

# THE OLD WEST

More than 10,000 years ago the indigenous people first lived in what would become Rancho Nipomo. The Rancho dates back to 1835 when Captain William Goodwin Dana requested a Mexican land grant. That same year Dana moved 500 head of cattle to Nipomo to graze across the pastures and hillsides of the 48,000 acre rancho. In 1837 Rancho Nipomo was formally given.



Rancho Nipomo has a long and significant history. We invite you to visit the DANA Cultural Center and walk through the permanent exhibit to learn more. You're also encouraged to visit Captain William and Maria Josefa's home, the Dana Adobe, and see what life was like on the western frontier in the 1850s.

**Welcome! check-in REQUIRED at the Cultural Center before you hike.**

# DANA TRAIL SYSTEM

Welcome to Rancho Nipomo and the Dana Adobe. Before beginning your journey across the Rancho and through time, you are required to check-in at the Cultural Center so we know you are here. After completing your trip be sure to check out as well.

You are in a special place. The Chumash began living here more than 9,000 years ago. Rancho Nipomo was established nearly 200 years ago. Today, you're a guest at this historic property.

Please do not pick up or move items, damage the environment, or take anything but memories and photos with you.

We hope you enjoy your visit, Captain Dana's hospitality, and leave with warm memories. Be careful and have a great time!



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# TRAILS



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# TRAIL MAP

## The Trails at Rancho Nipomo



**Garden Trail:** .60 miles & elevation changes of 20 feet. See the Chumash, Pollinator, and Kitchen Gardens as well as the Orchard, Vineyard and Adobe. (About 20 minutes)

**Heritage Trail:** .77 miles & elevation changes of 58 feet. Follow the old Stagecoach Route down the hill and across Nipomo Creek, pass the Windmill, cross Adobe Creek and follow the trail back across Nipomo Creek to the matanza, then uphill to the Captain's Sycamore, over to the Orchard and Vineyard and back to your start. (About 30 minutes)

**Bird Trail:** 1.25 miles & elevation changes of 120 feet. Sites include the Chumash Garden, crossing Nipomo Creek, the Lookout Point, crossing Cat Creek, passing the historic Quarry, follow the former Pacific Coast Railroad track bed, and head up the hill toward the Adobe, returning to your start. (About 35 minutes)

**Chumash Trail:** 1.79 miles & elevation changes of 95 feet. Highlights include the Chumash Garden, walk the old Pacific Coast Railroad line, follow Adobe Creek passing ancient rock outcroppings to Thompson Road and comeback down the Creek to Nipomo Creek, through the matanza, up the hill to the Captain's Sycamore, through the orchard and vineyard behind the Dana Adobe returning to the start. (About 45 minutes)

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