

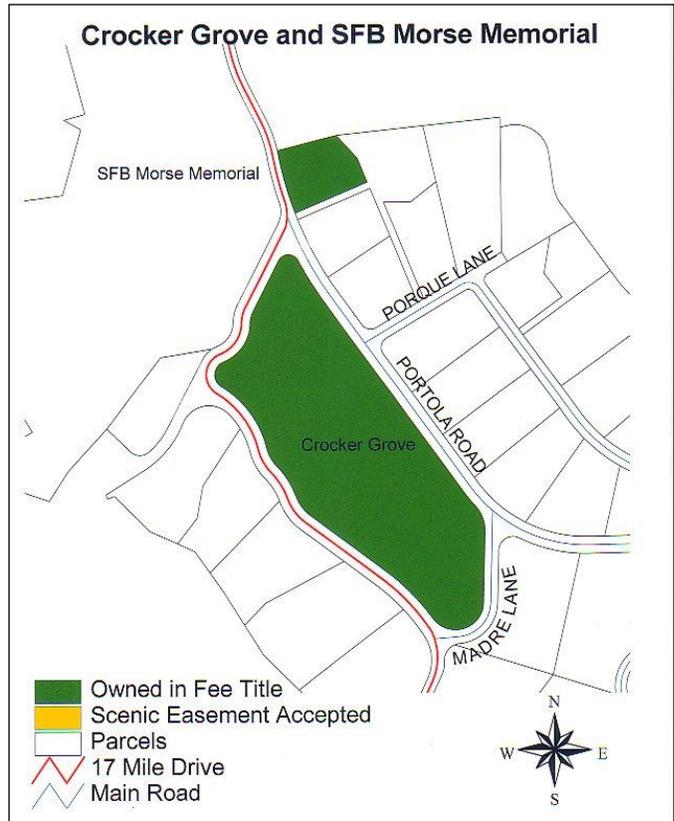


## Crocker Grove

12.54 Acres, OSAC Category IIB: Protected Natural Resources

The Crocker Cypress Grove is located near Cypress Point. It is bounded on the north by Portola Road, on the east by Madre Lane and on the south and west by 17-Mile Drive. The Crocker Cypress Grove is a prime example of a native, first-growth Monterey Cypress Forest. Monterey cypress occurs naturally in only two extremely small populations: the northerly population in Pebble Beach that extends from Cypress Point to Pescadero Point, and the southerly population located across Carmel Bay at Point Lobos. Crocker Grove is located in the heart of the northerly native population.

Crocker Grove was probably named for Charles Crocker, pioneer railroad builder and one of the founders of the Pacific Improvement Company which later became the Del Monte Properties Company and then Pebble Beach Company. He was the leading figure in the development of Hotel Del Monte. In 1952, the grove was set aside as a natural reserve. In 1976, Del Monte Properties Company deeded this 12.54 acre parcel to DMFF. Although Monterey cypress was originally restricted to this tiny native range, the species has been widely planted up and down the California coast and in landscape settings all over the world.



## S.F.B. Morse Memorial Lot

1.41 Acres, OSAC Category IIB Protected Natural Resources

The S.F.B. Morse Memorial Lot is located along Seventeen Mile Drive near the first fairway of the Cypress Point Golf Course. Near Crocker Grove and part of the northern population of Monterey Cypress, the S.F.B. Morse Memorial is a natural open space containing some old cypress giants. This 1.41 acre tract was transferred from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation to DMFF in 1982, along with \$14,875 pledged for maintenance of the Morse Memorial Property. When the transfer from Monterey Peninsula Foundation to DMFF was completed, maintenance was begun in the form of an extensive tree planting program. Almost all of the younger cypress trees now there are "native stock," grown from seed collected by Loma (Mrs. Hulet P.) Smith, whose house is on the first fairway of the Cypress Point Course.