



Hacienda de Beneficio

When mining began here in the autumn of 1847, the town and worksite were originally called the Hacienda de Beneficio.

The name was later shortened to Hacienda and you can often hear New Almaden called that today.

Street Courtesy:

- If you are in a group, please stay together
- For safety, always stay between the houses and the white line. While traffic is generally not heavy, vehicles will be encountered on Almaden Road.
- While the town of New Almaden is an historic district; all homes are privately owned.



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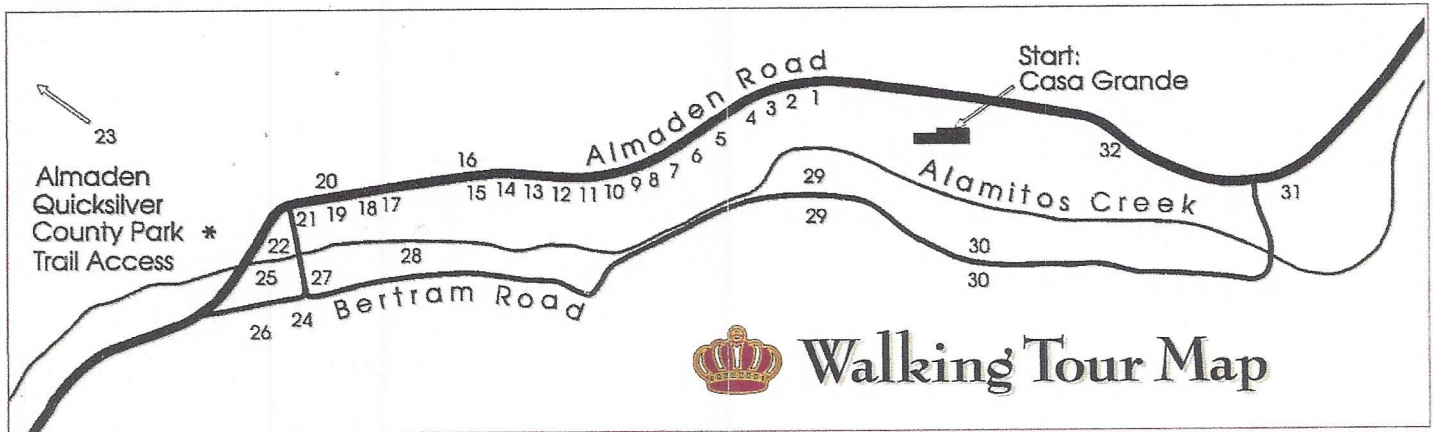
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New Almaden A 1.6 Mile Walk Through History


Step into the Past



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Self-Guided Tours begin at CASA GRANDE

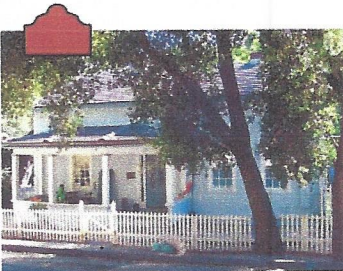
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CASA GRANDE
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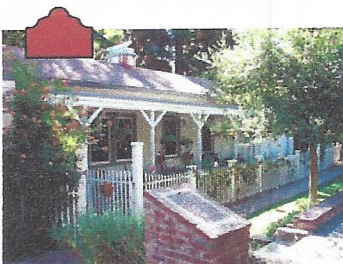
Casa Grande "The Big House" • 21350 Almaden Rd

Francis Meyers and Henry Halleck began construction in 1850, completing it in 1854. John McLaren, designer of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, assisted with the formal landscaping of Casa Grande's grounds. The building was, and is, a highly regarded piece of California architecture. The recently restored Casa Grande houses the Quicksilver Mining Museum as well as park staff and volunteer offices.



1. Mining Office
• 21472 Almaden Rd

Built in 1847 this 2-story house was the site of the Mining Office in 1856. It was also used as a home by members of the Randal family from 1870-1892. In 1878, it was the home of the company's doctor, F. V. Hopkins.



2. Young House "Superintendent's House"
• 21474 Almaden Rd

Sometimes named the "Superintendent's House" for John Young, the first official mining superintendent of the New Almaden Mining Company. He helped to get mining operations started in the region.



3. Huttner House
• 21490 Almaden Rd

Called the "Engineer's House" for H.J. Huttner, a mechanical engineer hired along with Robert Scott to construct the brick furnace in New Almaden. Their revolutionary furnace saved the mining company from bankruptcy.



4. Scott House
• 21498 Almaden Rd

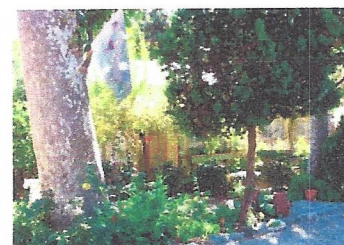
Robert Scott was the mason who built the Scott Furnace. His family lived here while Robert used his masonry skills to construct a huge brick furnace in the hills not far from this site.

It is a 2-story house. From the street, you are looking at the 2nd floor.



5. Casa Nuestra "Our House"
• 21506 Almaden Rd

Casa Nuestra means "Our House." This is a typical example of a miner's home in New Almaden. J.L. Shaw, an actor, lived here in 1878.



6. La Mariposa "The Butterfly"
• 21512 Almaden Rd

This site contains the first cement foundation in the town. The house is wooden board-and-batten construction and was the home of Frank Bohlman, owner of the local livery stable.

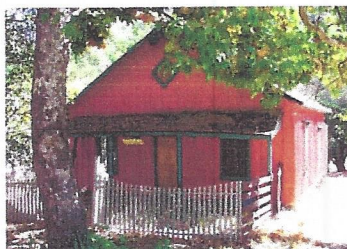
Houses number 7 & 8 are sites of the Rockery and Livery Stable and not shown.



9. Brick Sidewalks

Notice the brick sidewalks in front of houses 1 through 14. Used as ballast in ships, the brick in this sidewalk comes from all around the world.

Some ships returned to their home ports with flasks of New Almaden mercury instead of their brick ballast.



10. El Vespero "Evening Prayer"

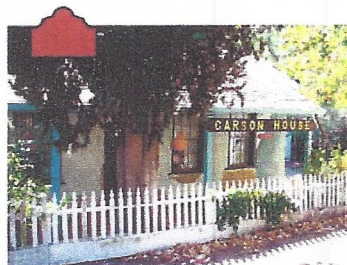
• 21550 Almaden Rd
El Vespero means "Evening Prayer" or vespers in Spanish.

This building was the site of the jail and the blacksmith shop which was located in the rear of the building.



11. Bulmore House

• 21560 Almaden Rd
This residence was constructed in the 1854 and was the first cottage that used locally produced and fired bricks. It was the home of Robert Bulmore, last manager of the mining company and last official resident of the Casa Grande.



12. Carson-Perham Adobe

• 21570 Almaden Rd
This house was one of the adobes built in the 1850s and home of George Carson, mine company bookkeeper, postmaster, telegraph operator, and Wells Fargo Agent. In the 1900s, it was the home of Constance Perham and the site of the original New Almaden Museum.



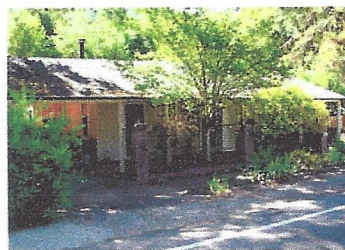
13. Butcher Shop Adobe

• 21590 Almaden Rd
One of the adobes built in the 1850s. If you look down the driveway, you can see the wooden shed that housed the meat locker used as a butcher shop in the 1860s.



14. La Casita de Adobe "Little Adobe"

• 21600 Almaden Rd
La Casita de Adobe means "little adobe house" in Spanish. This house is one of the adobes built in the 1850s.



15. Doctor's Office

• 21620 Almaden Rd
This building housed the practice of Dr. F. V. Hopkins in the 1870s.



16. Cactus House

• 21639 Almaden Rd
(on the right hand side of Almaden Road)
Notice the cactus growing on the porch above the front door. This is a typical cottage that was home to miners in New Almaden.



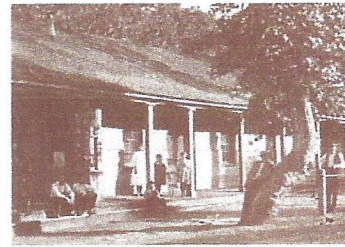
17. Miners Cabin

• 21640 Almaden Rd
Another typical New Almaden miner's cabin. The next house at 21650 (not shown) dates to the 1930s.



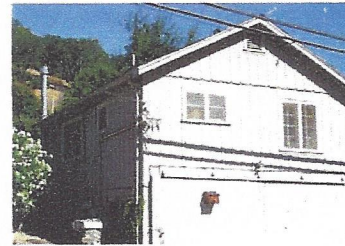
18. Miner's Cabin "Oldest Cabin"

• 21700 Almaden Rd
In the 1850s, this was home to one of the first settlers of the New Almaden area.



19. Site of the Mine Company Store

(Vacant lot)
This adobe store/warehouse served Hacienda/New Almaden from about 1861. The Mexican style structure was destroyed by fire in 1973. At the time of the fire, it housed the New Almaden post office.



20. Firehouse

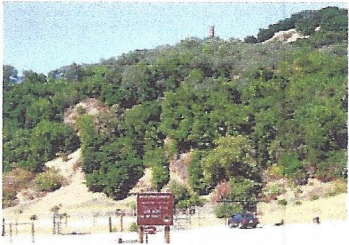
• 21731 Almaden Rd
(on the right hand side of Almaden Road)
This building was home to the California Division of Forestry until 1970.



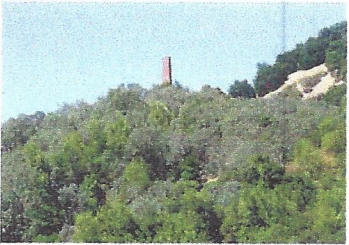
21. Tollgate House
 • 21744 Almaden Rd
 This building housed the gatekeeper who collected tolls for travel and entry across the bridge into the Hacienda on Bertram Road. It was once the site of the post office, a barber, and a tamale restaurant.
 Today, it houses apartments.



22. Bulmore Park
 This park, created in 1979, was named for Laurence Bulmore, son of New Almaden Mining Company's last manager, Robert Bulmore.
 Laurence Bulmore is author of the book, *Cinnabar Hills*.



Hacienda Park Entrance
 Main entrance to Almaden Quicksilver Park which encompasses 3,977 acres, 33 miles of hiking, 25 miles of equestrian and 10 miles of bicycling trails. Now the site of the Outdoor Mining Museum.
 Large furnaces were found here in the reduction works as well as a mining office.



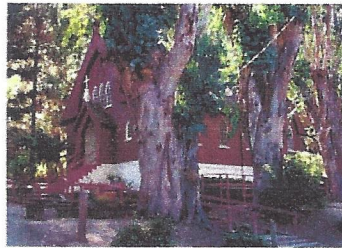
23. Chimney, Reduction Works
 Look up the hill to the right of Almaden Road. This chimney carried the sulfur out into the atmosphere and away from the Hacienda.
 Of the three original smokestacks, this is the only one that remains today.



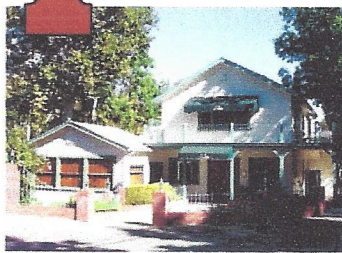
24. Helping Hand Hall •
 21756 Bertram Rd at Alamitos
 Built by Giles McDougal in 1886, it was once two-story and included a large hall, theater, game and kitchen rooms.
 The second floor provided housing for visitors and classrooms for summer classes for children.



25. Vichy Spring
 In 1867, this mineral spring was leased to F.A. Pioche for the bottling of "New Almaden Vichy Water," promoted as the elixir of life that would cure many ailments.
 It was sold by the hundreds of gallons, but when a major shaft of the mine was sunk, the mineral water slowed to a trickle.



26. St. Anthony's Church
 • 21800 Almaden Rd
 Mine manager Robert Bulmore's great aunt, Guadalupe Madera, was instrumental in raising the funds to build this church in 1899.
 The mining company also donated a large sum for its construction.
 It is still used today for church services.



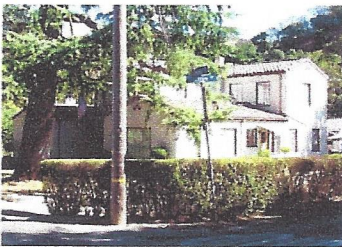
27. Hacienda Hotel
 • 21747 Bertram Rd
 Built in 1874, it is now the home of La Forêt Restaurant.
 The original building located here was destroyed by fire in 1848. It was a boarding house for single mine workers and later used as a small hotel for mine and Hacienda visitors.



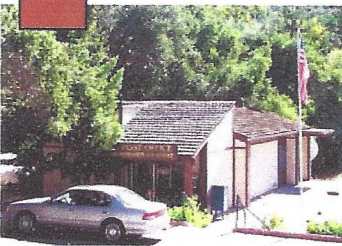
28. New Almaden Community Club
 • 21727 Bertram Rd
 The property belongs to the current residents of the New Almaden community.
 It was originally built in 1952 and was rebuilt in the 1980s.



29. Hacienda Cemetery
 The graves in this cemetery date back to the 1850s. Many of the headstones are rare Italian marble.
 This is the grave of Barrett's arm. The arm was shot off with a shotgun and was buried here. Space being a premium, the rest of his body is buried at Oakhill Cemetery.



(30. Summer Cottages, not shown)
 Most of the homes built along Bertram Road are summer cottages built in the 20s and 30s. They are now permanent, private residences.



31. Hacienda School Site
 Corner of Almaden and Bertram Roads
 This school averaged two teachers and eighty-five students who were almost entirely the children of mine employees.

32. Post Office
 In service continuously since 1866, the post office moved around to several local facilities.
 This structure was built in 1976 after a fire destroyed the post office's previous home.