

SAN DIEGO PRESIDIO

Presidio Park

San Diego

In 1769 the first permanent European settlement on the Pacific Coast of the present-day United States was established here. Father Junípero Serra founded the Mission of San Diego de Alcalá, the first of the California missions, at the Presidio; however, it was later moved. The Presidio served as a base for expeditions exploring the interior and as Spanish military headquarters for southern California. The site is now a landscaped park and contains the mission-style Serra Museum, built in 1929.