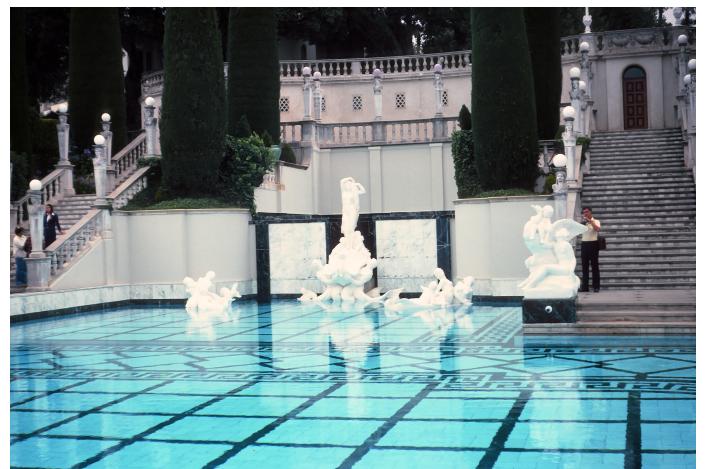


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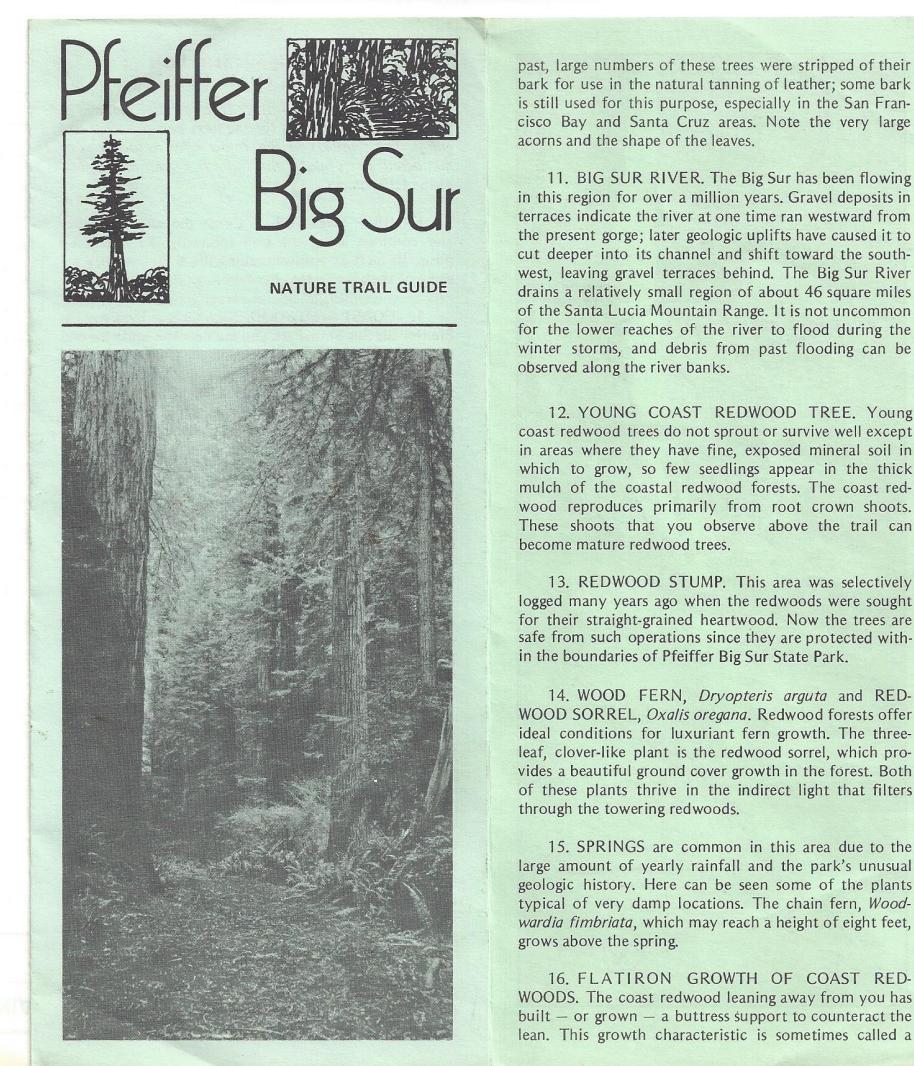
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past, large numbers of these trees were stripped of their bark for use in the natural tanning of leather; some bark is still used for this purpose, especially in the San Francisco Bay and Santa Cruz areas. Note the very large acorns and the shape of the leaves.

11. BIG SUR RIVER. The Big Sur has been flowing in this region for over a million years. Gravel deposits in terraces indicate the river at one time ran westward from the present gorge; later geologic uplifts have caused it to cut deeper into its channel and shift toward the southwest, leaving gravel terraces behind. The Big Sur River drains a relatively small region of about 46 square miles of the Santa Lucia Mountain Range. It is not uncommon for the lower reaches of the river to flood during the winter storms, and debris from past flooding can be observed along the river banks.

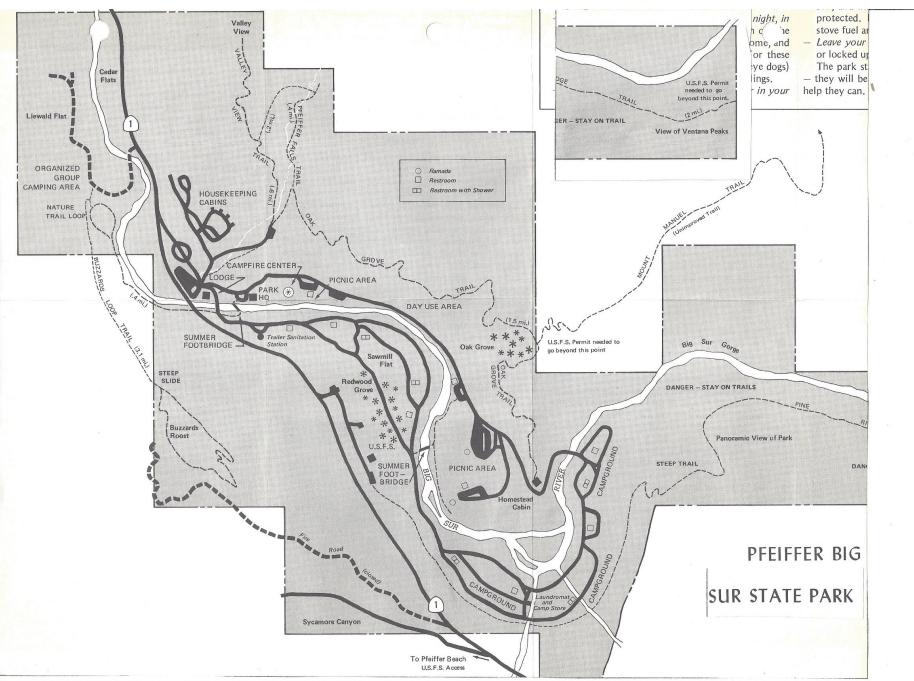
12. YOUNG COAST REDWOOD TREE. Young coast redwood trees do not sprout or survive well except in areas where they have fine, exposed mineral soil in which to grow, so few seedlings appear in the thick mulch of the coastal redwood forests. The coast redwood reproduces primarily from root crown shoots. These shoots that you observe above the trail can become mature redwood trees.

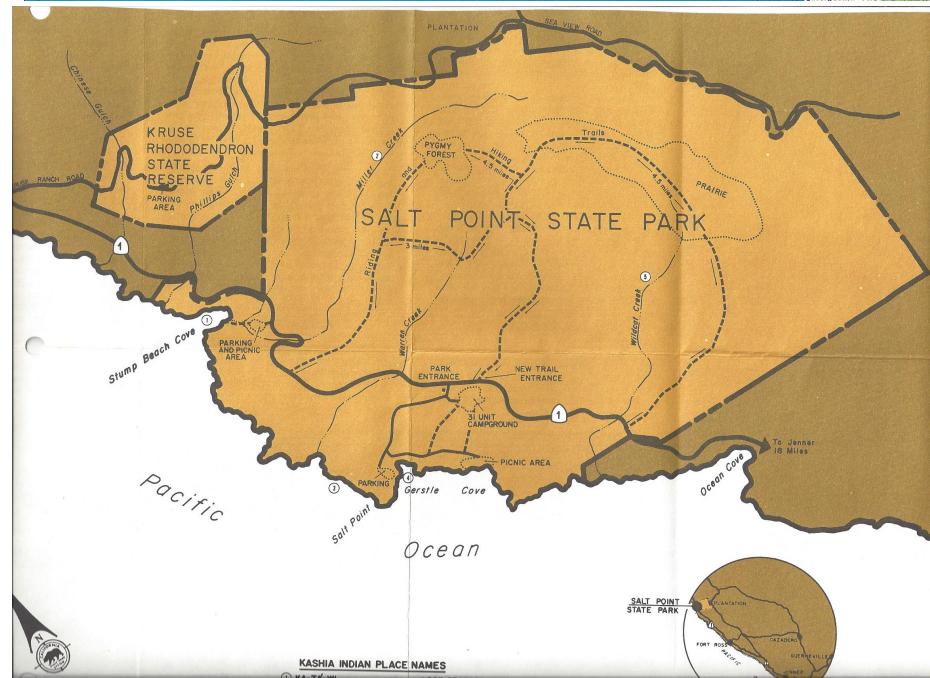
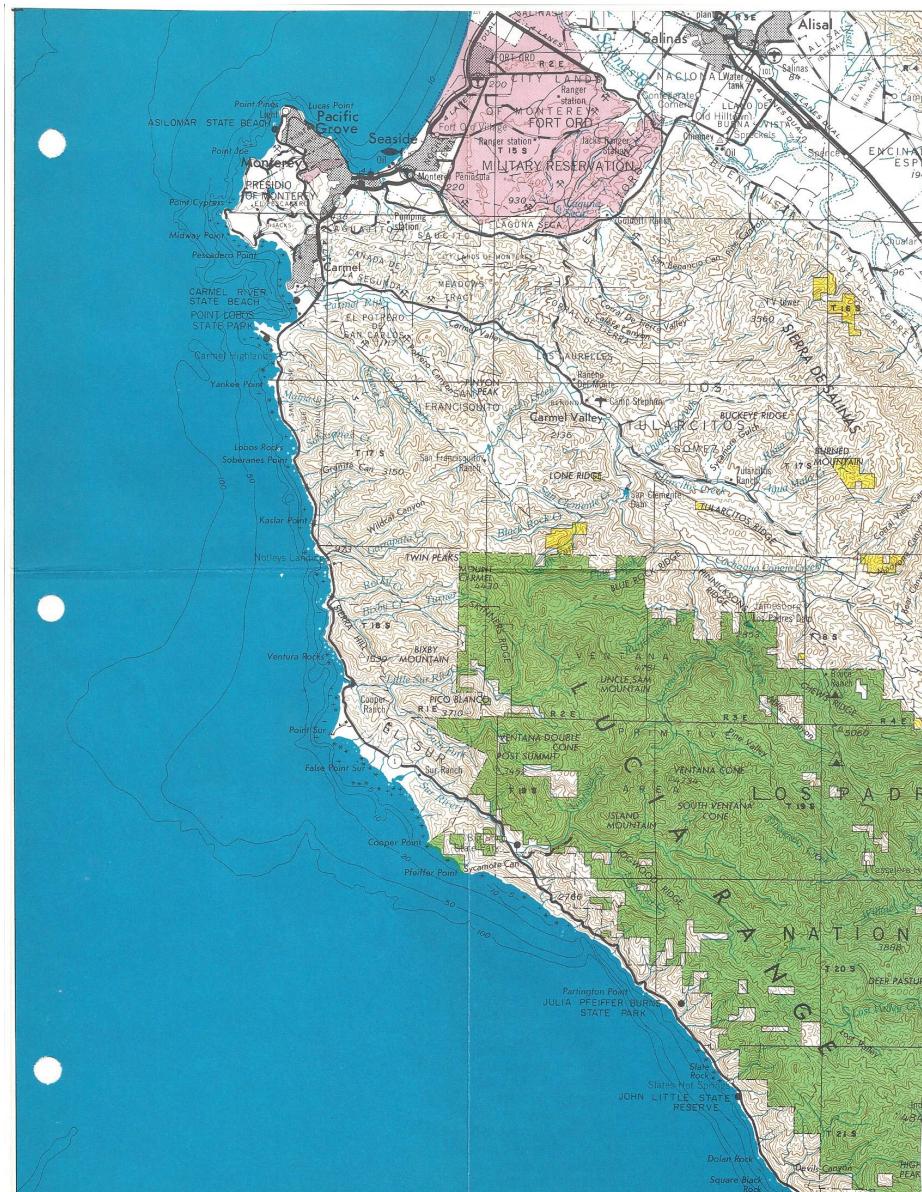
13. REDWOOD STUMP. This area was selectively logged many years ago when the redwoods were sought for their straight-grained heartwood. Now the trees are safe from such operations since they are protected within the boundaries of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

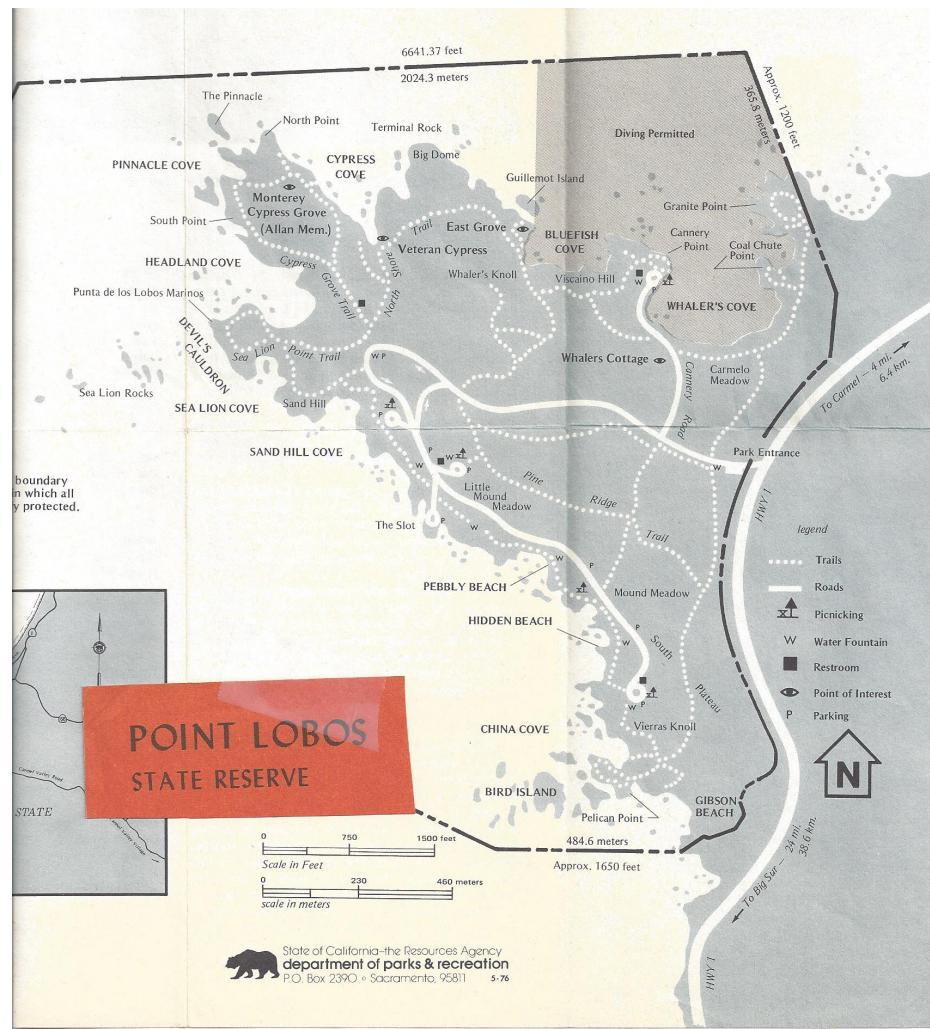
14. WOOD FERN, *Dryopteris arguta* and REDWOOD SORREL, *Oxalis oregana*. Redwood forests offer ideal conditions for luxuriant fern growth. The three-leaf, clover-like plant is the redwood sorrel, which provides a beautiful ground cover growth in the forest. Both of these plants thrive in the indirect light that filters through the towering redwoods.

15. SPRINGS are common in this area due to the large amount of yearly rainfall and the park's unusual geologic history. Here can be seen some of the plants typical of very damp locations. The chain fern, *Woodwardia fimbriata*, which may reach a height of eight feet, grows above the spring.

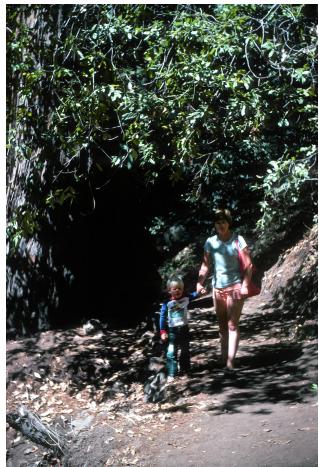
16. FLATIRON GROWTH OF COAST REDWOODS. The coast redwood leaning away from you has built — or grown — a buttress support to counteract the lean. This growth characteristic is sometimes called a







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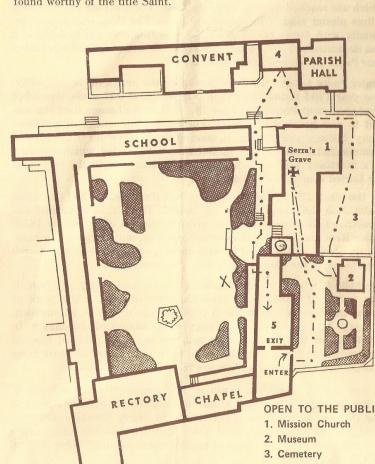
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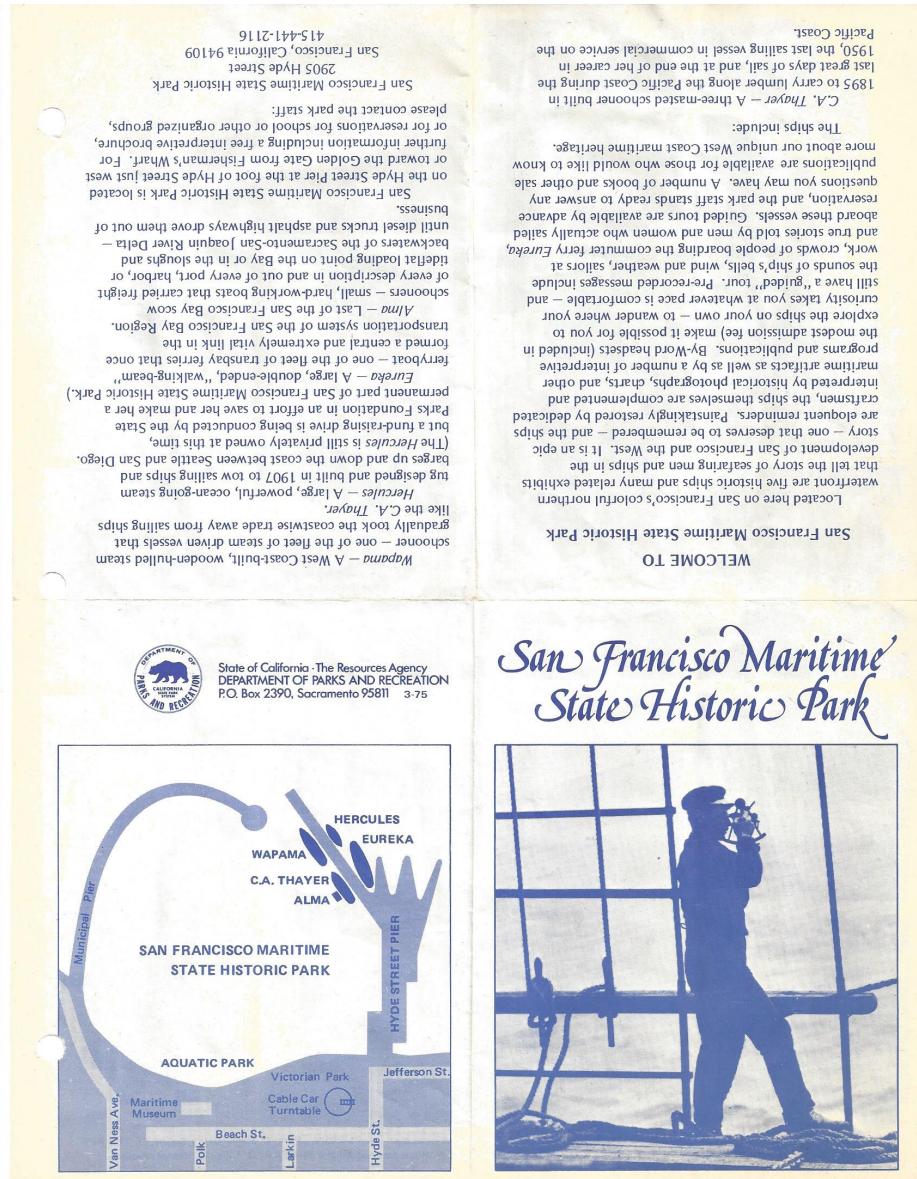


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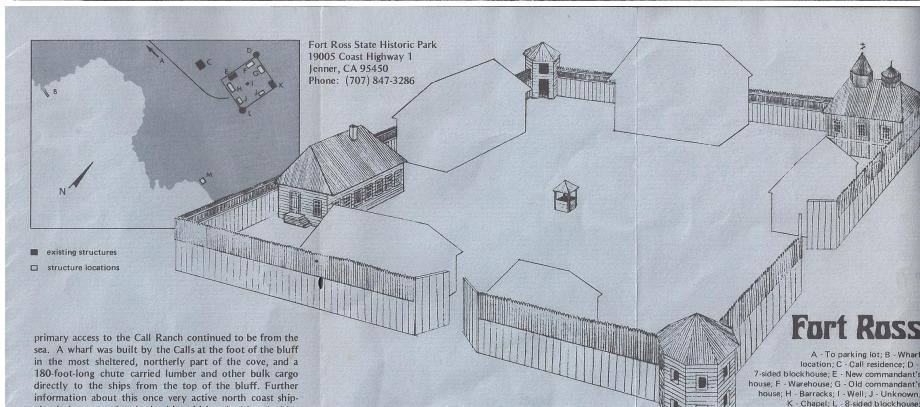
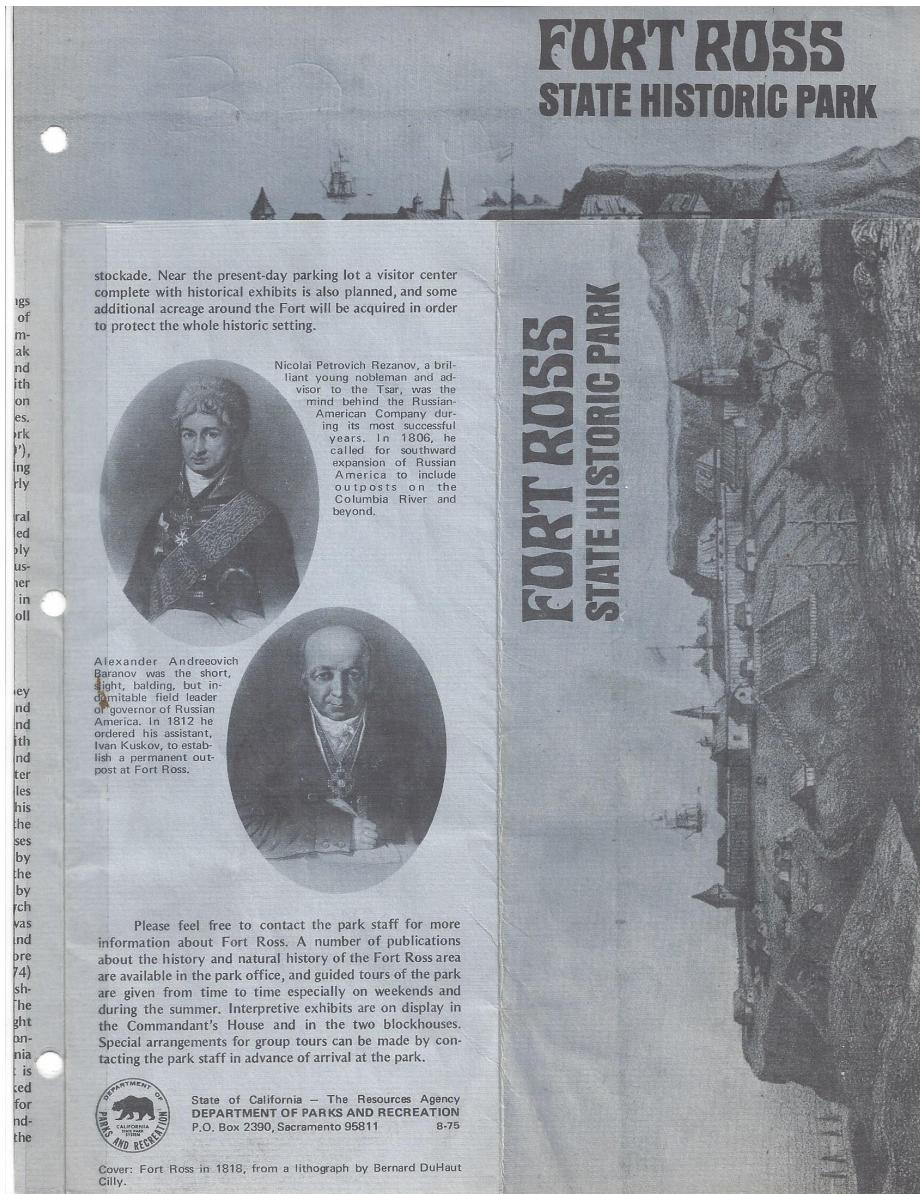


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primary access to the Cali Ranch continued to be from the sea. A wharf was built by the Calis at the foot of the bluff in the most sheltered, northerly part of the cove, and a 180-foot-long chute carried lumber and other bulk cargo directly to the ships from the top of the bluff. Further information about this once very active north coast shipping industry can be obtained by visiting the historic site that now is the San Francisco Maritime National Park.

Prior to 1812, this somewhat wind-sheltered flat below the hill was the site of a Kashia Pomo Indian village generally referred to as Mad-Shui-Nui and/or Mad-Shui-Miu. The site (or sites) was probably used at least intermittently or seasonally by the Kashia Pomo (the people of Kashia), in order to capture abalone and other seafood items. The Russians maintained a generally good relationship with these Indians over the years, and many of the Kashia Pomo came to be very closely associated with Ross either through marriage, employment, or in other ways. Some Indians continued to live at Fort Ross even after the Russians were gone, and today the descendants of these early-day residents of Ross still live in the general vicinity of the old Russian settlement.

The Old Russian Fort

One structure built by the Russians, the Commandant's House, still stands inside the stockade. Over the years it was used for many purposes — and seriously damaged by fire — but it has now been very carefully

reconstructed to match original structures. Archeological work, old drawings, photographs, and written or verbal descriptions have made it possible to bring a high degree of authenticity to this reconstruction and restoration effort.

During the Russian period, several other buildings also stood inside the stockade. The most imposing and important of these was the original or "old" Commandant's House (*not* the present building). This two-story, plank-covered, log structure was built by Ivan Kuskov in 1812, and stood at the top of the hill equidistant between the commandant's residence and the warehouse. Cannon were stored in the lower story, while a central outside staircase led up to the main office and living quarters on the upper, or main floor. From its central position within the stockade, the house offered a commanding view of the ocean and the scenic countryside around Fort Ross. It remained standing after the Russians departed, but was apparently torn down during the 1870's.

Other buildings inside the stockade included a two-story warehouse, a barracks for the sub-chiefs, and several

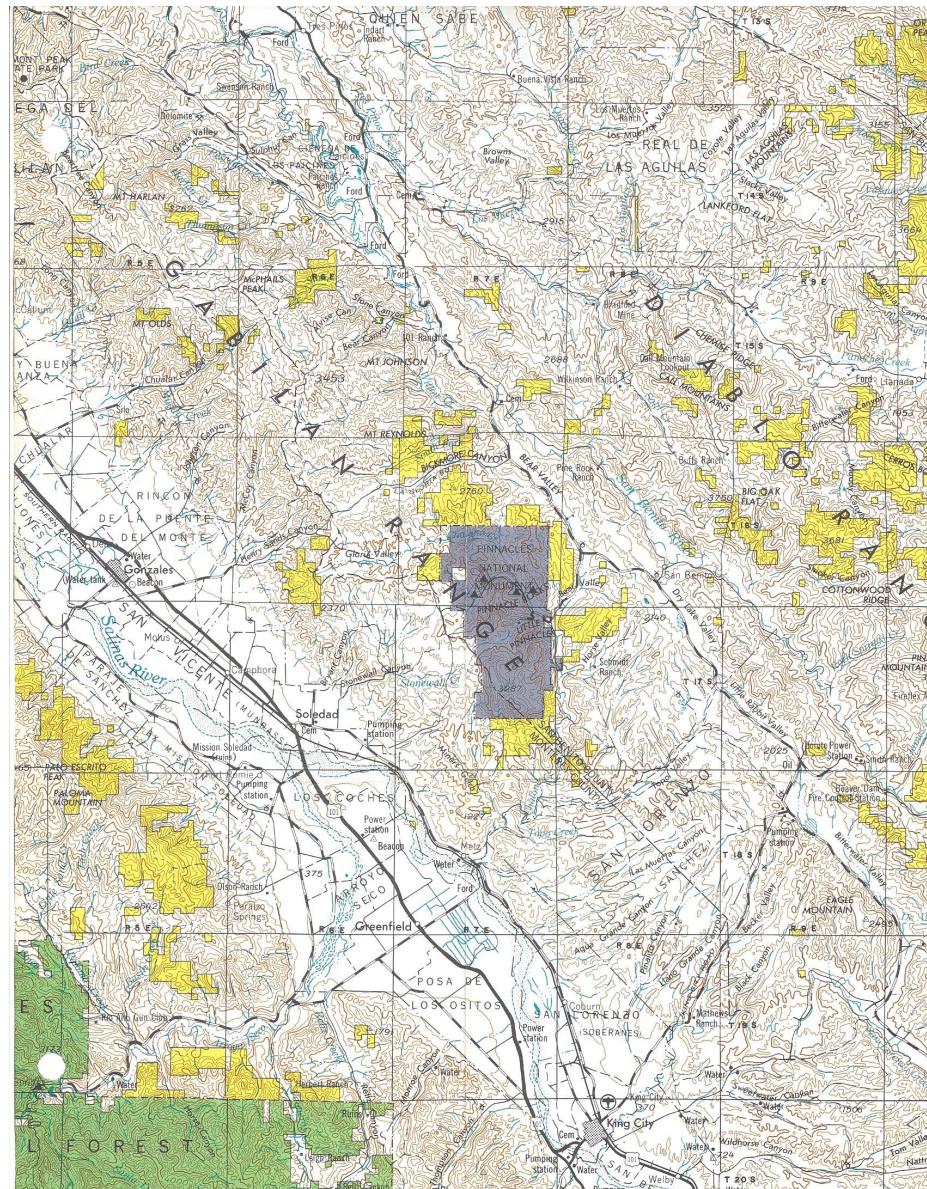
the years. At least twenty — some say as many as forty — cannons were mounted in the blockhouses and elsewhere around the fort, and this plus a certain amount of military discipline (sentinels at night, small arms practice on holidays) gave the Russian establishment an independent, though only self-sufficient atmosphere, despite its extreme isolation from other Russian establishments.

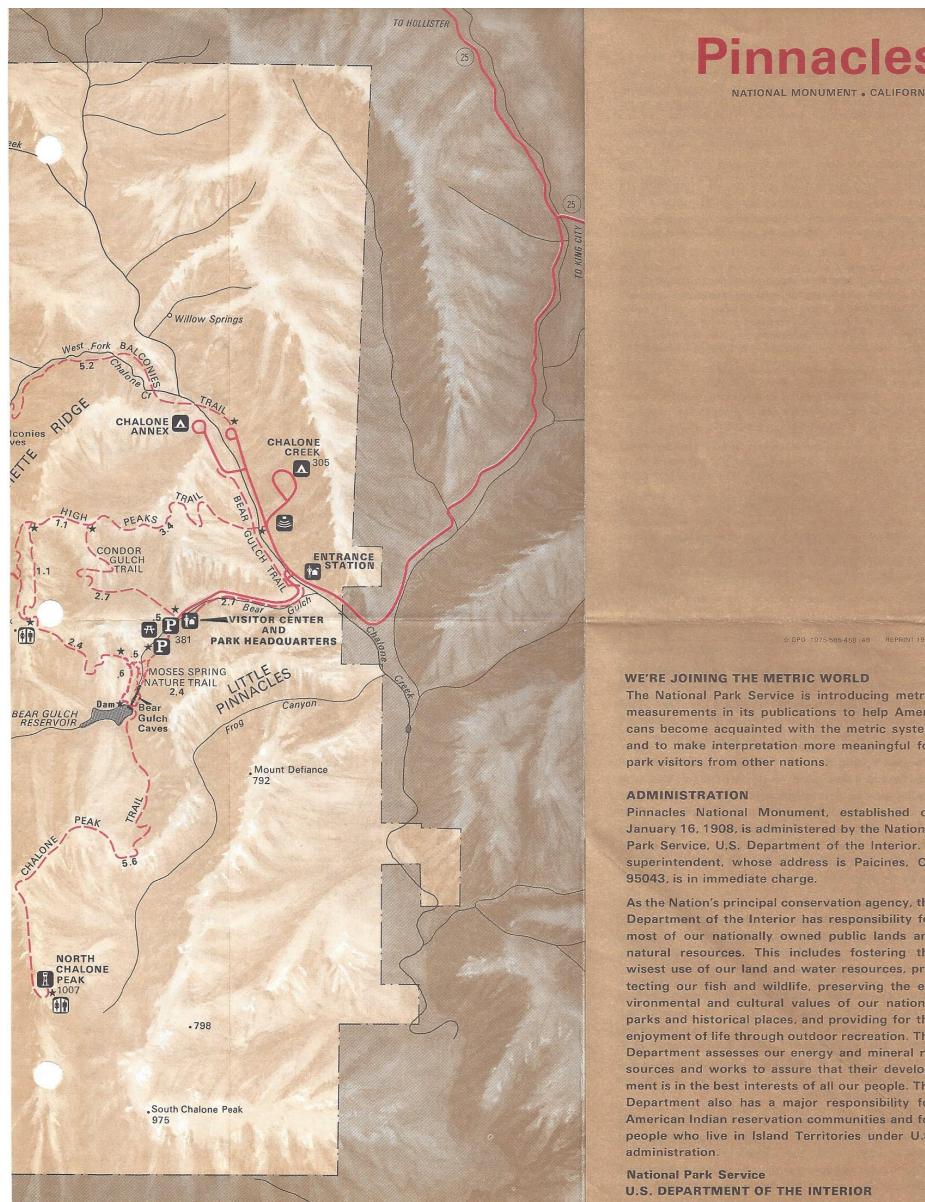
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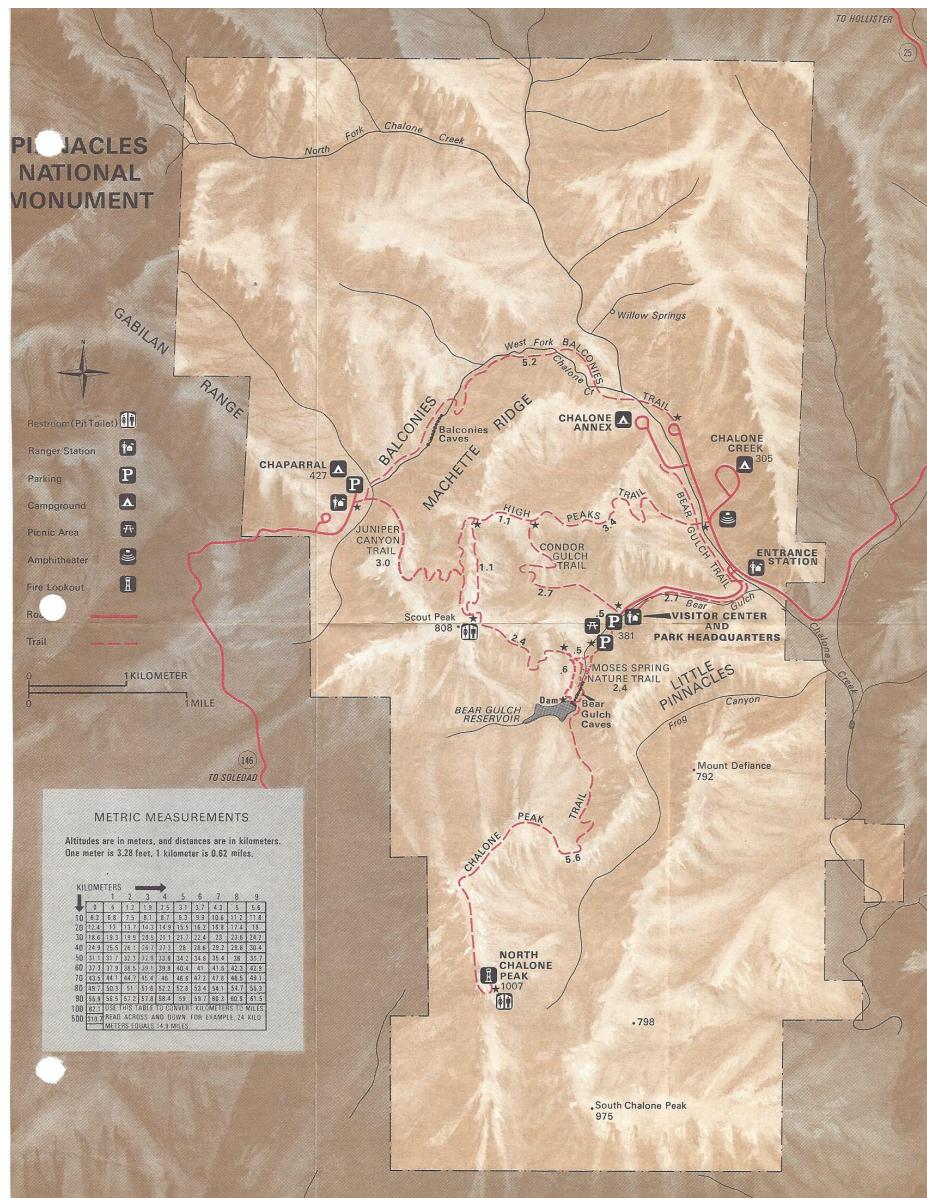
For some unknown reason a new Commandant's House was built in the 1830's, very likely by Alexander Rotchey, the last commandant of Fort Ross. This house (the present one) was smaller and less imposing than the original or "old" Commandant's House, but was probably far more comfortable inside. Rotchey, himself, was a well known poet, writer, traveller, and translator — a master of five languages plus Greek and Latin. His wife, the former



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