

PACK, TREK, BUILD!

In June 1776, a group of over 300 people, 700 horses and mules, and 300 cows arrived in Alta California. It was the first big group from New Spain to settle the area that became San Francisco. Some had started the difficult 1,800-mile trip from Culiacán in the spring of 1775. They had already traveled 600 miles north when they passed through Tumacácori and Tubac in October.

Every morning their leader, Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza, called out in Spanish, ¡Vayan subiendo! (Everyone mount up!) Men, women, children, and soldiers would start walking or start riding mules or horses. They had no wagons, just mules, to carry their loads, so they had to choose supplies carefully. They had to bring everything they needed for the long trip. When they arrived in California they would need tools to build houses.

Pretend that you are one of the settlers. Mark what you and your family should take with you.

You can travel on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/juba



