

TRAVELS NOW AND THEN

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LAKE CASITAS 1972

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 1972

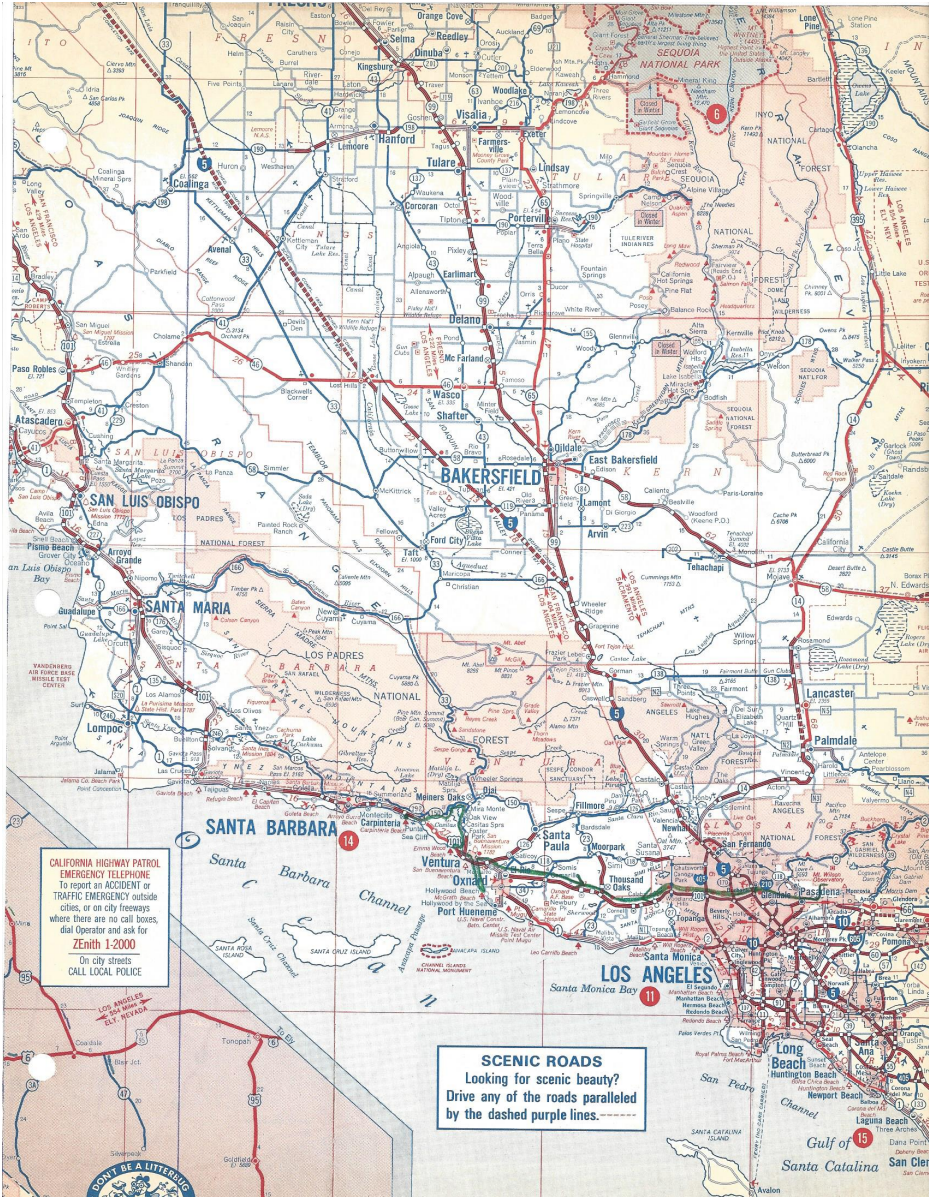
Up fairly early and after breakfast we took a trip to the marina and boat dock to look at the boats and the fishermen. Then we set off down ⁽¹⁵⁰⁾ to Carpinteria and the pretty state beach there. Spent the whole day at the beach - cooking lunch + snacks. I bathed twice - played with the kids - flew kites, etc. The sun increased and the afternoon was very pleasant. Finally about 6.00 we left and returned to the campsite for dinner. The kids spent most of their spare-time at the campsite catching tadpoles in a pool in the creek which ran beside our campsite. The ~~last~~ tadpoles were in the late stage of development some with legs; some with legs + arms - some actual ~~ly~~ small frogs (the large frogs made a great racket at night - strangely stopping + starting the noise in unison). At the end of the trip the kids were persuaded and finally gladly returned the ~~the~~ tadpoles to the pool before leaving. They also spent time at a small playground in the campground - where they observed gophers popping out of their burrows.

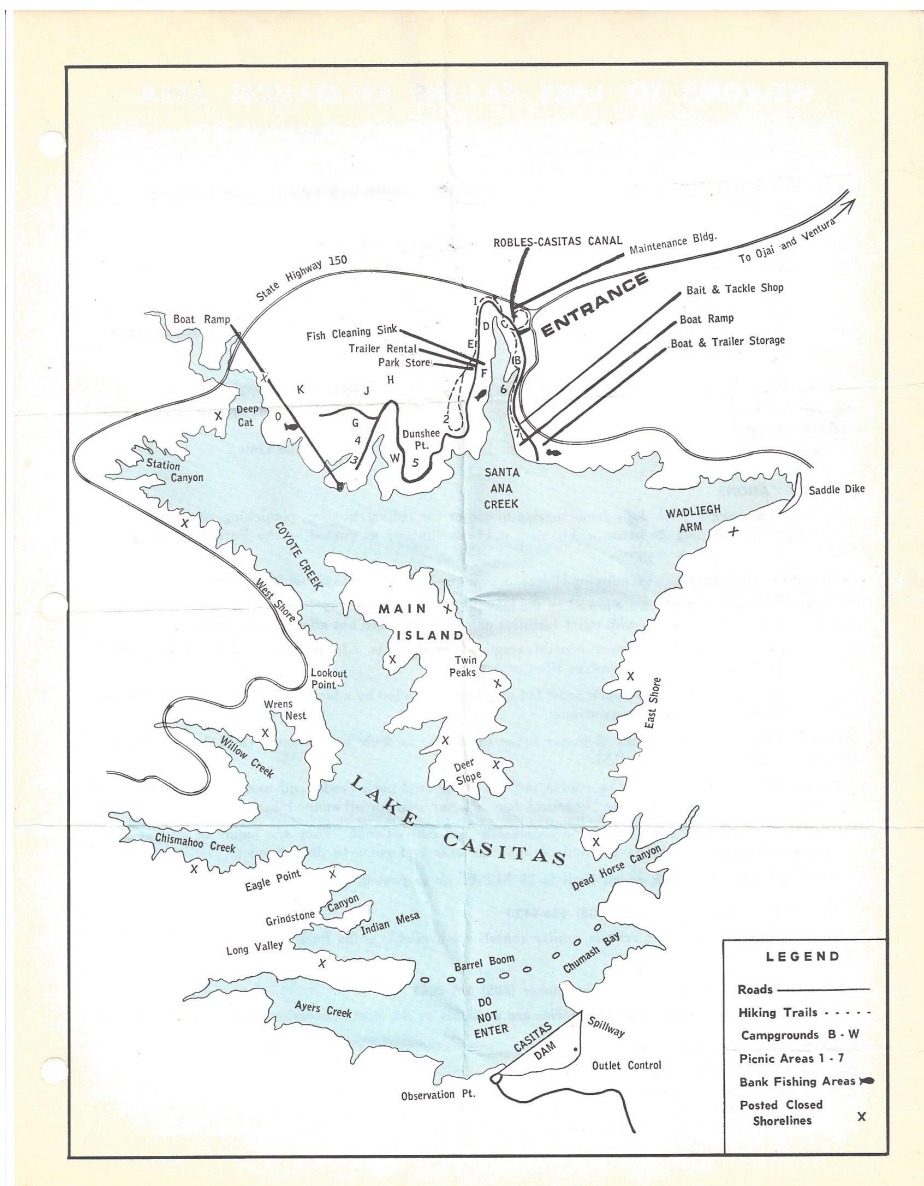
After dinner we again visited the store. Then spent another evening by the campfire - except for a quick trip by Bob and myself to the showers.

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Up early again. After breakfast, Bob, I and the kids walked down the creek to the lake - we saw men catching "craw-dads" - or small lobsters about 2 in. long - which live in creek + lake - lots of ducks came out of the lake to the kids causing considerable interest - finally to the many fishermen on the bank of the lake - average of 4 ft apart - the kids took great interest and rapidly manufactured

filing equipment from sticks, string and tab-caps for hooks - all 5 of them would have spent hours casting these into 4 in. of water if we had not had to get back for lunch. Back at the ~~camp~~ camp we packed all our stuff. After a snack for lunch we finally left Lake Casitas and drove back to Ventura - to the Mission San Buenaventura. A pretty little mission - but only really the church survives and it has been drastically restored. However the small museum was interesting and the visit to the mission very pleasant. The Jones's left for home but we first visited the pier and beach at Ventura and stopped for a meal at a Howard Johnson's just in Ventura before finally driving straight home in Pasadena at 4:30pm.





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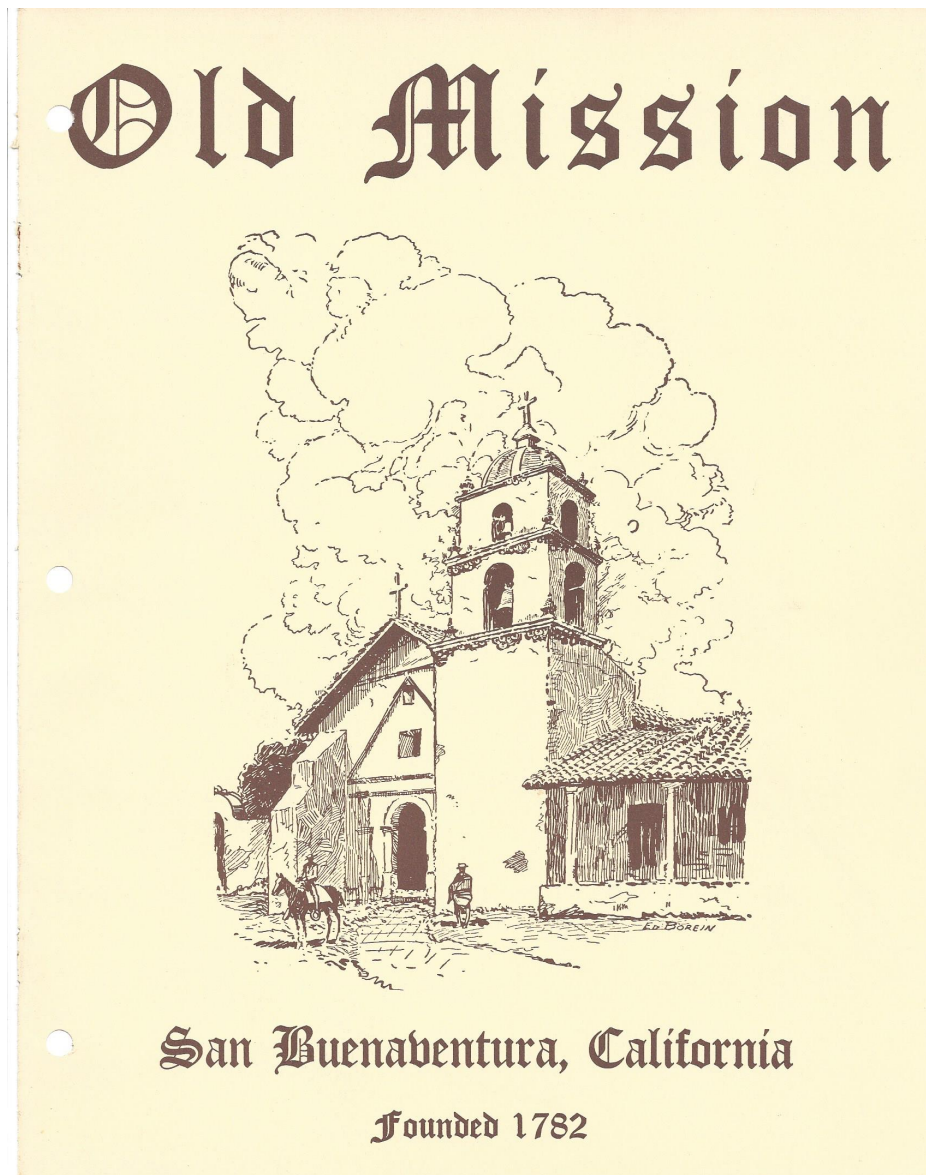
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