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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SERRA

MUSEUM

The Serra Museum has been managed by the San Diego

History Center since opening its doors in 1929.

For general information about the Serra Museum and programs, please call

(619) 297-3258.

To plan a function at the Serra Museum or loggia, please call the Site Rental Coordinator at **619-232-6203** extension **109**. Website: www.sandiegohistory.org



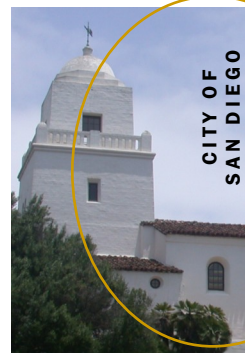
EVENTS

Interested in having a special event or an outdoor wedding in Presidio Park? Please call the Permit Center at (619) 235-1169.

You can also visit the following website to view availability and options:

www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/bestsites.shtml.

Questions or inquiries about special group tours? Please contact **Park Rangers** at (619) 235-5935.



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PRESIDIO PARK RANGER REPORT

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THE WPA AND THE CCC

In response to the Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the resulting economic collapse, the United States government established a plethora of federally funded agencies designed to put to work the nations idle young and in some cases the aging heroes of WWI. All these federal monies were eventually put under the umbrella agency, The Works Progress Administration. The WPA was officially created on March 31, 1935 and brought together all these agencies.

The majority of the programs were designed to improve national infrastructure but one program in particular emphasized National Parks, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). And in California they were instrumental in making these areas accessible for public use and clearing the way for future generations of park patrons. The CCC was officially created on March 31, 1933 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt and lasted until the onslaught of WWII pulled much of the labor force in another direction.



*“During its nine years and three months of operation, the CCC gave meaningful employment to more than three million young men and carried out a wide range of construction and development projects. Much of the work was done in the nation’s forests, but an impressive amount of work was also done in national, state, and municipal parks.” **



Although most of the funding was directed towards Federal and State projects, occasionally a municipality was able to also procure funding for projects. And that is precisely what occurred in Presidio Park during the 1930’s, which was both privately owned (George Marston) and later a ward of the City of San Diego.

The original Park Superintendent, Mr. Percy Broell described in a 1978 interview, shortly before (con’t)

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

(look for answers inside)

Where is that?

CCC Work

his death: ..."Later when I took the WPA-Works Progress Administration-on,...he is the gentleman that sat right along side of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Washington, D.C. It was all done legal and everything else...So I received money that nobody in the entire United States received from those places and the Presidio Park again was the beneficiary of the Man upstairs. In every aspect its movement forward had been that way."

The Civilian Conservation Corps was eventually re-established in the 1970's and has been gaining strength as an organization ever since. Their work can be found not only here in Presidio Park, but in all of San Diego, including the nearby World Famous Balboa Park.



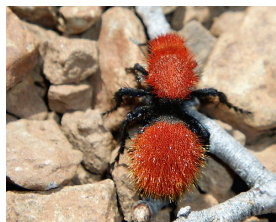
THE DASY MUTILLA COIDENTALIS

This unique creature can be found throughout the Southern United States, in fact throughout the World. But there are numerous sub-species and here in Presidio Park you may find one that looks like the picture below.

Often called a Velvet Ant these are in fact wasps with a terribly painful sting. The male has wings and would seldom be found on the ground. However, the female possesses no wings and is always searching the ground for other wasp species or bee nests to lay her eggs. The Dasymutilla is parasitic.

As a defense against an angry and ungrateful host, this insect boasts one of the toughest exoskeletons in the insect world to help protect it from other wasp and bee stings.

If you come across one on your walk, be sure to respect its "personal space".



PRESIDIO PARK RANGER-LED TOURS

Join a Park Ranger every *second Sunday of the month* for a free tour of Presidio Park. The Ranger will discuss the history of Presidio Park and its relevance to the area, horticulture, archeology and more. All designed to give you a greater understanding and appreciation of this beautiful park. Please meet outside the entrance of the Serra Museum at 1pm.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:(answers)

Where is that?

Everywhere! Just look around for the cobblestone work.

OTHER INTERESTING ITEMS...

CURRENT VOLUNTEERS

Stein Education Centers:

Providing litter abatement several times a week throughout the park, and their help is greatly appreciated.

Presidio Plant ID. Project:

We are now moving forward with the GPS and GIS process!

A special thanks to our "core" group.

....stay tuned....

* By the People, For the People-The Work of the Civilian Conservation Corps in California State Parks, 1933-1941; Joseph H. Engbeck, Jr.-State of California State Parks, 2002

Questions—
Comments? Let us
know your thoughts.

(619) 235-5935

HELPFUL HINTS

PLEASE BE ADVISED

- Smoking is **ILLEGAL** in all of San Diego's parks and beaches.
- Please keep your park clean.
- Do not stake anything into the ground. No metal detectors.
- Please do not feed the wildlife. **It is not beneficial to them.**
- Camping in the park is **not allowed.**
- **Please stay on designated trails.**
- It is prohibited for People or pets to be off trail. Staying on the trail preserves the park.
- Jump-for-Joys are not allowed.
- **Dogs must be leashed at all times.**