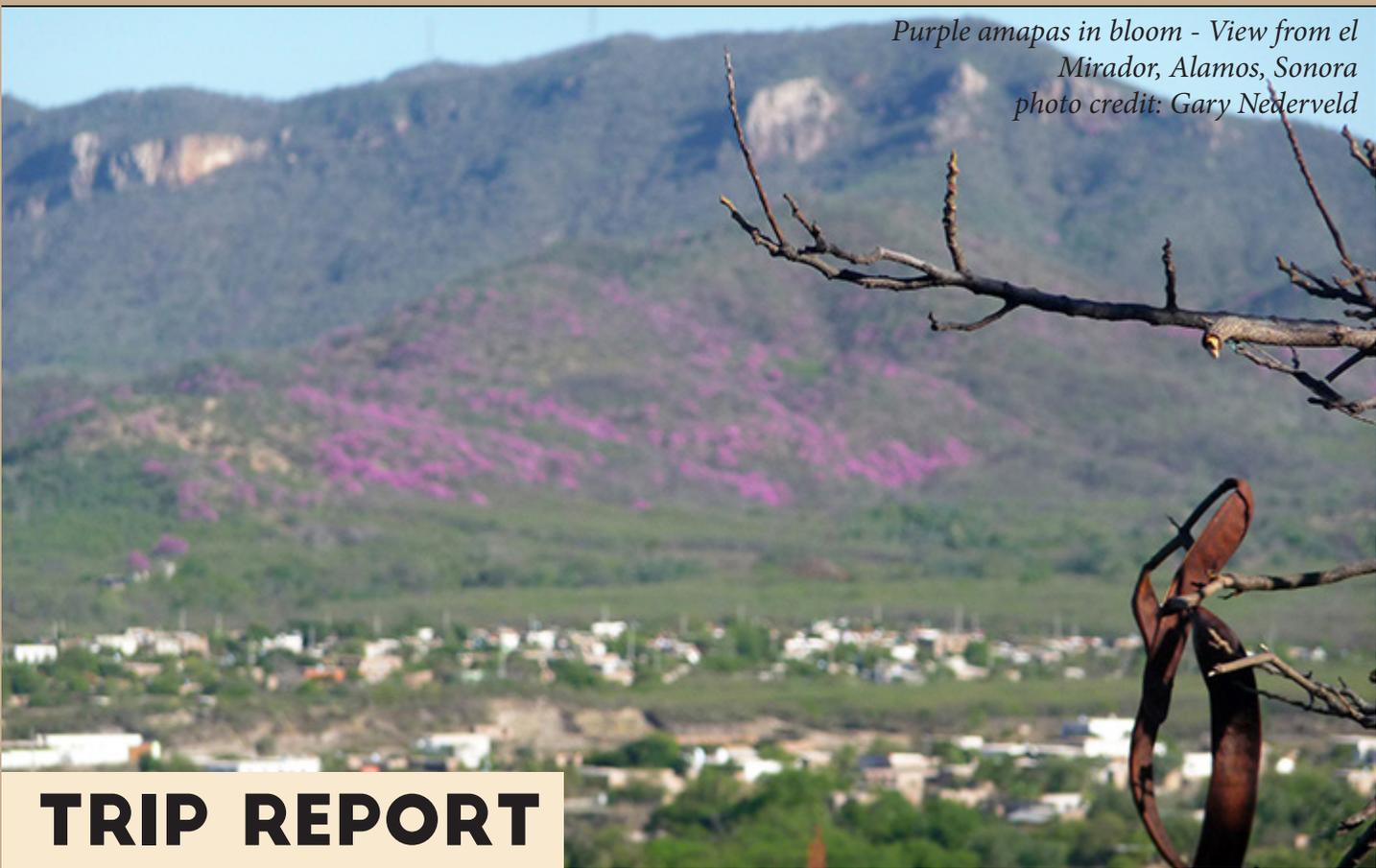
So, when you come into a community, and you try to argue that we should be preserving this earthen artwork and archeology sites in the desert, and no one has any idea it's here, has never seen it, the message of preservation is lost. So, what we've done from day one

is tried to get people into the desert. Try to see these things. And when you come to have some experience, you understand this isn't some crappy piece of land that is good for nothing. This is an amazing place.

Listen to more of Dr. Hitch's interview and see additional photos from Ocotillo in Modern Stories Along the Anza Trail at www.anzahistorictrail.org/stories

photo and interview by Tony Gleaton

*Purple amapas in bloom - View from el Mirador, Alamos, Sonora
photo credit: Gary Nederveld*



TRIP REPORT

DESTINATION ALAMOS

*by Cathy Giesy, Gary Nederveld,
and Marilyn Wimmergren*

On May 9, 1775, Juan Bautista de Anza left Alamos, Sonora, with an army, horses, cattle, and mules loaded with supplies bound for the Presidio of Tubac to marshal his resources for the great expedition which would establish the city of San Francisco.

On February 28, 2015, under the sparkling aura of a full rainbow, 17 intrepid explorers left the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park and Museum en route to Alamos to explore the rich history and culture along the same route that Anza traveled so long ago. It took Anza five months to reach Tubac with his entourage. It took us five days roundtrip in two vans, a minimum of luggage, and passports in hand.

San Carlos was our first stop, near the old port of

Guaymas where supplies headed for Alamos in the 1700s were transferred from arriving ships to mules and horses. We enjoyed walking the beach and watching the sun set. San Carlos has a “deep” history starting about 1963 when a beach resort community was developed.

Heading south, we stopped in the Yaqui village of Potam, one of the eight tribal villages in the area of the Yaqui River. The tour leaders, Cathy and Marshall Giesy of Fiesta Tours International have personal friends in the village and brought a picnic lunch to share with members of the extended family. It was rare opportunity to get to know the family and purchase some of the pascola masks they had available. It was a highlight of the tour - an inside view of life in the village.

We enjoyed two nights in the luxurious Hacienda de los Santos in the charming city of Alamos - not



Travelers Marilyn Wimmergren, Gary Nederveld, Pat Nederveld, and Cathy Giesy collect the Anza Trail’s passport stamp at the Museo Costumbrista in the Alamos town square. Photo credit: Stephen McKelvy, Alamos History Association

enough time! The streets are safe for walking in the evenings, fine restaurants are available. The history of the mining magnates that occupied the town from the late 1600s is fascinating. It was the money from the mines in Alamos that funded Anza’s expedition. The stories and legends of the families who lived there provide great entertainment. The fabulous homes built in the 1700s and left to ruin over the centuries have evolved into wonderfully restored mansions.

We collected the Anza Trail’s passport stamp at the delightful Museo Costumbrista de Sonora on the corner of the Plaza de Armas.

We ventured up the Lookout Hill (El Mirador) to see the city below. You can pick out the cathedral

and several of the landmark buildings of the town.

The transition zone of the “dry” tropical rain forest was leafed out in green due to the gentle winter rains, and the amapa trees were in full bloom – their lush pink-purple flowers spilling down the hillsides.

Other cities of the Anza Expedition that we visited include the current capital city of Hermosillo, known then as Pitic. We also stopped in Magdalena, Sonora, where the skeletal remains of the Jesuit Missionary, Padre Eusebio Kino, are visible in a monument built in his honor.

A fun and fascinating trip!

Scouting for Wildflowers along the Salinas River

by Jaime Lien Hendrickson, AMWC Conservation Manager



Hikers explore the Anza Trail in Atascadero during a walk organized by AMWC, Feb. 26, 2015

Four years of historically low rainfall has created a new perspective for plant sighting, and a fun way to take in the blooms in San Luis Obispo County, California, is with a shaded walk along the Juan Bautista de Anza NHT in Atascadero.

The Anza Trail passes through Atascadero in close proximity to the Salinas River where the Oak savannah shelters abundant wildlife and a unique assortment of riparian vegetation not commonly found in other areas of the Central Coast.

Wildflower sightings include Woolly milkweed, Mule's ears, Jepson's morning glory, and California false indigo, *Amorpha californica*. California false indigo is an aromatic shrub in the pea family native

to central and southern California and is the larval food plant for our California State butterfly, the California Dogface.

All the Atascadero north trails combined create a total of almost six miles of easy to moderate trails. The trails are administered by the Atascadero Mutual Water Company and can be easily accessed from the north via the Anza Horse arena parking lot on North Ferrocarril.

AMWC invites you to use the trail and experience the Salinas River environment. For more information and a trail map visit www.amwc.us/DeAnza.asp.



Viola pendunculata.
Photo submitted by AMWC.



Aesclepias vestita near Anza estates.
Photo submitted by AMWC.

Upcoming Wildflower Walks Along the Anza Trail in Atascadero

Atascadero Mutual Water Company will be hosting a series of Watershed Walks this spring. To get more information or to reserve a space email jhendrickson@amwc.us or call 805.464.5347.

Spring Wildflowers along the Salinas River

April 17, 9-11AM

You'll be accompanied by Dr. Neil Havlik, a knowledgeable guide, someone who can tell you the names and characteristics of the beautiful flowers you'll see, and maybe a little bit of history along the way too.

Birdwalk in the Watershed June 5 & 6, 7:30AM

Join Roger Zachary, local Audubon field trip leader, as we walk along the Anza Trail section of the AMWC's property. We will be birding in mixed oak woodland and riparian woodland along the Salinas River. We should be able to identify approximately 30 species.

Anza Trail Volunteers

Make History Provocative In Los Angeles

Thirty volunteers from across California and Arizona gathered in the heart of downtown Los Angeles earlier this year to explore modern techniques for interpreting Southwestern history.

The workshop, “Looking Forward Along the Anza Trail”, brought together a diverse group of youth, historic re-enactors, Native Americans, and museum docents to El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, the site where

Spanish colonists established a settlement in the Tongva homeland in 1781. The Santa Monica Mountains Fund sponsored the January gathering, in partnership with the National Park Service and the City of Los Angeles.

Our country’s Spanish colonial history is rich in issues that continue to shape our world today, including migration, religious conflict, displacement, and environmental change.

The workshop challenged attendees to take stories of history out of the past and connect them with contemporary events. In one

exercise, teams built an interpretive program about California’s history using only stories from that day’s newspaper.

“Interpretation is not instruction. It’s provocation,” explained the trainer, John Rudy of the Interpretive

Development Program at the Mather Training Center. “Find the tension in the story of your place.”

While the participants volunteer at sites across the region, they are united by the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, which shares the legacy of our country’s Spanish colonial era.



Following the workshop, the volunteers will continue to stay connected through the Anza Trail. A new social media campaign will help them stay in touch and reveal the diversity of communities and activities that unite people along the Anza Trail.

Sign templates to show “your place” on the Anza Trail are available in English and Spanish at www.nps.gov/JUBA.

Tag the #AnzaTrail online as one more tool to keep history alive and relevant for a modern audience.

Peralta Hacienda Hands-on History Events: Native Americans of the East Bay

This Spring, the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park in Oakland is sponsoring a course on Oakland's Native history. Explore the world of the Ohlone and other groups with culture bearers and experts on the lifeways of the East Bay. Many of the area's Native Americans came from all over the United States during relocation from the reservations in the 1960s! Their stories will also be told. Every session will include hands-on activities for all. Kids are very welcome.

Saturday, April 18 Anza Trail Session

Featuring the story of the Anza Expedition and the role of Native American guides and supporters. For more information, visit www.peraltahacienda.org.



Green Ambassadors Find a Watershed Moment on the LA River

The Anza Trail's BriAnna Weldon (standing in uniform) joined the Green Ambassadors for a field trip exploring environmental education opportunities along the Los Angeles River. The day ended with an engaging panel at Marsh Park (along the Anza Recreation trail) with organizations working to restore and revitalize the LA River who shared "big picture" issues, ways to engage communities and students along the river, and what projects are happening right now to revitalize the river.



Las Lagunas de Anza

Certified an official Site of the Anza Trail



New signage at Las Lagunas reflects its status as a certified site of the Anza Trail.

Las Lagunas de Anza, a Nogales, Ariz., wetland restored and managed by the Santa Fe Ranch Foundation, was designated an official Certified Site of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail at a National Park Service ceremony March 23, 2015.

The certified status designates the natural wetland as one of the premier sites in Arizona and California to experience the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. Other certified sites include the Peralta Adobe in San Jose and the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park in Oakland.

At the March 23 event, Anza Trail Superintendent Naomi Torres, Santa Fe Ranch Foundation President Tony Sedgwick, and the Anza Ambassadors youth group unveiled the new signage connecting the site

to the National Park Service.

The Anza Trail commemorates the 1775-76 expedition of some 240 colonists who became the first non-Native settlers to arrive overland into Alta California. The expedition families camped as they made their way across New Spain (present-day Mexico, Arizona, and California). Las Lagunas de Anza marks their first historic campsite located in the United States.

Volunteers and staff of the Santa Fe Ranch Foundation undertook a major restoration of the natural wetland in 2008. The foundation's partnership with the National Park Service began with the creation of the Anza Ambassadors youth group in 2012. Students from Nogales and Rio Rico High Schools use the site as a classroom to learn and teach others about the region's Spanish colonial history. Las Lagunas is now a popular field trip destination for elementary and middle school students from Nogales, Rio Rico, and Elgin.

Historic sites may apply to the National Park Service to earn an Official Anza Trail Site Certification. The sites must be open to the public and have a direct connection to the story of the 1775-76 Anza Expedition. Las Lagunas de Anza is the first site to receive the designation in Arizona.



Anuncios

Join the Anza Trail Foundation (it's Free!) to receive a monthly email of expanded Anza Trail News & Events. Sign up at www.anzahistorictrail.org

April

- Sat 18 Tubac, AZ. Poetry Box Auction. The "Poetry of the Wild" boxes on display along the Anza Trail go up for auction, with proceeds benefitting the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona. www.tubacarts.org
- Sat 18 Martinez, CA. Earth Day Birthday at the John Muir National Historic Site brings hundreds of visitors to the Anza Trail's permanent exhibit at the Martinez Adobe. nps.gov/JOMU
- Sat 18 Oakland, CA. 2:30PM - 5PM. The Anza Trail sponsors an afternoon of family activities for the Peralta Hacienda's series of Native American history events. peraltahacienda.org
- Month- Earth Month at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument. El Pueblo and the Long Western National Parks Association host a month of exhibits and activities in the historic heart of Los Angeles.

May

- Sat 2 Tucson, AZ. Paseo de Las Iglesias Grand Opening. 9AM - 12PM. Pima County, the Anza Trail, and Saguaro National Park mark the opening of el Paseo de las Iglesias, a new segment of The Loop along the Santa Cruz River. Kids' bike ride, activity stations, more.
- Sat 16 Los Angeles, CA. Anza Trail workshop with Friends of Griffith Park. For details contact Hale Sargent, 415-623-2344 or hale_sargent@nps.gov.

June

- Sat 27 San Francisco Founder's Day Event. Annual ceremony organized by Los Californianos to honor the June 27, 1776 arrival of the Anza Expedition families and the founding of San Francisco

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The **Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail**, a unit of the National Park Service, commemorates, protects, marks, and interprets the Anza Expedition of 1775-76. The trail's historic corridor extends approximately 1,200 miles in the U.S. and 600 miles in Mexico.

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



Under the shade of a ramada, Rick Collins of the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona Color Guard gives a presentation at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, March 4. Photo submitted by Diane Garcia.