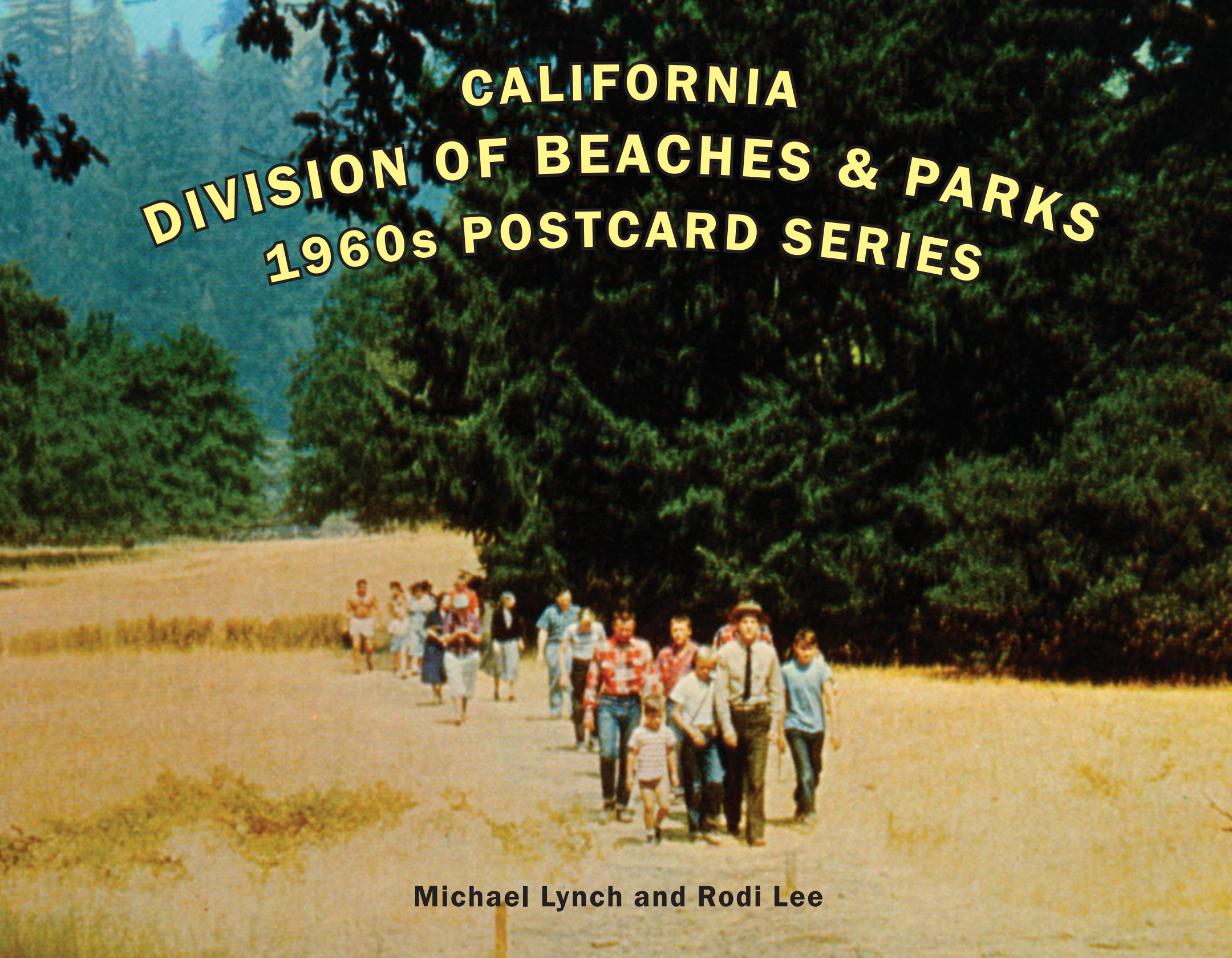


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Authors Michael Lynch and Rodi Lee at Bean Hollow State Beach. (Photograph by Rodi Lee.)

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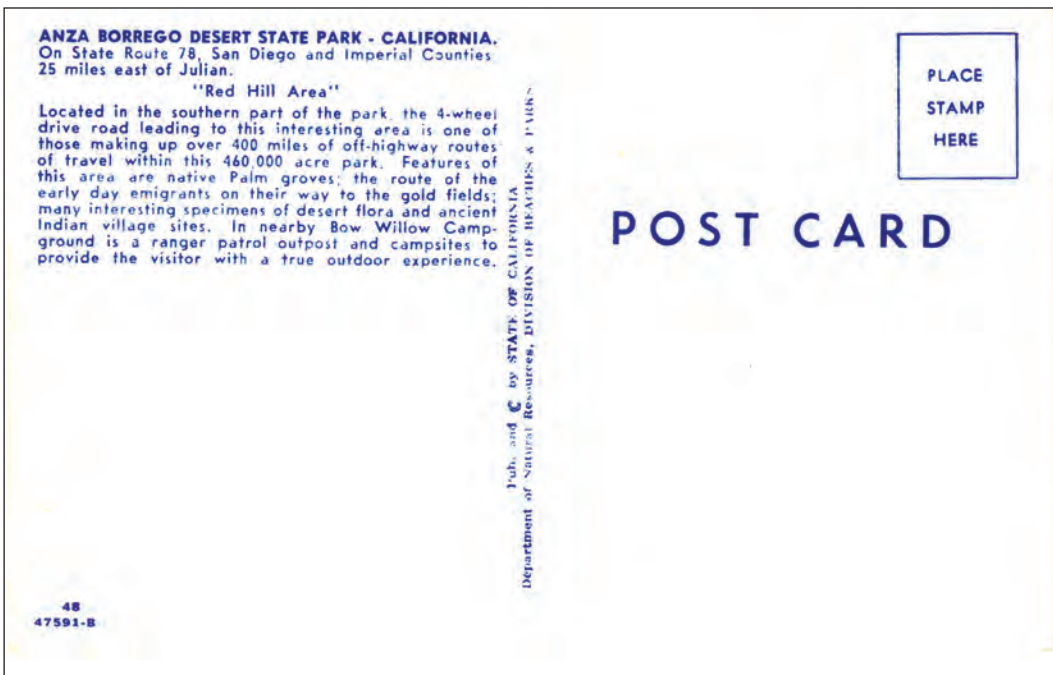
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California Division of Beaches and Parks Postcards



Sometime in the early 1960s, the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Beaches and Parks (B&P), produced a series of postcards for some of the state parks at the time. The earliest date on one of these cards is November 19, 1962.

The postcards were numbered in the left bottom portion of the card. The highest numbered card that has been found is #111.

The authors first discovered the existence of the B&P cards in 2014. We were quite excited on finding the first B&P cards, which were four postcards from Folsom Lake (#105, 106, 107, 108). From there the hunt was on! The search was aided by retired ranger Mike Whitehead, who searched and found many B&P cards and ended up provided over 10 of his B&P cards that we the authors did not have. At this point, just over 90 of the estimated 111 Beaches and Parks postcards have been found.

Cards were not produced for all the 189 state parks at the time. Of the 90-plus known cards, 32 parks are represented. Anza-Borrego has the most known cards with 11, followed by Point Lobos with seven cards.

The cards were not produced in alphabetical park order, as some low numbered cards, like those for Donner Memorial and Anza-Borrego also had higher numbered cards. For this publication, the cards are grouped alphabetically by park name, not by number.

These cards had extensive captions, noting the location, facilities, resources and other aspects of the park. The complete original captions are reproduced with the cards.

All the postcards in this chapter come from the authors' or private collections.

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Original Caption:
Anza Borrego Desert State Park – California.
On State Route 78, San Diego and Imperial Counties, 25 miles east of Julian.

“Headquarters Sign – San Ysidro Mountains”

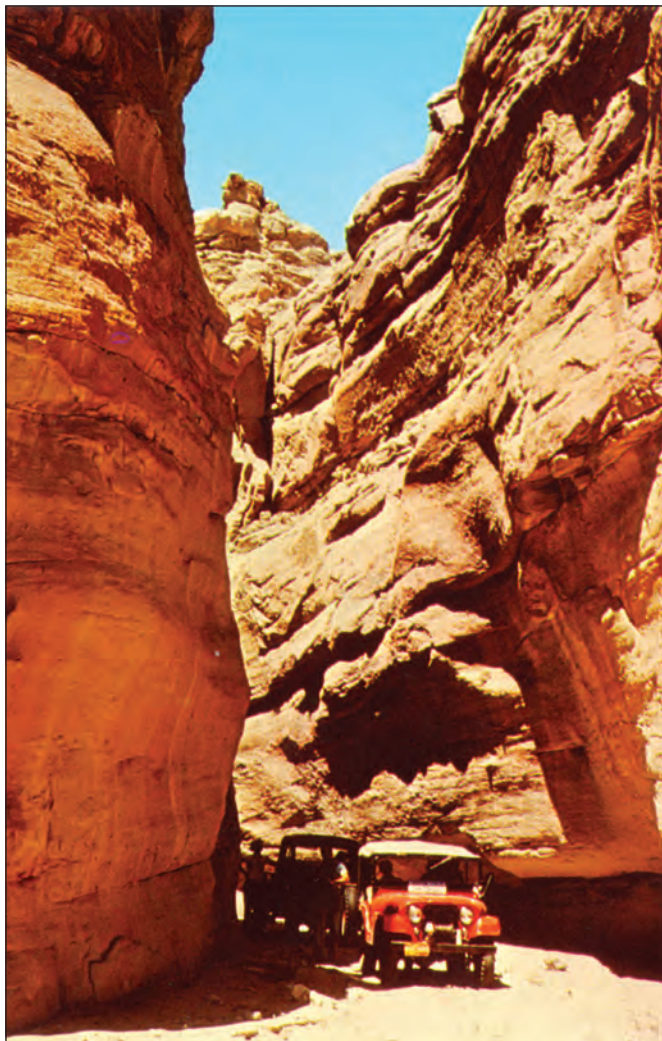
The Headquarters for this 460,000 acre park, located in the Colorado Desert, contains facilities for picnicking and camping in the Palm Canyon area. A hike of two miles from this area brings one to the location of the native palms and an interesting, though small waterfall. Camping and picnicking are also provided at Tamarisk Grove campground some 13 miles from the Palm Canyon area in the vicinity of Jaqui Wells. Throughout the remainder of this vast area, primitive camping may be enjoyed. Patrol rangers are assigned to various locations to assist the visitor to enjoy and interpret this fascinating area in safety. #43 47586-B [Hand-dated November 16, 1962.]



Original Caption:
Anza Borrego Desert State Park – California.
On State Route 78, San Diego and Imperial Counties 25 miles east of Julian.

“Desert Road and Wildflowers”

During the months of March to early May, providing there has been needed rainfall, good to outstanding wildflower displays may be viewed and photographed by the picnickers or campers to this vast 460,000 acre palm groves, fascinating concretions, spectacular views and the occasional glimpse of the rare Desert Bighorn sheep. #44 47587-B



Original Caption:
Anza Borrego Desert State Park – California
On State Route 78, San Diego and Imperial Counties, 25 miles east of Julian.
“Sandstone Canyon”

One of the many interesting canyons in the Fish Creek Area, this area requires the use of a 4-wheel drive vehicle for access. The southeastern part of the park wherein this canyon is located also contains great chunks of upheaved ancient sea bottom, interesting patterns in the canyon walls which tell the geological story of the formation of this area, the rare elephant trees and the “badlands,” an area of tremendous erosion in by-gone years. The 460,000 acre park also contains other outstanding features of the Colorado Desert, and the visitor will find developed day-use and camping areas as well as many sites for primitive camping. #52 47595-B [Postmarked October 26, 1964.]

Original Caption:
Anza Borrego Desert State Park – California
On State Route 78, San Diego and Imperial Counties 25 miles east of Julian
“Snow on the Laguna Mountains”

Providing a spectacular backdrop to the area within which the old Vallecito Stage Station is located, the Laguna Mountain range may often be covered with snow while the desert at the foot of this range remains dry. These mountains are the buffer between the mild climate of the coast and the 460,000 acres of the park lying within the Colorado Desert. Picnicking and camping facilities are provided and primitive type camping may be enjoyed in the outer areas of the park. #45 47588-B [Hand-dated November 6, 1962.]



Original Caption:
Anza Borrego Desert State Park – California
On State Route 78, San Diego and Imperial Counties 25 miles east of Julian.
“Fall Color – Indian Canyon”

Leading down from the San Ysidro Mountains, Indian Canyon terminates near Coyote Creek, route of de Anza en route to San Francisco from Sonora in 1775. Near here, to assist in the management of the 460,000 acre desert park is located a patrol ranger outpost and primitive campground. More formal camping, as well as day-use areas, are provided at the Palm Canyon and Tamarisk Grove campground areas. #46 47589-B



Original Caption:
 Anza Borrego Desert State Park – California.
 On State Route 78, San Diego and Imperial Counties 25 miles east of Julian.
 “Seventeen Palms Oasis”

Located near the eastern boundary of this 460,000 acre park, this oasis is a popular stop for the visitor equipped with a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Near sea level elevation, it is only a few miles from here to the shore of Salton Sea. This is a favorite area for primitive camping and a patrol ranger outpost is maintained at nearby Palo Verde Wash. More formal picnicking and camping facilities are provided at Palm Canyon and Tamarisk Grove campgrounds and many other primitive camping locations are available throughout the park. #47 47590-B [Hand-dated November 16, 1962.]



Original Caption:
 Anza Borrego
 Desert State Park –
 California.
 On State Route
 78, San Diego and
 Imperial Counties, 25
 miles east of Julian.
 “Palm Canyon”
 A short, interesting
 and informational
 hike of 1 ½ miles
 leading from park
 headquarters to Palm
 Canyon campgrounds
 will bring one to this
 picturesque area, one
 of many attractions
 to be found in this
 460,000 acre park,
 this grove is visited
 by thousands each year.
 Wildflower displays,
 historic routes and
 stage stations, ancient
 Indian village sites,
 and spectacular
 scenery are other
 features to be enjoyed
 by the visitor. Two

formal day-use and campground areas are available along with many locations where primitive camping may be enjoyed. #50 47593-B [Hand-dated April 12-15, 1965.]



Original Caption:
 Anza Borrego Desert State Park – California.
 On State Route 78, San Diego and Imperial Counties, 25 miles east of Julian.
 “Agave Plant – Mason Valley”

Located at the foot of historic Box Canyon, the route of Colonel Cook’s Mormon Battalion where the road had to be hewn from rock Mason Valley contains a stand of very fine Desert Agave. Within this general area are two primitive camping sites. Blair Valley to the north and Bow Willow to the south, day-use at Tamarisk Grove and Palm Canyon campgrounds. This 460,000 acre park located in the Colorado Desert is truly a wilderness wonderland. #49 47592-B (Courtesy of Mike Whitehead.) [The ranger in this postcard has been identified as Mike Merkel.]



Original Caption:
Anza Borrego Desert State Park – California.
San Diego and Imperial Counties, 25 miles east of Julian, St. Rte. 78.
“Cactus Blooms”

The Beavertail Cactus (*Opuntia basilaris*) with its pinkish to red blossoms is only one of many species of cactus producing colorful blossoms. The blooming period for most of the cactus species is April and May. This 460,000 acre park also contains other outstanding features of the Colorado Desert country, and the visitor will find developed day-use and overnight camping areas as well as many sites for primitive camping in the back country of the park. #85 47628-B

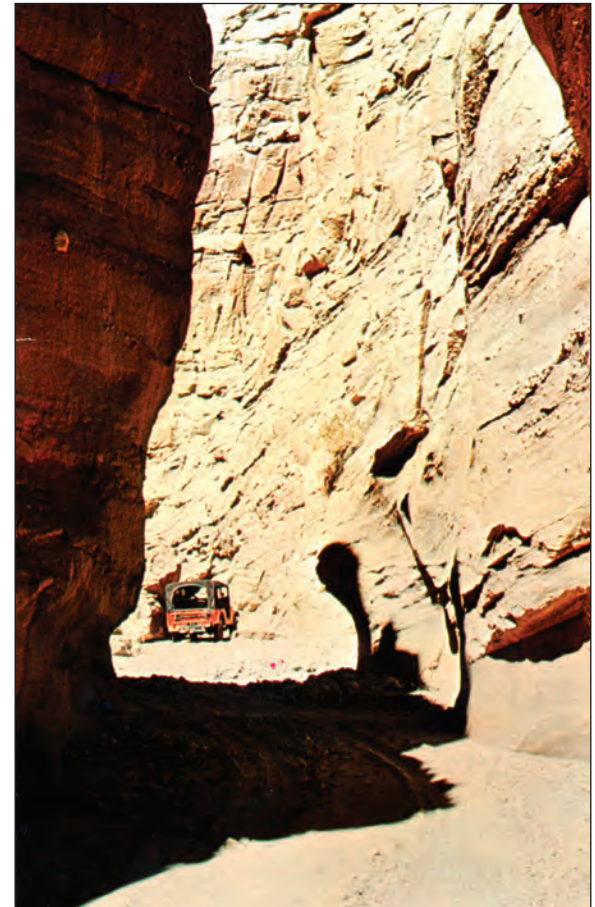


Original Caption:
Anza Borrego Desert State Park – California.
San Diego and Imperial Counties, 25 miles east of Julian,
St. Rte. 78.

“Desert Sunset”

Nowhere are the sunsets more spectacular than in desert areas such as Anza-Borrego. The visitor will welcome the peace and solitude of these vast desert lands and marvel at the startling array of colors brought forth in the desert landscape by the slanting rays of the setting sun. Wildflower displays, historic routes and stage stations, ancient Indian village sites and an educational program

may all be enjoyed. Developed day-use and camping areas as well as many sites for primitive camping in the back country are all available within the 460,000 acres of the park. #84 47627-B



Original Caption:
Anza Borrego Desert State Park – California
On State Route 78, San Diego and Imperial Counties,
25 miles east of Julian.
“Sandstone Canyon”

Undiscovered for several years after the area became a state park this canyon was first noted from high on the side of Whale Peak through binoculars. A later search located the entrance leading off of Fish Creek and over the past few years, this has developed into a favorite trip of those possessing 4-wheel drive vehicles. Of over 460,000 acres in size, this great park located in the Colorado Desert provides formal and primitive type camping along with well developed daytime areas. #51 47594-B



Original Caption:
Big Basin Redwoods State Park – California
On State Route 9, Santa Cruz County, 23 miles northwest of Santa Cruz.
“Coast Redwood, *Sequoia sempervirens*”

This picnicking and camping park of more than 10,000 acres was established in 1902 as California's first redwood park. Here the visitor will find coast redwoods up to 18 feet in diameter and 330 feet in height. Among the popular activities are hiking, fishing, and organized recreational programs. #29 47573-B. (Courtesy of Mike Whitehead.)



Original Caption:
Calaveras Big Tree State Park – California
Calaveras County, 25 miles E. of Angels Camp, St. Rte. 4
“Sierra Redwood” (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*)

This picnicking and camping park contains two outstanding groves of Sierra Redwoods. The largest of these trees reach 35 feet in diameter at the base and are approximately 300 feet tall. As ancient as the Sphinx, the oldest trees are believed to be nearly 4,000 years of age. To camp near these trees is an experience never forgotten. Naturalist conducted hikes and campfire programs, fishing in nearby lakes and streams, hiking and some winter sport recreation further add to the visitor's enjoyment. #70 47613-B



Original Caption:
Calaveras Big Trees State Park – California
Calaveras County, 25 miles E. of Angels Camp, St. Rte. 4.
“On Beaver Creek”

Not only will the visitor carry away the memory of camping or picnicking in the shadow of the giant Sierra Redwoods (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) but he will long remember hours spent in the sun relaxing atop the giant boulders lining colorful Beaver Creek. #72 47615-B



Original Caption:
Calaveras Big Trees State Park – California
Calaveras County, 25 miles E. of Angels Camp, St. Rte. 4.
“Along Beaver Creek”

In a park containing two outstanding groves of Sierra Redwoods (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) hiking, swimming and fishing may be enjoyed along Beaver Creek a tributary of the Stanislaus River. #71 47614-B (Courtesy of Mike Whitehead.)



Original Caption:
Calaveras Big Trees State Park – California
Calaveras County, 25 miles E. of Angels Camp, St. Rte. 4.
“Beaver Creek – Rapids”

Camping or picnicking at the feet of the world’s largest trees, the Sierra Redwoods (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) is an experience never to be forgotten. Also, boulder-lined Beaver Creek offers many attractions including fishing, swimming, sunning, and just plain loafing. Artists and photographers find endless numbers and variety of subjects along this creek and throughout the park. #73 47616-B



Original Caption:

California Roadside Rest

Located along U.S. Route 66, between Barstow and Needles, this roadside rest is one of four along this highway being provided for safety and comfort of the desert traveler. It was developed and is maintained by the California Division of Beaches & Parks. #54 47597-B



Original Caption:

Castle Crags State Park – California

On Highway U. S. 99, Shasta County, 6 miles south of Dunsmuir.

“Distant View of Crags”

Park features picnicking and camping, excellent fishing in Upper Sacramento River, which flows through the park; swimming and hiking may also be enjoyed by the visitor. Adjoins area to primitive mountains. #2 47552-B [Postmarked July 21, 1964.]



The back of this Castle Crags card is postmarked from Burney. One wonders if after Castle Crags, the next stop on their vacation was McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park?

Original Caption:

Clear Lake State Park - California

Lake County, 3 miles N. E. of Kelseyville on the Soda Bay road.

“Boating on Scenic Clear Lake”

With horse rentals and riding trails available near the park and camping, picnicking, swimming launch, fishing and other facilities for water recreation available within the park, Clear Lake State Park is a paradise for the outdoorsman. A short Indian nature trail has been developed to help acquaint the visitor with some of the natural and historical features of the area. The combination of scenic, recreational, inspirational, and historical features are surpassed in few state parks in California.

#61 47604-B [Postmark October 27, 1969.]



Original Caption:

Caswell Memorial State Park – California.

San Joaquin County, 4 miles S. W. of Ripon, off U. S. 99.

“A Picnic Area”

Located on the banks of the Stanislaus River, this park offers protection for one of the few large remaining groves of native Valley Oaks (*Quercus lobata*). Picnicking, fishing, swimming, sunbathing, nature photography and study may all be enjoyed by visitors.

#55 47598-B [Postmarked May 19, 1968]



Original Caption:

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park – California

50 miles east of San Diego, State Route 79

“Stonewall Peak”

Rising to almost 6,000 feet in elevation, Stonewall Peak overlooks the thousands of acres of grassy mesas, swales, chaparral-covered rocky hillsides, tree-shaded streams and forested slopes. Daytime use and overnight camping facilities, excellent riding and hiking trails and camps, fishing, exhibits interpreting the natural and human history of the area and naturalist guided hikes and evening campfire programs may all be enjoyed in the park. #62 47605-B

Original Caption:

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park – California.

50 miles E. of San Diego, State Route 79

“Los Caballos Horse Camp”

The State Riding and Hiking Trail passes through the western edge of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Los Caballos is the major developed campground for horseman and offers camping facilities complete with corrals, hitch racks, parking lots, loading ramps and a food and horse rental concession all located in a superb outdoor setting. #63 47606-B (Courtesy of Jim Burke.)

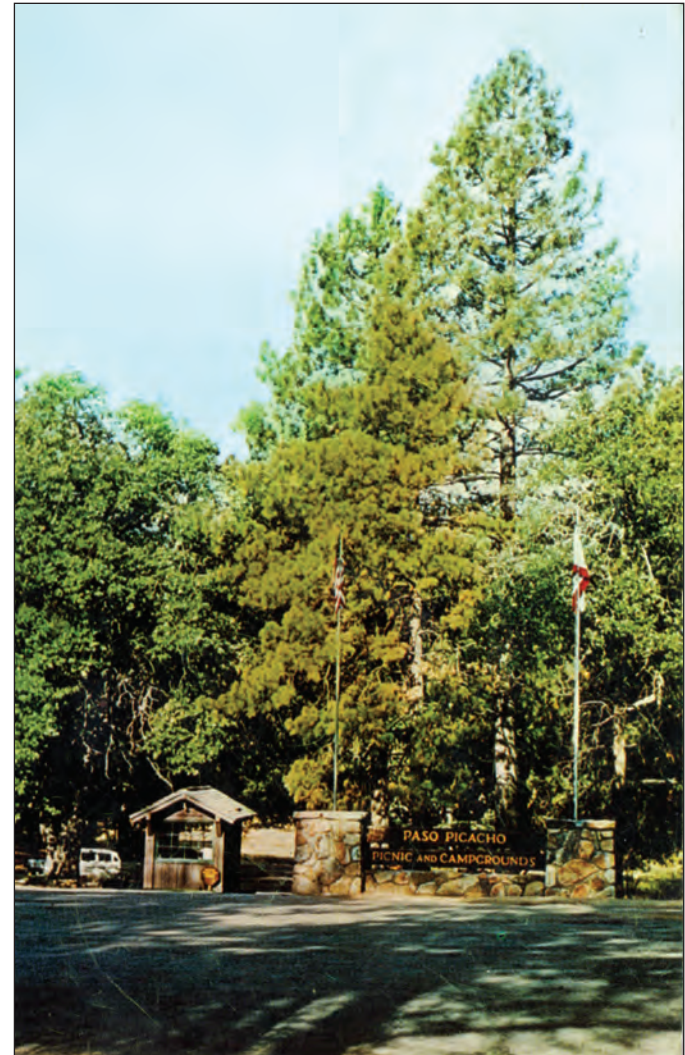




Original Caption:
 Cuyamaca Rancho State Park – California.
 50 miles E. of San Diego, State Route 79.

“A Horse Camp”

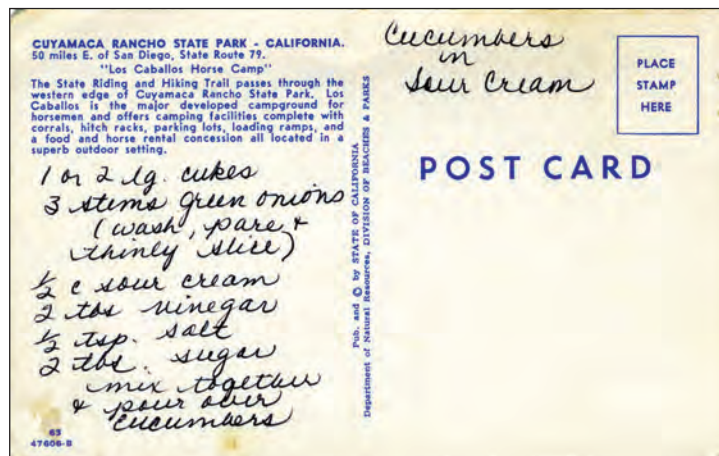
Los Caballos Horse Camp is located on the State Riding and Hiking Trail which passed through the western edge of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, offering excellent overnight and day-use facilities for the horseman, including a food and horse rental concession, this park provides a central location to reach the State Riding and Hiking Trail system in San Diego County. #64 47607-B (Courtesy of Jim Burke.)



Original Caption:
 Cuyamaca Rancho State Park – California.
 50 miles E. of San Diego, State Route 79.

“Entrance to Paso Picacha Campground”

Excellent day-use and overnight camping facilities give the visitor the opportunity to gain a deep appreciation of the historic and natural values which state parks are maintained to protect by such means as the naturalist conducted walks and campfire programs and the exhibits and museums. Fishing, riding and hiking also may be enjoyed at Cuyamaca Rancho. #66 407609-B (Courtesy of Jim Burke.)



The Cuyamaca card above was used as a recipe file card.



Original Caption:

D. L. Bliss State Park— California.

State Route 89, El Dorado County, 33 miles south of Truckee, on south shore of Lake Tahoe.

The various blues of Lake Tahoe harbor front trout and salmon for the fisherman. For the picnickers or camper who desires this type of water-related sports, there is swimming, sunbathing and boating. Hiking along beautiful Rubicon Trail as it follows above the lake shore between D. L. Bliss and Emerald Bay. #12 47562-B (Courtesy of Mike Whitehead.) [Postmarked August 12, 1966.]

Original Caption:

D. L. Bliss State Park – California. State Route 89, El Dorado County, 33 miles south of Truckee, on south shore of Lake Tahoe.

“Across Lake Tahoe to Nevada”

Along with swimming and fishing, the picnicker or camper visiting this park will marvel at the magnificent scenery which will greet him at every turn along Rubicon Trail. #11 47561-B (Courtesy of Mike Whitehead.)



Original Caption:
 D. L. Bliss State Park – California.
 State Route 89 El Dorado County, 33 miles south of Truckee, on south shore of Lake Tahoe.
 The picnicking or camping visitor to this beautiful park will find swimming and sunbathing at Lester Beach a memorable experience.
 #10 47560-B



Original Caption:
 D. L. Bliss State Park – California.
 El Dorado County, 33 miles south of Truckee, on south shore of Lake Tahoe, State Route 89.

“Old Lighthouse”

Along with swimming, fishing and boating, the visitor will marvel at the magnificent scenery which will greet him at every turn along the Lighthouse Trail. Of historic interest is the old lighthouse itself. Naturalist conducted campfire programs and nature walks and talks are part of the recreational and educational opportunities available at D.L. Bliss. #78 47621-B (Courtesy of Mike Whitehead.)



Original Caption:
 Donner Memorial State Park – California.
 Nevada and Placer Counties, 2 miles west of Truckee, on U. S. 40.
 “Pioneer Monument”
 On June 6, 1918, this monument was dedicated in the memory of the hardships which the ill-fated Donner Party suffered during the memorable winter of 1846 – 47. Some 42 persons, almost half of the party died of exposure and starvation when the snow reached a depth of 22 feet or approximately as high as the top of the column on which the figures stand. The monument commemorates this party and the thousands of other emigrants who suffered similar hardships on their trek to California.

Offering picnicking, camping, and also fishing, swimming, and boating in adjacent Donner Lake, in an area noted for its scenic natural beauty. Donner Memorial also provides naturalist services during the summer months with evening campfire programs and guided walks and hikes. #94 47636-B (Courtesy of Roger Titus.)



Original Caption:
 Donner Memorial State Park – California.
 Nevada, and Placer Counties, 2 miles west of Truckee, on U. S. 40.
 “Swimming in Scenic Donner Lake”

This park commemorates the ill-fated Donner Party who wintered here in 1846-47 on their way to California. Trapped by deep snow, some 42 persons (almost half of the party) died of exposure and starvation. This popular park equipped with modern picnic and camping facilities, offers fishing, swimming, and aquatic sports in a setting of outstanding scenic beauty. Naturalist services including conducted hikes, walks and evening campfire programs add to the memory of a visit to Donner Memorial. #95 47637-B



The back of the Donner card above, was postmarked July 18, 1965 at Tahoe City.



Original Caption:
 Donner Memorial State Park – California.
 On U. S. 40, Nevada and Placer counties, 2 miles west of Truckee
 “Pioneer Monument”

This park commemorates the ill-fated Donner Party who wintered here in 1846-47. Some 42 persons died from exposure and starvation during this period when snow up to 22 feet in depth prevented their progress toward the Sacramento Valley and safety. The monument was dedicated on June 6, 1918, and present were three women survivors of the Donner Party.
 The park is now a popular picnicking and camping area, featuring fishing, swimming and boating in adjacent Donner Lake. An organized recreational program adds to the visit of those who find this historical area of interest and beauty. #8 47558-B [Hand-dated January 8, 1963.]

Original Caption:
 Donner Memorial State Park – California.
 On U. S. 40, Nevada and Placer counties, 2 miles west of Truckee
 “Pioneer Monument - Figures”

This monument was dedicated on June 6, 1918, in memory of the ill-fated Donner Party who were forced by the elements to winter here in 1846-47. Trapped by snow of 22 feet in depth, some 42 persons died of exposure and starvation before help arrived. This popular park, equipped with modern picnic and camp facilities, offers fishing, swimming and aquatic sports to the many thousands who visit this interesting and historical area each year. #9 47559-B





Original Caption:

Emerald Bay State Park – California.

State Route 89, El Dorado County, 35 miles south of Truckee.

“Eagle Falls”

This park borders on spectacular Emerald Bay, one of the outstanding beauty spots to be found in the entire state and no less spectacular is Eagle Falls as it tumbles over 1500 feet down the steep slopes below the highway to meet the waters of the Lake. Some distance removed from the campgrounds, and accessible only by foot, the picturesque Vikingsholm stands in medieval Scandinavian splendor on the shore of Emerald Bay. #13 47563-B

Original Caption:

Folsom Lake State Park – California.

Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado Counties, 2 mi. NW of Folsom, off U. S. 50.

“Boat Marina”

Water sport enthusiasts flock to Folsom Lake to enjoy boating, fishing, water skiing, swimming, and skin-diving. Many persons may find horseback riding, hiking, picnicking or sunbathing more to their liking. All of these activities, and more, can be enjoyed at Folsom Lake. #105 47646-B



Original Caption:

Folsom Lake State Park – California.

Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado Counties, 2 mi. NW of U. S. 50.

“Lake Natoma – Negro Bar Area”

Developed picnic facilities at Negro Bar on the shore of Lake Natoma, a unit of Folsom Lake State Park, offers excellent opportunities for picnicking, swimming, fishing, and sunbathing. #107 47648-B



Original Caption:

Folsom Lake State Park – California.

Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado Counties, 2 mi. NW of Folsom, off U. S. 50.

“Granite Bay Beach”

The snow that melts during the spring and summer in the watershed areas of the American River is caught behind the Folsom Dam and provides a vast body of water available for public recreation. Water sport activities of all kinds are enjoyed at Folsom Lake including boating, fishing, water skiing and swimming. #106 47647-B



Original Caption:

Folsom Lake State Park – California.

Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado Counties, 2 mi. NW of U. S. 50.

“Negro Bar Area and Old Power House”

Featuring opportunities for water and water related sports, the park also contains the historic power house which produced the first electrical power for the developing capital city at Sacramento. Picnic facilities are available at both the Negro Bar area and on the grounds of the power house. #108 47649-B





Original Caption:

Fort Ross State Historical Monument – California.

On State Route 1, Sonoma County, 13 miles north of Jenner.

“Historical Landmark Plaque”

Fort Ross, founded in 1812 by Russians from Sitka, Alaska, presents efforts to establish a base on the California coast for sea otter hunting and the development of agricultural supplies for Alaska. Increasing conflict with Mexican authorities and a decreasing supply of sea otters and fur seals resulted in the sale of their California holdings to Captain John Sutter and a return to Alaska in 1841. The fort site was purchased by the California Historical Landmarks Committee in 1906 and presented to the State in the same year. Restoration is in progress. #14 47564-B

Original Caption:

Fort Ross State Historical Monument – California.

On State Route 1, Sonoma County, 13 miles north of Jenner

“Russian Chapel”

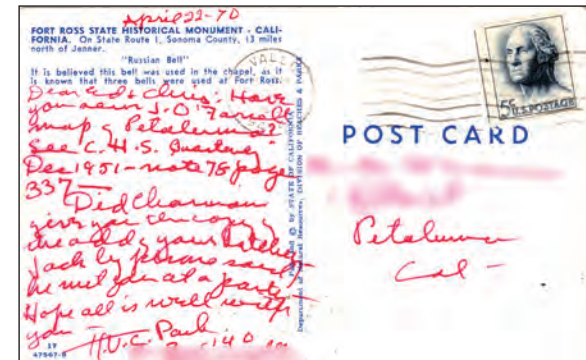
Constructed in 1828, following the founding of Fort Ross by the Russians in 1812, the reconstructed chapel is presently used once a year for Russian Orthodox services. The unique and most interesting structure formed an important part of the Russian effort to establish a base on the California coast for sea otter hunting and the development of agricultural supplies for their headquarters in Sitka, Alaska. Conflict with Mexican authorities and a decrease in the sea otter and fur seals resulted in the Russians’ withdrawal to Alaska in 1841. Fort Ross was purchased at this time by Captain John A. Sutter. #15 47565-B





Original Caption:
 Fort Ross State Historical Monument – California
 On State Route 1, Sonoma County, 13 miles north of Jenner.
 “Russian Bell”

It is believed this bell was used in the chapel, as it is known that three bells were used at Fort Ross. #17 47567-B [Postmarked April 22, 1970.]



The Russian Bell postcard was mailed in Mill Valley.



Original Caption:
 Fort Ross State Historical Monument – California.
 On State Route 1, Sonoma County, 13 miles north of Jenner.
 “Russian Commander’s House”

Constructed 1828, at the times Fort Ross was founded by the Russians as a base for sea otter hunting and the development of agricultural supplies for their headquarters in Alaska. Fort Ross was sold to Captain John A. Sutter in 1841, at which time the Russians withdrew to Alaska. This structure has been restored and is being used for museum exhibits. #16 47566-B



Original Caption:
 Fort Ross State Historic Monument – California.
 Sonoma County, 13 miles north of Jenner, St. Rte. 1.
 “Russian Commander’s House and a Blockhouse”

Two blockhouses were constructed by the Russians of Fort Ross and both have been reconstructed. One was located on the north corner and one on the south corner of the stockade; both were provided with cannon ports, but there were no musket ports. The Russians were drawn to northern California by the great concentration of sea otters along the coast and work was started on the stockade fort in June of 1812. With the decrease in sea otters and fur seals from over-hunting, the Russians sold their holdings to Captain John A. Sutter and withdrew to Alaska in 1841. #90 47632-B



Original Caption:

Fort Tejon State Historical Monument – California

On U. S. 99, Kern County, 35 miles south of Bakersfield

“Restored U. S. Army Officers’ Quarters”

This former military post was established on August 10, 1854 and was abandoned September 11, 1864. It was selected as a location suited to protect the friendly Indians of southern San Joaquin Valley from horse stealing activities originating in the area of Los Angeles to the south, originally consisting of 20 buildings. Twenty-eight camels were brought to the fort from Texas in 1857 to be used as an experiment for patrol work and transportation of supplies. This project was successful but camels were never fully accepted for the purpose. The animals were removed to Los Angeles in 1861 following outbreak of civil war. Also preserved are the remains of the renowned Peter Lebec Oak, where Mr. Lebec was killed in a struggle with a grizzly bear. #41 47584-B

Original Caption:

George J. Hatfield State Park – California

Merced County, 29 miles N. W. of Merced, 5 miles east of Newman.

“Fishing in the Merced”

A nice place to fish, a nice place to swim, sunbathe, and relax. Both group and individual picnic sites are located in the park and within a short distance are overnight facilities, motels, restaurants, and stores. #80 47603-B





Original Caption (left):

Grovers Hot Springs State Park – California.

Alpine County, 4 mi. east of Markleeville, off State Rte. 89

“Hot Springs, Meadow, and Mountains”

Nestled in a meadow-valley in the Sierra Nevada mountains and surrounded by craggy mountain peaks is Grovers Hot Spring, historically one of the most frequented mineral hot springs in California. Used at one time by native Indians, it is now one of the attractions of the park available to the visiting public. Fishing, hiking, and relaxation, in one of California’s finest state park areas is a sample of what awaits the visitor to Grovers Hot Springs. #91 47633-B

Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park - California. Del Norte County, 9 mi. NE of Crescent City, U.S. 199.

“Middle For of the Smith River”.

This park is dedicated in memory of Jedediah Strong Smith, the “Bible Toter”. firs American to cross the Sierra Nevada (in 1826), thereby stating a train of events which terminated in California becoming the 31st State in 1850. Visitor so this area may enjoy camping or picnicking under magnificent coast redwoods in an outdoor setting of incomparable natural beauty. Swimming, fishing and sun-bathing along the Smith River and naturalist conducted evening campfire programs and guided walks and hikes during the summer months add to a pleasurable visit. #111 47652-B. (Courtesy of Mike Whitehead.)





Original Caption:

La Purisima Mission State Historical Monument – California
Santa Barbara County, 4 miles N. E. of Lompoc on St. Rte. 1.
“Blossoms in the Mission Garden”

Many trees such as the olive, fig and varieties of citrus fruits, as well as species of grain and forage producing grasses, were introduced into California by the Franciscan padres. The restoration of La Purisima, the largest scale, Spanish Mission restoration, was accomplished by the State of California and the National Park Service through the Civilian Conservation Corps. #83 47626-B



Original Caption:

La Purisima Mission State Historical Monument – California. Santa
Barbara County, 4 miles N. E. of Lompoc on St. Rte. 1.
“Shop and Military Quarters”

The largest scale Spanish Mission restoration, this former Franciscan mission founded in 1812, was restored by the State of California and the National Park Service through the Civilian Conservation Corps. The visitor will view an accurately restored mission and will sense the quiet and relaxed atmosphere that prevailed during Spanish and Mexican period in California #40 47838-B



Original Caption :

La Purisima Mission State Historical Monument – California
Santa Barbara County, 4 miles N. E. of Lompoc on St. Rte. 1.
“Mission Cloisters”

The typical covered passageways or cloisters running along the sides of the main mission buildings offered welcome shade or protection from storms to the padres and Indians passing from one building to another. La Purisima, originally a Franciscan Mission was built in 1812 and later almost totally destroyed. It was subsequently restored by the State of California and the National Park Service through the Civilian Conservation Corps. #82 47625-B



Original Caption:
 McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park – California
 Shasta County, on State Route 89, 11 miles north of Burney. “Interpretive Display”
 This park, along with numerous other state parks, utilize a trail display shelter to interpret the area for the visitor. Further information concerning this popular picnicking and camping park is provided at campfire gatherings and during the organized recreational program. #5 47558-B.



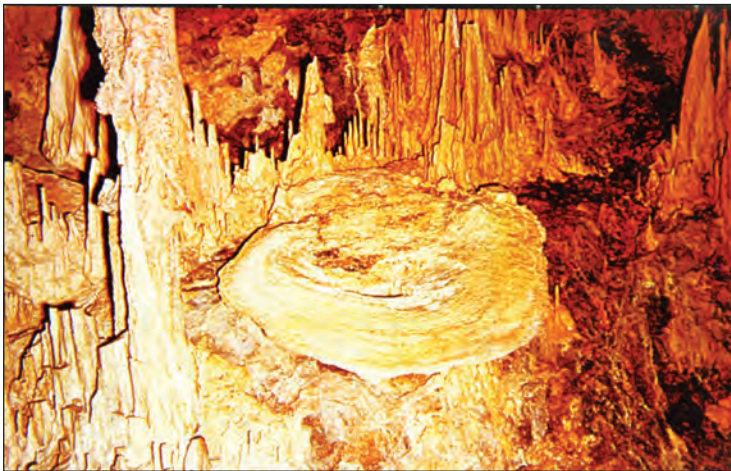
Original Caption:
 McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park – California
 On State Route 89, Shasta County, 11 miles north of Burney.
 “View of McArthur-Burney Falls”
 This spectacular and beautiful waterfall carries 200,000,000 gallons of water every 24 hours. Over 100 feet in height, falls are fed by an underground river rising less than a quarter of a mile upstream. Samuel Burney, local pioneer, was killed in the vicinity by Indians in 1857. Park contains excellent facilities for picnicking and camping. #4 47554-B



Original Caption:
 McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park – California
 Shasta County, on State Route 89, 11 miles north of Burney.
 “Cascades above main Falls”
 The short distance, less than one quarter of a mile, that Burney Creek flows before it reaches the main waterfall is made up of interesting cascades and pools which are the home of the German Brown and Rainbow trout. Lake Britton, a P. G. & E. reservoir, borders a portion of the park and offers excellent lake fishing. This park is popular with the picnicker or camper who desires to combine beautiful scenery with good fishing. #6 47596-B (Courtesy of Mike Whitehead.)

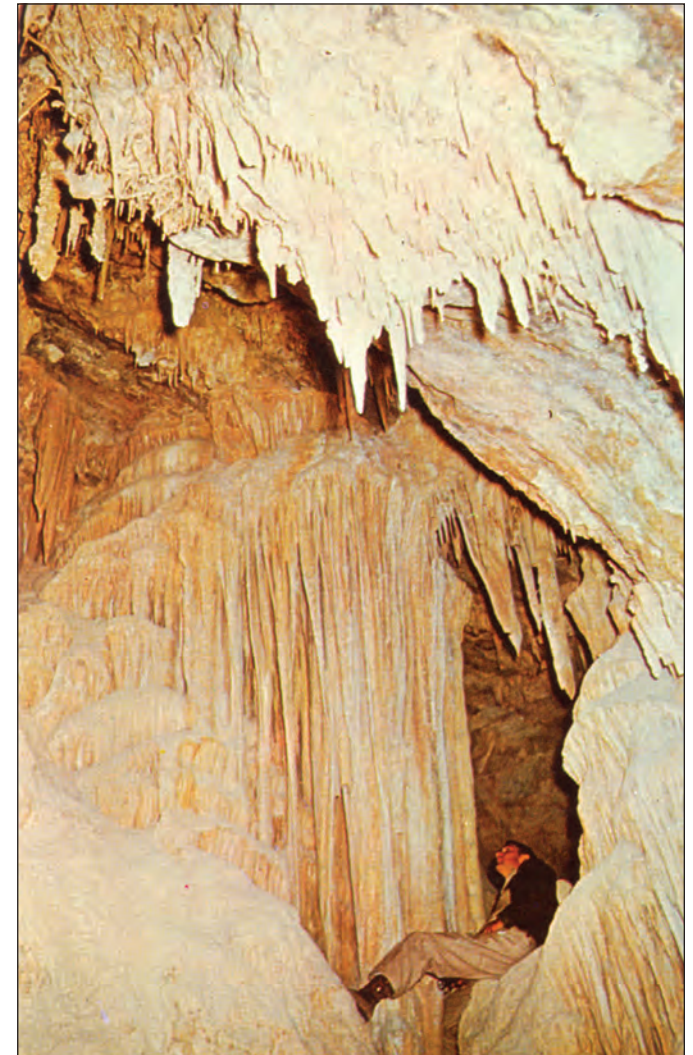


Original Caption:
Millerton Lake State Park –
California.
“Reservoir Lake and Campground
Area”
Ideally suited to water recreation,
Millerton Lake offers opportunities
for outdoor activities suited to both
the daytime visitor and the overnight
camping visitor. Picnic sites,
individual and group camp sites,
food concession, boat launching and
rental service are all available within
the park. Restaurants and stores are
located just outside the park within
easy reach of the visiting public.
#57 47600-B



Original Caption:
Mitchell Caverns State Park – California.
San Bernardino County, 23 mi. NW of Essex, off U. S. 66
“Cave Formations”

Festooning the ceilings of portions of these caves, which were hollowed out of thick beds of marine limestone deposited millions of years ago, are stalactites, curtains of flowstone, palettes and other limestone cave formations. Limited camping and picnic facilities are available and visitors are requested to supply their own cooking and drinking water during the late spring, summer and early fall months. Guided tours of one of the limestone caves are conducted for the information and enjoyment of park visitor. #89 47631-B



Original Caption:
Mitchell Caverns State Park – California
San Bernardino County, 23 mi. NW of Essex, off U. S. 66
“Inside El Pavika Cave”

Located in the Providence Mountains of the Mojave Desert at an elevation of 4300 feet, this park offers superb desert scenery as well as a guided tour of a limestone cavern containing interesting displays of stalagmites, stalactites and other formations typical of limestone caves the world over. Historic and scenic points of interest in the vicinity provide additional inspiration and enjoyment. Limited picnicking and camping facilities have been developed and the visitor is requested to bring his own supply of cooking and drinking water during the late spring, summer and early fall. #88 47630-B



Original Caption:
 Mt. San Jacinto State Park – California.
 On State Route 74, Riverside County, 16 miles southeast of Hemet.
 “Hidden Lake, Primitive Area”

This fine mountain park provides picnicking and camping facilities in the community of Idyllwild plus primitive camping in the high country surrounding 10,831 foot San Jacinto Peak. The high country may be reached by horseback or hiking only, and combined with surrounding U. S. Forest Service lands, provides a true wilderness experience. On the eastern escarpment, the elevation drops 9,000 feet within 6 miles, making this one of the sheerest drops on the face of any mountain in the United States. #42 47585-B (Courtesy of Mike Curry.) [Keith Caldwell is the ranger on the horse.]



Original Caption:
 Mt. San Jacinto State Park – California
 Riverside County, 16 miles southeast of Hemet, off State Route 74.
 “Desert View”

On the eastern escarpment of the high back-country of the park, the elevation drops over 9,000 feet into the desert in six miles making this one of the sheerest drops on the face of any mountain in the United States. The back-country may be reached only by horseback or on foot and combined with the surrounding U. S. Forest Service lands, provides a true wilderness experience. #79 47622-B



Original Caption:
 Mt. San Jacinto State Park – California
 Riverside County 16 miles southeast of Hemet, off State Route 74
 “Campground (Idyllwild)”

This fine mountain park provides picnicking and camping facilities in the community of Idyllwild plus primitive camping in the high country around 10,831 foot San Jacinto Peak. The high country may be reached only by horseback or on foot and combined with the surrounding U. S. Forest Service lands, provides a true wilderness experience. #80 47623-B (Courtesy of Mike Whitehead.)



Original Caption:

Mt. San Jacinto State Park – California.

Riverside County, 16 miles southeast of Hemet, off State Route 74.

“Campground Entrance in Winter”

The campground entrance in winter is a very different scene from that which greets the summertime visitor and the park offers opportunities for winter recreation. In the late spring, summer, and early fall, this fine mountain park provides picnicking and camping facilities in the community of Idyllwild plus primitive camping in the high country surrounding 10,831 foot San Jacinto Peak. Excellent riding and hiking trails are maintained to and within the high back-country. #81- 47555-B (Courtesy of Mike Curry.)



Original Caption:

Mount Tamalpais State Park – California

Marin County, 7 miles west of Mill Valley, off U. S. 101

“Fire Lookout”

A hike to the peak on which the fire lookout tower is located is an unforgettable experience. On clear days, incomparable San Francisco Bay and the wooded and grassy slopes of Mt. Tamalpais are spread out in front of the visitor. Camping, picnicking, riding and hiking are only a few of the recreational activities enjoyed by park visitors at Mt Tamalpais. #67 47610-B [Postmarked September 9, 1969.]



Original Caption:

Patrick's Point State Park – California

Humboldt County, 30 miles north of Eureka, U. S. 101.

“The Crash of Surf”

The might and strength of the world's largest ocean as it crashes against this picturesque and rocky shoreline at Patrick's Point is typical of long stretches of the northern California coastline. This park is also noted for the beautiful display of rhododendrons and azaleas and the remains of early Indian culture within or near the park area. Well-maintained picnic and campsites are available for the visitor who wishes to swim, fish, hike, and attend the campfire programs and guided nature walks. #74 47617-B



Original Caption:
Plumas-Eureka State Park -
California
Plumas County, 5 mil. W. of
Graeagle off U.S. 40-A
“Scenic Historic Plumas-Eureka”
Located in the Sierra Nevada
Mountains near the southern
boundary of Plumas County, the
park area is rich in the history of
early Plumas County as well as
being the birthplace of skiing in
California. Days and overnight
camping facilities are available
to allow for full enjoyment of
the outdoor recreation facilities
and activities: fishing, boating,
horseback and hiking rails, and
winter sports, including skiing on
the slopes of Eureka Peak where a
ski lift is installed. #100 47642-B
[Marked 1962.]



Original Caption:
Plumas-Eureka State Park - California
Plumas County, 5 mil. W. of Graeagle off U.S. 40-A
“Lake Medora”
Lake Medora, is beautiful setting, is a part of the water transportation system constructed
for early day mining use. The park area offers opportunities for both summer and winter
recreational activities such as camping picnicking, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking,
horseback trails, skiing and other winter sports. #104 47645-B



Original Caption:
Plumas-Eureka State Park - California
Plumas County, 5 mil. W. of Graeagle off U.S. 40-A
“Clouds Over the Mountains”

The park is rich in early history of the area, as well as being the birthplace of skiing in California. Excellent ski slopes and a ski lift are only part of the recreational attractions. The park area also offers summer sports such as swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, and horseback trails. #102 47644-B



Original Caption:
Plumas-Eureka State Park - California
Plumas County, 5 mil. W. of Graeagle off U.S. 40-A
“Among the Trees, Peaks, and Clouds”

At an elevation ranging from 4000 feet to 8000 feet atop the surrounding peaks, Plumas-Eureka is pleasantly timbered with mixed species; has open slopes, meadow lands, abundant water, lakes, streams, fauna and craggy mountain peaks with scenic grandeur second to no other area in California. The old mining trails and roads make a well-developed trail system for hikers and horsemen. #101 47643-B



Original Caption:
#37 47581-B
Point Lobos Reserve State Park – California.
On State Route 1, Monterey County, 6 miles south of Monterey
“Cypress Cove”

As the visitor to this 355 acre outdoor museum follows along the well-kept trail through the Monterey Cypress grove, views such as this may be enjoyed along the way. Or, one may be fortunate enough to view the sea otter as it feeds or plays in the offshore kelp beds. Just beyond are the noisy sea lions on the numerous small islands; and the sea, as it casts its waves against the rocky shore, may provide a never-to-be-forgotten scene. Inland are outstanding displays of wildflowers and shady Monterey pine woods. The quiet murmur of the water as it whispers around the rocks in Carmelo Cove, site of by-gone whaling operations, will remain with the visitor as he journeys on. #38 47582-B



Original Caption:
Point Lobos Reserve State Park – California
On State Route 1, Monterey County, 6 miles south of Monterey.
“Lone Cypress”

Preserved in this outstanding natural museum is one of the few remaining natural groves of Monterey Cypress. Open during daylight hours only, the visitor will pause many times while hiking the trail through the Cypress Grove or along the rocky cliffs above the sea to marvel at the abundant bird life, the rare glimpse of the amazing sea otter, the wave formations as they pound on the rocky outcrops, or the herds of sea-lions barking on the offshore rocks. #34 47578-B [Hand-dated June 14, 1964.]



Original Caption:
Point Lobos Reserve State Park – California.
On State Route 1, Monterey County, 6 miles south of Monterey.
“Random View”

Outstanding in this 356 acre park located on the south shore of Carmel Bay is the natural grove of Monterey Cypress. From the developed tract through this grove may be viewed one of the outstanding scenic stretches of coastline on the Pacific Coast. Also to be viewed just offshore from this beautiful park are the sea otter, vast numbers of sea and shore birds, and the noisy sea lion. This unique outdoor “natural museum” is open during daylight hours only and a full day is time well spent in this most interesting and educational area. #35 47579-B



Original Caption:
Point Lobos Reserve State Park – California.
On State Route 1, Monterey County, 6 miles south of Monterey.
“Sandstone Patterns”

The action of the sea as it wears away the sandstone with its never ending action creates interesting and beautiful patterns. Along with the outstanding natural Monterey Cypress grove; the many sea and shore birds; the rare sea otter; the sea lion; and the many wild flowers, these sandstone creations will add to the enjoyment of the visitor, be he naturalist, photographer, artist or layman, as he views the attractions of this outstanding natural museum area. #37 47581-B



Original Caption:
Point Lobos Reserve State Park – California.
Monterey County, 6 miles south of Monterey, on State Route 1.
“China Cove”

From the trail leading to picturesque Bird Island, the visitor will peer down into the emerald green depths of China Cove. The quiet murmur of the water as it whispers around the rocks will remain with the visitor as he journeys on. Naturalists, artists and photographers will find China Cove a unique outdoor “nature museum” containing untold varieties and numbers of odd and unusual forms of seal life. Coupled with the acres of wildflowers on display from early spring through autumn, an occasional glimpse of the Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris*) playing or feeding in the kelp beds, or a short hike through one of the last remaining natural grove of Monterey Cypress (*Cyprinus macrocarpa*), a visit to this park will be long remembered. #75 47618-B



Original Caption:
Point Lobos Reserve State Park – California.
On State Route 1, Monterey County, 6 miles south of Monterey.
“Pounding Serf”

Termed “the greatest meeting of land and water in the World” this outstanding reserve features one of the few remaining natural groves of Monterey Cypress. Offshore, the interesting rock formations are a home for the noisy seal lions and thousands of shore and water birds. In recent years, the sea otter, thought for many years to be extinct, was discovered making its home immediately off shore among the kelp beds. Open to the visitor during daylight hours only, rare is the person who will ever forget his trip to this unique outdoor “natural museum.” #33 47577-B



Original Caption:
Point Lobos Reserve State Park – California.
On State Route 1, Monterey County, 6 miles south of Monterey.
“From Cypress Point”

The never-ending constantly changing play of the surf as it meets the rock shore attracts photographers, naturalists and artists from far and near. Known to the early day Spanish as “point of the Sea Wolves” due to the numerous Steller and California sea lions that inhabit the small islands just offshore, the visitor today will find the area much as it was when this name was first applied. Coupled with the acres of wildflowers on display from early Spring through Fall, the occasional glimpse of the sea otter playing or feeding in the kelp beds, or the short hike through one of the last remaining natural groves of Monterey Cypress, a visit to this park will be long remembered. #36 47580-B



Original Caption:
Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park – California
Humboldt County, 6 miles north at Orick, U. S. 101
“Fern Canyon”

The hike from the campground area to the sea is an unforgettable experience and includes passing between the almost vertical fern-draped walls of Fern Canyon. While camping among the giant Coast Redwood trees, the visitor may participate in camping programs and conducted walks and hikes. A visit to Prairie Creek Redwoods is always a pleasant and rewarding experience. #86 47629-B (Courtesy of Mike Whitehead)



Original Caption:
Richardson Grove State Park – California
On Highway U. S. 101, Humboldt County, 9 miles south of Garberville.
“Nature Walk”

This outstanding grove of coast redwoods provides for picnicking and camping along the south Fork of the Eel River. Fishing, swimming, hiking, campfire and educational programs await the visitor. Grocery, meals and post office in park. #3 47553-B



Original Caption:
Samuel P. Taylor State Park – California
Marin County, 15 miles west of San Rafael on
Sir Francis Drake Highway.
“Along the Railroad Grade”

During the late 1800's, what is now the popular picnicking area of this park was the setting for a popular resort hotel. This hotel and other early day recreation spots between Sausalito and Point Reyes station, were served by train. The train also hauled paper products from the first paper mill located west of the Mississippi, founded by Samuel P. Taylor, which was located within the park. The area of the upper campground was the setting for the home of a member of the Taylor family. This park has been noted as a popular swimming, fishing, and camping location for over 100 years. #23 47571-B



Original Caption:

Sonoma Coast State Park – California

Sonoma County, 25 miles W. of Santa Rosa, State Route 1.

“Surf Fishing”

A paradise for the surf-fisherman. Sonoma Coast is also enjoyed for its scenic charm. The might and strength of the world's largest ocean as it washes against the shoreline or calmly glides across its bed of sandy beaches are experiences to be remembered from a visit to Sonoma Coast. Campgrounds and picnic sites are available within the park and motels, Restaurants and stores are located nearby. #68 47611-B



Original Caption:

Sonoma Coast State Park – California

Sonoma County, 25 miles W. of Santa Rosa, State Route 1.

“Beach”

This park is located just north of the small fishing community of Bodega Bay, and extends about 9 miles north to the Russian River. The beach is picturesque and rugged. Campsites are provided at Wrights Beach along with a few picnic units. Surf fishing is good but caution should be exercised when fishing from the rocks. Both Salmon Creek on the south and the Russian River on the north provide some good steelhead and salmon fishing during the winter. #19 47568-B



Original Caption:
 Sonoma State Historical Monuments, Vallejo Home – California.
 Sonoma County, City of Sonoma on State Route 12.
 “Vallejo Home”

General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, founder of the Pueblo of Sonoma and first senator to the California Legislature from Sonoma lived here with his family until his death in 1890. This typical Atlantic seaboard dwelling of the early 1850’s is a frame structure made of redwood lumber hauled from nearby forests, with adobe bricks placed in the walls for summer and winter insulation. #109 47650-B [Hand-dated October 31, 1963.]



Original Caption:
 Sonoma State Historical Monuments, Vallejo Home – California.
 Sonoma County, City of Sonoma on State Route 12.
 “The Swiss Chalet”

The storehouse known as the “Swiss Chalet” (now the museum) was constructed of prefabricated timbers brought around the Horn and purchased by General Vallejo in San Francisco. The bricks had been used as ballast on sailing ships. The building was used to store wines, olives, and other produce and the upstairs granary often served as a guest room. #110 47651-B [Hand-dated October 31, 1963.]



Original Caption:
 Sutter’s Fort State Historical Monument State Park – California.
 In Sacramento County, the capital city.
 “The Fort”

Founded in 1839 by a Swiss emigrant, John Augustus Sutter, the Fort was the goal of covered wagons pioneers in the 1840’s, and was the scene of man and events which led to the discovery of gold at Coloma in 1848, and the founding of the Capital city of Sacramento the same year. From this focal point radiated the greatness of the California of today. The State Indian Museum is located on the grounds of Sutter’s Fort and further adds to the pleasure of a visit to this area. Both attractions are open to visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily. #92 47634-B



Original Caption:
Tomales Bay State Park – California
Marin County, 3 miles north of Inverness.
“Indian Beach across Tomales Bay”
One of four sandy beaches within the park which provide excellent sunbathing and swimming in this beautiful day-use park. Upper portion of park contains an outstanding grove of the rare Bishop pine. Hiking, fishing, and boating are other popular activities provided by this unit. #21 47569 B



Original Caption:
Tomales Bay State Park – California
Marin County, 3 miles north of Inverness.
This very popular day-use park is preserving within its boundaries an outstanding grove of the rare Bishop pines. Four sandy beaches provide desirable areas for swimming and sunbathing, with fishing, hiking, and boating also available to the visitor #22 47570-B
[Postmarked July 25, 1974.]

Original Caption:

Torrey Pines State Park – California.

San Diego County, at the northern limits of the City of San Diego, U.S. 101.

“Bluffs – beach – ocean”

Featuring one the two remaining groves of the famous Torrey Pine (*Pinus torreyana*), this park offers excellent facilities for daytime use, including picnic facilities and trails from which the Torrey Pine and other natural features composing the scenic beauty of the area may be seen. Swimming, fishing, and sunbathing may be enjoyed on one of southern California’s finest beaches. Situated within a short distance of metropolitan San Diego, motels, hotels, restaurants and stores are all conveniently located nearby. #59 47602-B



Original Caption:

Torrey Pine State Park – California.

San Diego County, at the northern limits of the City of San Diego, U. S. 101.

“A Torrey Pine (*Pinus torreyana*)”

The gnarled and stunted Torrey Pine is typical of the groves of these trees protected in the park. This picturesque species of the pine tree is found native in only one other location in the world, on Santa Rosa Island off the southern coast near Santa Barbara. The visitor has the opportunity to view these unusual trees and other natural features, then descend to the beaches below the steeply rising cliffs and swim and fish, sunbathe and relax on one of the finest of southern California’s bathing beaches.

#58 47601-B



Original Caption:

Turlock Lake State Park – California

On State Route 132, Stanislaus County, 23 miles east of Modesto.

This popular picnicking and camping park provides fishing and aquatic sports for the many living in the upper San Joaquin Valley. In addition, numerous visitors from more distant points are attracted to this area which offers both the Stanislaus River and the lake for recreational pursuits. #28 47572-B

Original Caption:

Will Rogers State Park – California

Los Angeles County, 14253 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades.

“Soapsuds”

While still a young man, Will Rogers toured the world as a trick roper in traveling rodeos. Later his roping act became just a backdrop for his wise and witty remarks. This picture of “Soapsuds”, his favorite roping horse was taken in 1947 when the horse was 28 years old. A curator is on duty in the house to interpret this area to visitors. #98 47640-B [Marked May 1968.]





Original Caption:
 Will Rogers State Park – California
 Los Angeles County, 14253 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades.
 “Will Rogers’ Home”

The home of the “Cowboy Philosopher” carries the mark of the ranching southwest into our present day. The grounds and ranch buildings are maintained as they were when the Rogers family lived here. A curator is on duty in the house to interpret the areas to visitors. #96 47638-B

Original Caption:
 Will Rogers State Park – California
 Los Angeles County, 14253 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades.
 “Barn and Stables”

Will Rogers, often called the “Cowboy Philosopher”, carried the mark of the ranching southwest on him throughout his life. The grounds and the buildings of the park are maintained as they were when the Rogers family lived here. The stables, corrals, riding ring, and roping arena are about 200 yards north of the house; and in the surrounding hills, covered with native brush and eucalyptus, are many riding trails laid out by Will Rogers. Provision is made for polo ponies to be kept in the stables and games are played on the ranch field during the polo season. #99 47641-B



Original Caption:
Will Rogers State Park – California
Los Angeles, 14253 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades.
“The Rogers’ Home”

Amidst a scene of quiet beauty and rustic splendor, the “Cowboy Philosopher” humorist, motion picture actor, newspaper and radio columnist, Will Rogers and his family and friends spent many happy hours. In 1928, the original small week-end cottage was enlarged to approximately its present size of 18 rooms. A curator is on duty in the house to interpret the area to visitors. #97 47639-B

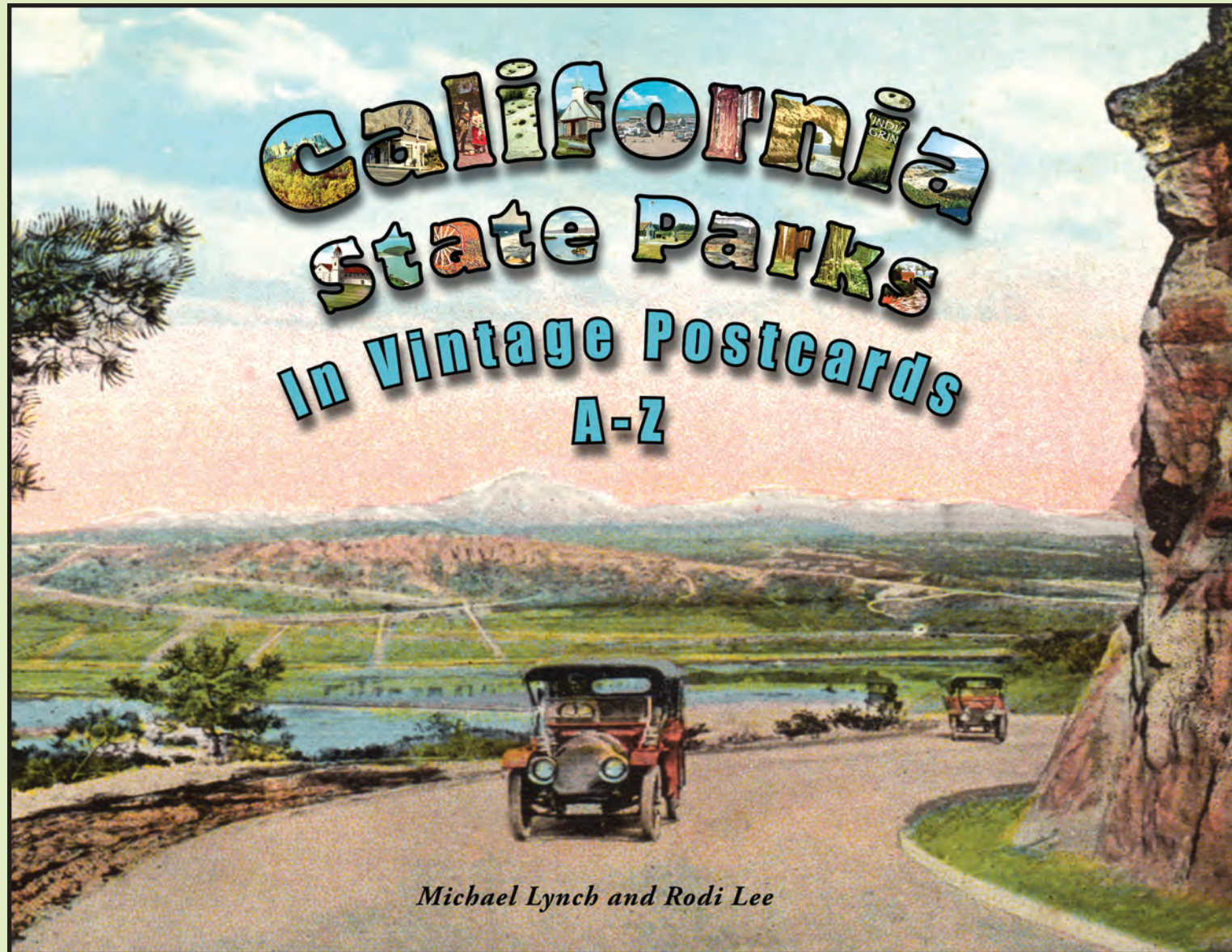


Original Caption:
Will Rogers Beach State Park – California
Los Angeles County, at Santa Monica.
“On the Beach”

The hundreds of thousands of visitors to Will Rogers Beach State Park each year attest to the tremendous popularity of southern California beaches for Oceanside recreation. Located at metropolitan Santa Monica. Will Rogers Beach was named in honor of the famed cowboy-humorist beloved by generations of Americans. #76 47619-B



New Book Out in 2020



Coauthors and historians Rodi Lee and Michael Lynch have amassed a collection of more than 12,000 California state park postcards. The cards from this unrivaled collection make up almost all the 900+ images in this new book, schedule out in the Fall of 2020.

California Division of Beaches & Parks 1960s Postcard Series



About 1960, the then titled California Division of Beaches and Parks, published a postcard series. Forgotten for over 50 years, the series was recently re-discovered by the authors Michael Lynch and Rodi Lee. After two years of searching, about 75 of the 110-plus cards in the series have been discovered, all of which are included in this book.

