

# Exploring the Anza Trail

With over 1200 miles of auto route connecting Mexico to San Francisco, the Anza Trail invites travelers to experience the interweaving of the three elements of the Spanish plan for colonization of its northern frontier: the presidio or fort (military), the mission (religious), and the pueblo or town (civilian). The visitor can understand the links between the presidios of Tubac, Santa Barbara, and San Francisco, experience the patterns of mission location, construction, and use, and marvel at the humble beginnings of the cities of San José (1777) and Los Angeles (1781).

The richness and variety of American Indian cultures is displayed along the route. Visit the O'odham plaza at San Xavier del Bac or picnic at the Tongva portion of Smith Park near Mission San Gabriel. Explore the vitality of the Chumash culture at the Oakbrook Chumash Indian Interpretive Center or at Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Learn of the materials and techniques of Ohlone Rumsien basket weaving along the marked trail in Fort Ord Public Lands in Monterey.

The Anza Trail offers something for everyone. From the front seat of a car, the back of a horse, or on your feet there are scores of opportunities to experience the trail and its stories at your own speed.

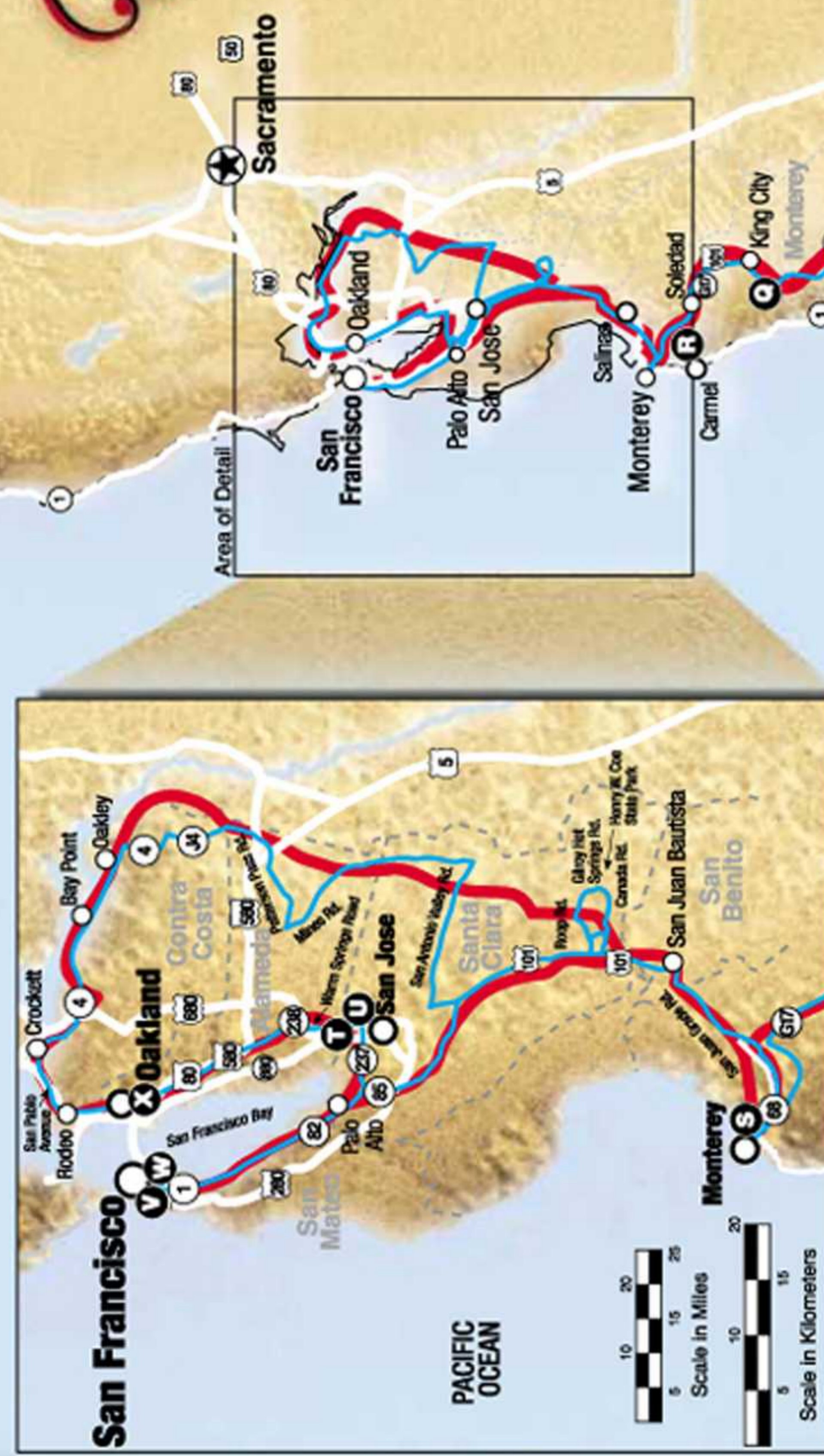
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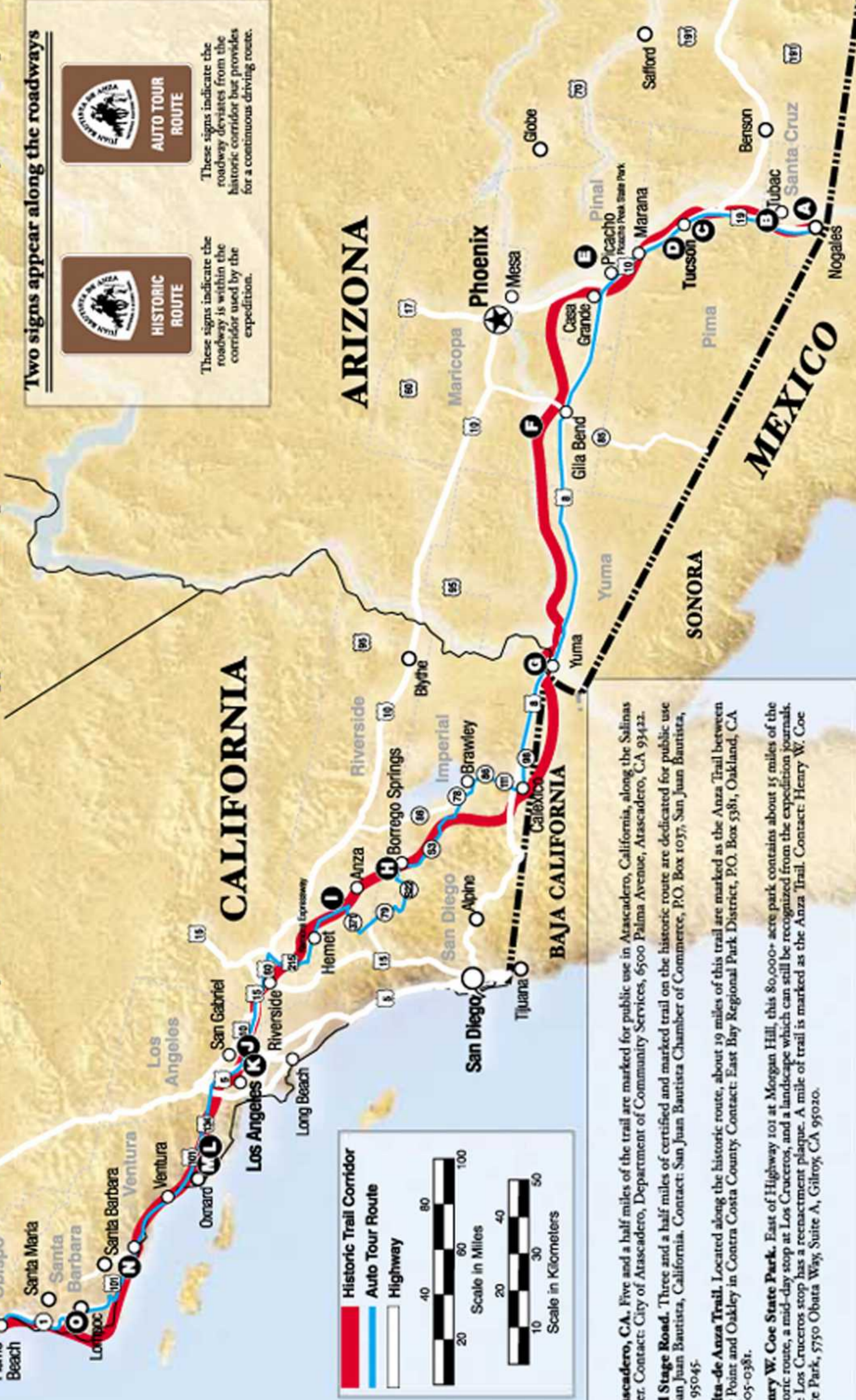


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## Historic Sites Along the Anza Route Available to the Public

- A** **Tumacacori National Historical Park.** Off Highway 1-19 about 18 miles north of Nogales, Arizona. Address: 1891 E. Frontage Rd., Tumacacori, AZ 85640
- B** **Tubac Presidio State Historic Park.** Four miles north of Tumacacori NHP and 45 miles south of Tucson off Interstate 19. Mailing address: Box 1296, Tubac, AZ 85646
- C** **Mission San Xavier del Bac** (Expedition Camp #17). On the O'odham reservation. About nine miles southeast of Tucson on San Xavier Road.
- D** **Saguaro National Monument, Arizona** Hohokam Culture Petroglyph, Signal Hill
- E** **Casa Grande Ruins National Monument.** Address: 1100 Ruins Drive, Coolidge, AZ 85328
- F** **Painted Rocks.** Off Interstate 8 west of Gila Bend, exit 102. Camping and water are available. Contact: Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office, 21605 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027
- G** **Yuma Crossing State Historic Park** (near Expedition Camps #39, 40, and 41). Address: 201 N. 7th Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85304. Also visit nearby Prison Hill State Park.
- H** **Anza-Borrogo Desert State Park** (includes Expedition Borrogo Springs, CA 92104. Camping and water available.
- I** **Barrista Canyon Road** on the historic route in a well-preserved landscape, connects the town of Anza on Highway 371 with the City of Hemet. About eight miles of the road is unpaved. Contact: San Bernardino National Forest, 1824 South Commerce Circle, San Bernardino, CA 92408.
- J** **Mission San Gabriel Arcángel** (Expedition Camp #6). 10 miles east of central Los Angeles. Address: 337 West Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776
- K** **El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument** includes the Plaza, Olvera Street, Avila Adobe Museum, and other historic buildings. Address: 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles, 90002.
- L** **Oakbrook Park Chumash Indian Interpretive Center** Located east of Westlake Boulevard in Thousand Oaks. Address: 3990 Lang Ranch Parkway, Thousand Oaks, CA.
- M** **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** Address: (visitor center) 401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. Camping and water available.
- N** **El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park** Address: 123 East Canon Perdido Street, CA 93102.
- O** **La Purísima Mission State Historic Park** Address: 2295 Purissima Road, Lompoc, CA 93436. The site presents a mission in its historic landscape.
- P** **Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa** (Expedition Camp #8) Address: 728 Monterey Street (PO Box 1461) San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
- Q** **Mission San Antonio de Padua** (Expedition Camp #8) 23 miles SW of King City off US Hwy 101, on the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation. Address: PO Box 801, John, CA 93928
- R** **Mission San Carlos de Borromeo del Carmelo** (Expedition Camp #8) Address: 3080 Rio Rio (corner of Lausén Dr.), Carmel, CA 93921
- S** **Fort Ord Public Lands** (Monterey) Mailing address: Bureau of Land Management, 20 Hamilton Court, Healdsburg, CA 95023
- T** **Mission Santa Clara de Asís** Address: 500 E. Camino Real, Santa Clara. Mailing address: Mission Santa Clara, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053
- U** **Luis María Peralta Adobe** Address: 175 West St. John Street, San José, CA 95110. Open for decent tours only from 1 to 5 p.m., daily.
- V** **The Presidio of San Francisco**, part of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Address: William Penn Mort Jr. Visitor Center, Building 102, Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94129
- W** **Mission San Francisco de Asís** or Mission Dolores. Address: 3314 - 16th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114
- X** **Peralta Hacienda** Address: 2465 34th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601



## Places to Explore the Trail on Foot or Horseback

- A** **Trail between Tumacacori National Historical Park and Tubac State Historical Park.** A 4.5 mile trail connects these two parks on the approximate alignment of the historic Anza route. The trail follows the Santa Cruz River and crosses it three times. Contact either park for information.
- B** **Santa Cruz River Linear Park.** A river park along the Santa Cruz River in the city of Tucson offers a multiuse trail segment within the historic corridor. Contact: Pima County Park & Recreation, 1204 West Silverlake Road, Tucson, Arizona 85713-9799
- C** **Anza-Borrogo Desert State Park.** In the northwest section of this park, a marked trail parallels Anza's route through Coyote Canyon. El Vado, Santa Catarina, and Christmas Eve campsites are marked. The park provides a rare opportunity to retrace the route of the expedition on the ground while surrounded by terrain that has changed little since Anza's passage. Contact the park for trail use.
- D** **Los Angeles River.** Access to a multiuse trail and Anza Trail interpretive exhibits is available off Riverside Drive at Oroz Road and at Los Feliz Boulevard. About one and a half miles of trail are marked. Contact: Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 W. Avenue 26, # 200, Los Angeles, CA 90005.

**Atascadero, CA.** Five and a half miles of the trail are marked for public use in Atascadero, California, along the Salinas River. Contact: City of Atascadero, Department of Community Services, 6500 Palma Avenue, Atascadero, CA 93422.

**Old Stage Road.** Three and a half miles of certified and marked trail on the historic route are dedicated for public use in San Juan Bautista, California. Contact: San Juan Bautista Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1037, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045.

**Delta de Anza Trail.** Located along the historic route, about 19 miles of this trail are marked as the Anza Trail between Bay Point and Oakley in Contra Costa County. Contact: East Bay Regional Park District, P.O. Box 5381, Oakland, CA 94605-0381.

**Henry W. Coe State Park.** East of Highway 101 at Morgan Hill, this 80,000+ acre park contains about 14 miles of the historic route, a mid-day stop at Los Cruces, and a landscape which can still be recognized from the expedition's mark. The Los Cruces stop has a remanent plaque. A mile of trail is marked as the Anza Trail. Contact: Henry W. Coe State Park, 5750 Obata Way, Suite A, Gilroy, CA 95020.



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Congress designated the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail in 1990 and authorized the National Park Service to administer it. We work with dozens of partners along the way—other national, state and county parks and agencies, local volunteer groups and private landowners—to help tell the story of the 1775-1776 Anza expedition. Together we connect park users with their trail and the rich history of each of its regions.

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