

WELCOME to Antonelli Pond

The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County invites you to enjoy your neighborhood park, Antonelli Pond. Use of the pond and its trails is a benefit provided to Land Trust members and the public. Antonelli is open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.

Antonelli is a lovely place to fish, kayak, walk dogs, and bird watch. Enjoy a picnic at a bench overlooking the pond, or at one of the seasonal picnic tables located on the west side of the pond.

A Brief History

Logging, Moonshine, and Silent Films

In 1908, San Vicente Lumber Company flooded a seven-acre area of Moore Creek to create a logging pond. The Ocean Shore tracks to the north of the property facilitated delivery of redwood to the site, and lumbermen walked across floating logs to nudge them into the mill (*see picture below*).

Since that time, the property has hosted a great many other colorful ventures. It's been a mushroom factory, begonia farm, moonshine distillery, and the backdrop to 10 silent films! (*See reverse side for more history and our future vision for the pond!*)



The Pond Protected

The Antonelli family and Santa Cruz Properties, Inc. donated the 19-acre property to the Land Trust in four parts between 1982 and 1984. The Land Trust owns and manages Antonelli Pond as a publicly accessible neighborhood park.

Vision

In 2009 the Land Trust set out to restore Antonelli Pond. With help from more than 150 volunteers, the Land Trust improved trails, removed invasive non-native plants, and planted natives including California sage and elderberry.

Two Eagle Scout projects brought a kiosk and fishing dock to the pond, kicking off the Land Trust's public access vision. Other future plans include an observation deck and a boardwalk to assist hikers in circumnavigating the pond.

The Land Trust will continue to improve public services and safety at the park.

Interested in volunteering at Antonelli? Please contact volunteer@landtrustsantacruz.org

Trail Use and Safety

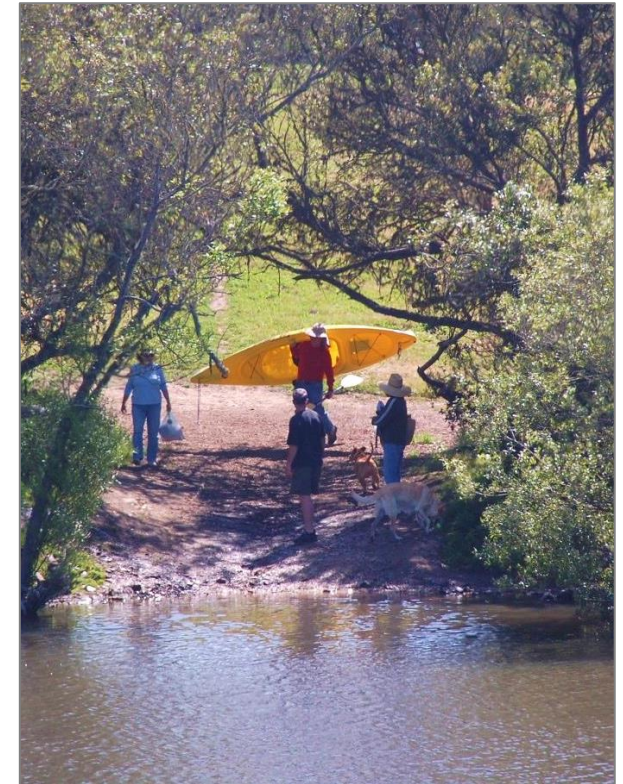
- Use of Antonelli Pond trails is a benefit to Land Trust members and the public.
- The preserve is open year-round from dawn to dusk.
- Hiking, bicycling, dog walking, picnicking, and non-motorized boating are permitted.
- Fishing is allowed with proper permits.
- Horseback riding, motorized vehicles, hunting, fires, camping, and alcoholic beverages are not permitted. NO overnight storage of water crafts.

Please contact SCPD to report any suspicious activity: 831.471.1131. In the event of an emergency call 911.



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Text in black refers to history facts at various locations around the pond. Text in white refers to future visions for the pond.

Southern Pacific was one of 2 railway companies that dominated the coastline - the other being Ocean Shore Railroad, which was eventually bought out by the San Vicente Lumber Company.

Orby Station, run by the San Vicente Lumber Company, was the site of the former lumber mill. The lumber company was founded in 1908.

Hyde Grove is the spot where the **earliest known occupant**, George Hyde, built his home in 1850. Hyde was a Santa Cruz Alcalde.

Pondhopper Crossing refers to the area of the pond where lumbermen from San Vicente Lumber Company would walk across floating logs to nudge them into the mill.

Boardwalk across the pond

Dwight Younglove owned the property in the early 1880's. He enjoyed racing **horse trolleys** and hoped to develop a trolley loop around part of the pond. To his disappointment, the plan was never approved.

Picnic Area

Volcano Commons was the site for the San Vicente sawmill burn pile, which commonly used a **volcano shaped incinerator**.

The Postpiles represent a refuse wharf that used to extend out over the pond. **A few postpiles remain** littered across this section of the pond.

Picnic Area

The first artichoke crops were grown on Thistle Hill in the mid 1920's. The area from Half Moon Bay to Antonelli Pond was one of the west's original artichoke capitals. Brussel sprouts were also grown in the area.

Forested Walkway

The Antonelli brothers started a **begonia farm** which eventually made possible the Begonia Festival and Parade in Capitola Village. This annual event still happens every September. They used the former mill pond as an irrigation source and fishing hole - and sometime around 1950, the lake became permanently known as Antonelli Pond.

Kiosk and Visitor Area

Eli Moore purchased land for a dairy ranch in the early 1800's which was named **Moore's Dairy**.

Amphitheater

The Young brothers leased part of the former Lake Moore in the mid-1920's and converted the old San Vicente Lumber Company's boiler house into a **mushroom factory**. This served as a great spot because it was naturally cool and moist - just the type of climate mushrooms grow well in.

Fishing Dock

In the late 1910's and early 1920's Hollywood starting using the San Vicente mill for authentic sawmill backdrops for movies. **Moviola Vista** was the most common site used, **and over 10 silent films were made here!**

Observation Deck

Around 1930, the San Vicente Lumber Company's boiler house was used as a distillery for making **moonshine**, and a **speakeasy** was built. This was also the location for a boathouse and rowboat concession for Mazzoni's hotel, located across Delaware Ave.

Rapetti Station served as the **town center for San Vicente employees**. The station was built with big ornate features, and housed a US Post Office, bank, general store and dance hall.



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