

Santa Teresa County Park Historic Area Site Plan
Final Site Plan Design Elements

1) Ohlone Zone:

- Group Picnic Shelters with 2 picnic tables each that reflect shape and arrangement of an Ohlone village
- Water Theme: Dry creek bed with boulders and temporary water source (detention area/bio-swale during wet season)
- Restored oak wood lands
- Restored native grass lands
- Stabilized DG or Soil for gathering areas/walks
- Petroglyph Icon gathering area with seating boulders around 3 sides
- Boulder cluster reflective of acorn grinding areas
- Boulder cluster for seating at edge of creek for demonstrations like acorn meal washing and other water related activities
- Interpretive displays
- Trash receptacles/recycling

2. Settlement Zone:

- The “cross roads” with an interpretive central globe feature (3 dimensional) demonstrating convergence of different cultures
- 2 shade structures with 2 picnic tables each and interpretive displays
- Trash receptacles/recycling
- Water Theme: Water feature emerging out of boulders and running under bridge
- Wooden bridge (rough timber)

3. Archaeologically sensitive area:

- Tree buffer planting at residential edge
- Restored native grass lands
- Water Theme: Sedge/“wetland” along walk way
- Relocated bear tree monument
- Fence along western edge of trail
- Bench seating in tree shaded area by bear tree
- Trash receptacles/recycling
- Park sign at Curie Drive entry point

4. California Zone:

- Visitor Center with rooms per design program, single story, contemporary interpretation of rancho style house
- Extended roof/trellis element at court yard side (shade structure)
- Gate in adobe wall
- Vegetable/herb garden on south side
- Small pole trellis in vegetable/herb garden
- *Hornito* (small clay oven) on edge of vegetable/herb garden

- Ornamental garden on north side with bench seating
- Some ornamental fruit trees
- Water Theme: Masonry well with bucket/rope mechanism (needs lockable grate)
- Hitching post
- Stabilized DG or Soil for courtyard areas & walks
- 3 courtyard oaks
- Restored barn for displays and maintenance/storage (west side for storage of maintenance equipment and adobe wall making supplies)
- Circular side yard on west side for adobe brick program; second water source: stone trough (water theme)
- Adobe wall between Jacoba Bernal House and courtyard and towards parking lot; some areas with pole trellis and shade structures. Consider adobe wall height for security and visibility
- Interpretive displays
- Benches
- Trash receptacles/recycling
- Drinking fountain mounted on outside wall of visitor center
- Jacoba Bernal House signage

5. Jacoba Bernal House:

- Relocated drive entry
- Fence along sidewalk and park entry
- Planting buffer towards park at entry off Curie Drive
- New adobe wall with trellis per #4

6. Curie Drive:

- Bus drop-off/parking (large enough for bus parking and individual bus pull-in and take-off) with extended sidewalk to curb to accommodate bus passenger activities
- Relocate bear tree monument towards bear tree
- New parkway with tree and ground cover plantings and sidewalks
- Existing driveway with 2 palm trees becomes park entry from Curie Drive and maintenance access road
- Fence along sidewalk
- Bicycle rack at park entry
- Trash receptacles at park entry
- Directional signage

7. Staging Area:

- Stalls for 40 cars including 2 accessible parking spaces
- Organic shape with vegetated central detention swale median
- 5' wide walkway around entire parking lot with tie-ins at Curie Drive sidewalk
- 12' wide entrance connection to visitor center with ADA ramp from parking lot

- 5' wide connection to San Ignacio Avenue sidewalk with directional signage
- Starting point for Ohlone trail
- Directional signage
- Bicycle racks at entry points
- Trash receptacles/recycling
- Trash bin enclosure tucked into median
- Park sign at Curie Drive entry point
- Park sign at San Ignacio Avenue entry point

8. Sidewalk Extension

- Extend existing sidewalk per City of San Jose standards to create a connection to Norred Trail (via Mine Trail trail-head at the mounted Ranger Unit)

9. Connection trail to early American Ranch site:

- Slope side plantings with oaks, native chaparral and some restored native grassland
- Fence along street side
- Point of entry at large oak across from Manila Way
- Interpretive display station
- Bicycle rack at oak entry point
- Park sign at Manila Way entry point

10. General:

- Use porous paving where feasible.
- Provide security lighting throughout site, especially at structures. Provide higher level activity lighting at courtyard for special events.
- Consider visibility into site when selecting planting, especially along site edges. Select trees that can be limbed up and avoid large-size shrubs that block visibility.
- Avoid picnic tables along property edges that may become night-time "hangout" spaces.
- Do not obstruct potential trail corridor to possible future Norred Trail connection
- Underground power lines on site where feasible
- Where feasible and desirable to protect potential archaeological resources, consider constructing trails and other site features on existing grades to minimize excavation.