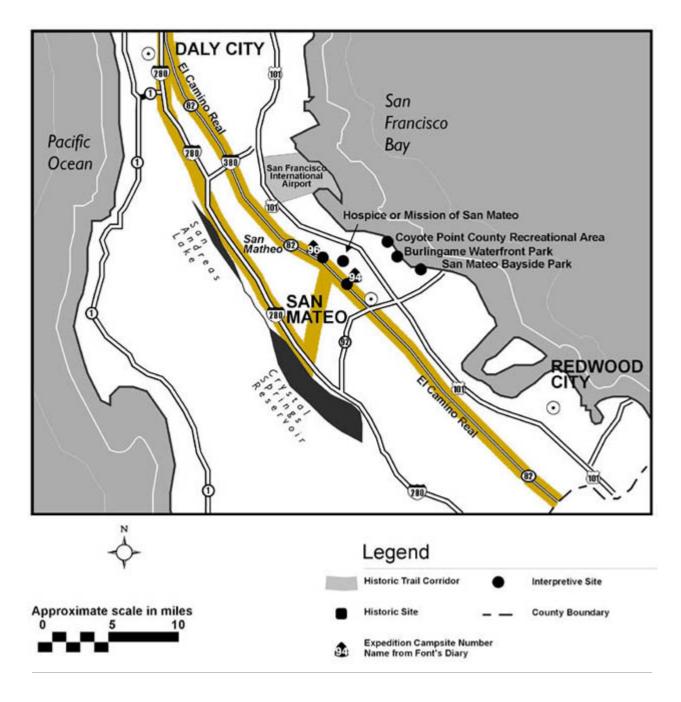
# California - San Mateo County



**Historic Route.** The historic route enters San Mateo County at San Francisquito Creek at the site of *El Palo Alto*, the redwood tree named by the Portolá expedition of 1769. The route through the county more or less follows state highway 82, a portion of the El Camino Real today, which was the travelable edge of the bay in 1776. In the San Bruno Mountain area, the route turns north to enter San Francisco County.

# **Federal Components**

None

## **Interpretive Sites**

El Camino Real

Camp #94 in Burlingame
Camp #96 at San Mateo Creek
Burlingame Waterfront Park
San Mateo Bayside Park
Hospice or Mission of San Mateo
Coyote Point County Recreation Area/ Museum

#### **Recreational Trail**

The San Mateo County Trails Advisory Committee has recommended support for marking the historic route (El Camino Real) and designating two multiuse recreational alternatives, the Bay Trail and the Sawyer Camp/Cañada Trails. The historic route is now urbanized, but the San Francisco Bay Trail offers an opportunity to experience some of the bay environment as the Anza expedition may have seen it. It is a multiuse route with the goal of completing a continuous trail within 100 feet of the shoreline all around the San Francisco Bay. The San Francisco Bay Trail board has passed a resolution to support and cooperate with the National Park Service to identify areas where signs can be installed to celebrate both trails.

The Sawyer Camp and Cañada trails along Crystal Springs are on a portion of the historic route which some of the expedition members followed on their return from San Francisco Bay. The County Trails Plan identifies a route for all users which follows the Lower Alpine Trail west from the Santa Clara County line at Arastradero Road, and continues through Portola Valley and Woodside along part of the Sand Hill Trail to Cañada Road. Following the Cañada Trail to the Crystal Springs trails South and North, it would meet the Sawyer Camp Trail in the San Francisco Watershed. At the northern end of Sawyer Camp Trail, the Anza Trail recreation route would head up the hill toward the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Equestrians not wishing to use Sawyer Camp Trail might use another access that may be available along the Cañada Road corridor.

### Auto Route (marked)

Continue from Santa Clara County on state highway 82 (El Camino Real) to Hickey Boulevard west to Junipero Serra north to enter San Francisco County.

### **Agency/Organization Coordination**

Bay Area Ridge Trail

Cities of

Atherton

Menlo Park

Portola Valley

San Mateo

**Sharon Heights** 

West Menlo Park

Woodside

County of San Mateo

- Parks & Recreation Department
- Planning Department
- Trails Advisory Committee
- Historical Advisory Committee

Muwekma-Ohlone Tribe of San Francisco Bay

Ohlone Tribe San Francisco Bay Trail Project San Mateo County Historical Society State of California

- Caltrans
- Coastal Conservancy
- Department of Fish and Game
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Office of Historic Preservation
- Office of Tourism
- State Lands Commission