



Navajo Tract
10 Acres, OSAC Category IVB: Open Forest

The Navajo tract is located between the Country Club and Pacific Grove gates at the northern end of the Del Monte Forest. The Navajo tract is a heavily wooded, mixed pine/oak forest. The parcel adjoins a strip of land along Congress Avenue that was sold to the City of Pacific Grove and is now named Van Winkle Park.

This parcel of 10 acres came to DMFC from the Pebble Beach Company in 1980 as part of an open space acquisition effort involving more than 300 Del Monte Forest property owners. One 5 acre portion was purchased from Pebble Beach Company with some of the donated \$120,000, which also helped to acquire Indian Village. Pebble Beach Company donated the matching 5 acres.

The Navajo Tract was part of an old Spanish grant known as Punta de Pinos because of the magnificent Monterey Pines there. In 1880, David Jacks sold this ranch to the Pacific Improvement Company, predecessor of Del Monte Properties Company and Pebble Beach Company. The name Navajo seems to stem from the fact that at one time, it belonged to the Navajo Mining Company, a silica mining operation.

Area B (Navajo North)
15.57 Acres, OSAC Category IVB:
Open Forest



Located just north of the original Navajo tract and also adjacent to Pacific Grove's Van Winkle Park, this 15.574 acre parcel was donated to DMFC in 1989 by Pebble Beach Company. This parcel is part of Area B in Monterey County's Del Monte Forest Area Land Use Plan adopted by the Coastal Commission in 1984, is part of the roughly 46 acres of Navajo/Van Winkle Park open space.

The description and history of the Navajo tract apply equally well to this parcel. A fairly dense mixed forest of Monterey pine and coast live oak with a diverse understory, both parcels receive a great deal of use by walkers from both Del Monte Forest and Pacific Grove. Fulfilling DMFC conservation responsibilities, while limiting resource damage from casual usage, is an ongoing challenge.