Resource Directory for Discovering Native Americans and Archeology in the San Francisco Bay Area

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Web Sites

Society for California Archaeology – SCAnet – Resource directory for teaching archaeology
http://www.scanet.org/resources.html#region

Society for American Archaeology – Educational material available from SAA
http://www.saa.org/education/edumat.html

Bibliography of Northern and Central California Indians
http://www.mip.berkeley.edu/cilc/bibs/toc.html

Reference Material


Artifactual and Archival Collections

Alameda County

C.E. Smith Museum of Anthropology
California State University 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd.
Hayward, CA, 94542
Phone: 510-885-3104
Hours: Mon.–Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oakland Museum of California
1000 Oak St.
Oakland, CA 94607
Phone: 510-238-2200
Hours: Wed.–Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. Noon to 5 p.m.; closed Mon. and Tue.

Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology
103 Kroeber Hall
Berkeley, CA 94720-3172
Phone: 510-643-7648
Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wed–Sun.
San Francisco County

California Academy of Sciences
Department of Anthropology
55 Concourse Dr. - Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, CA 94418
Phone: 415-750-7163
Hours: Winter 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (summer 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Treganza Museum/Hohenthal Gallery
San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94132-4155
Phone: 415-338-2046

San Mateo County

Sanchez Adobe Historic Site
1001 Lind Mar Blvd.
Pacifica, CA 94044
Phone: 650-299-0104
Hours: Tue.–Thu. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat.–Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

State Of California

California State Indian Museum
2618 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95816-4921
Phone: 916-324-0971
Hours: Daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Archaeological Sites

Chitactac Adams Heritage County Park.—South Santa Clara County, on Watsonville Road between Morgan Hill and Gilroy.

Chitactac Adams Heritage County Park offers a unique view into the Native American culture of Santa Clara before and after the arrival of the Spanish. A self-guided interpretive walk around the site, including eight stations with interpretive panels, is supplemented by an interpretive shelter with seven additional panels and displays. The trail panels include photographs and original art covering the Adams School, Ohlone village life, Ohlone buildings, petroglyphs (rock art), Ohlone food processing, natural history of Uvas Creek, Spanish, California and Ohlone culture and petroglyphs and their preservation.” (On the web at http://claraweb.co.santa-clara.ca.us/parks/prkpages/chitacch.htm)

Coyote Hills Regional Park—8000 Patterson Ranch Rd. Fremont, CA 04555, Phone: 510-795-9385. Shellmound tour —(call for dates).

The Patterson Mound is a site located within the boundaries of Coyote Hills Regional Park and is protected by the East Bay Regional Park District. “The Patterson Mound has had a long history of excavation since its initial discovery and subsequent recordation by Nels Nelson in 1909. The University of California, Berkeley, excavated the site first in 1935. The Berkeley excavation was then followed by students from San Francisco State University who excavated the site intermittently between the years 1949 and 1968. Students from the California State University, Hayward, under the direction of Dr. C.E. Smith, excavated the site during the summers of 1966, 1967, and 1968.” (On the web at http://www.isis.cshayward.edu/cesmith/archives/328/328index.htm).

Filoli—Woodside, CA. (a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation).

The Filoli Estate docents conduct a program called Native Plants/Native Ways, which is designed to coincide with the 4th grade curriculum by investigating the traditional use of plants and animals used by Native California Indians. On the web at http://www.filoli.org/education.html.