

Santa Cruz Archaeological Tour

September 11 through 13th twenty one SAS members enjoyed an archaeological pre-history and history tour in the Santa Cruz area. We visited several sites and we thank the very knowledgeable leaders for their information.

On Wednesday, September 11 Rick Fitzgerald led a tour of Sand Hill Bluff and Pigeon Point. At Sand Hill Bluff we observed a huge shell mound dating back some 6000 years. At Pigeon Point we learned about Portuguese whaling and saw the bay where whales were brought in by small boats.



Sand Hill Bluff



Rick Fitzgerald at Pigeon Point

On Thursday, September 12 Sky Biblin led a tour of Cultural Preserve at Wilder Ranch State Park. After visiting the museum we toured Wilder houses and farm buildings. Six generations of Wilders ran a dairy farm from 1871 to 1969. That evening we enjoyed a pot luck with Santa Cruz Archeological Society at Live Oak Grange. A slide show by John Foster and a movie presented by Santa Cruz Archaeological Society capped the lovely evening.



Wilder Farm House



Sky Biblin in shop at Wilder Ranch

On Friday, September 13 Patricia Paramoure, Santa Cruz Archeological Society (SCAS) led a tour of Cowell Lime Works District, located. It was so interesting to see the evidence of 100 years of lime processing within the campus of UCSC.



Patricia Parmour showing picture of lime workers



Lime kiln at UCSC

To end the informative tour Robyn Houts (SCAS) led a tour the Chitactac site at 10001 Watsonville Road, Gilroy. There we viewed petroglyphs and rock mortars from Native American inhabitation.



Robyn Houts at Chitactac



SAS group at Chitactac

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