



Pescadero Canyon – 1981 Ford Meadow (2 parcels)
73.474 Acres, OSAC Category IVB: Open Forest

Pescadero Canyon is located at the south and easterly end of the Del Monte Forest. The open space parcel is bounded on the north and west by 17-Mile Drive and on the south and east by the city limit of Carmel-by-the-Sea and residences in the Carmel Woods area. Pescadero Canyon open space consists primarily of the immediate watershed and stream course of Pescadero Creek on the south side of 17- Mile Drive.

The Del Monte Properties Company, predecessor of Pebble Beach Company, deeded this 73.47 acre property to DMFC in 1976. Pescadero Canyon opens into Carmel Bay and was named for Rancho Pescadero, the David Jacks holding purchased by the Pacific Improvement Company in the late 1800's. The Tucutnut Ohlone were said to be in this area.

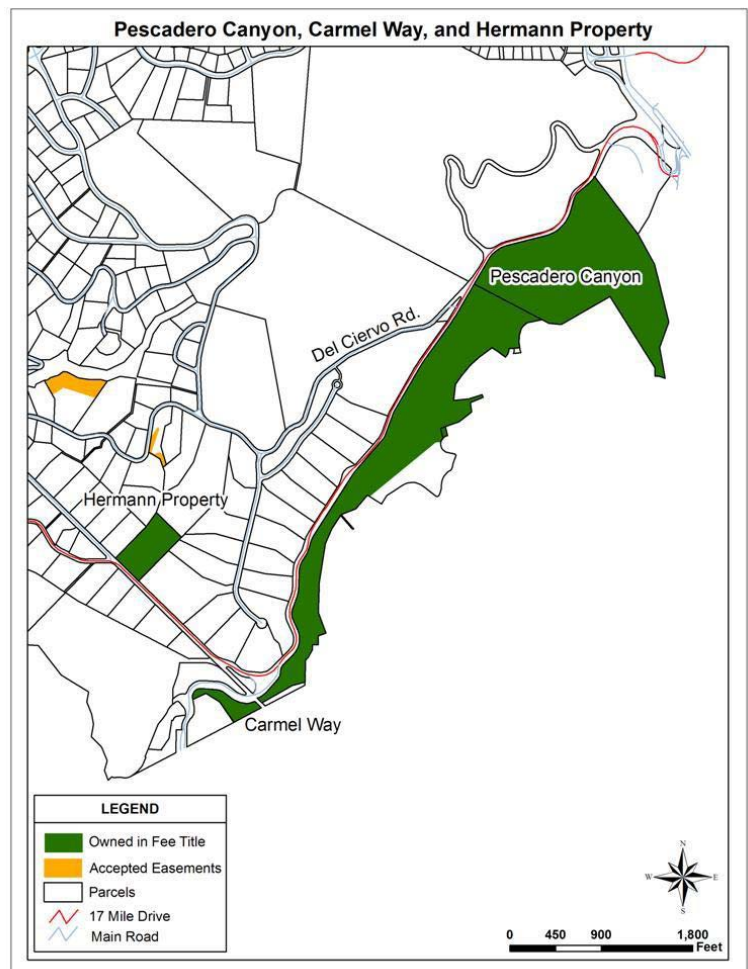
Part of the Pescadero Canyon holding is a roughly two acre open meadow that slopes down to the east side of the 17 Mile Drive as the Drive runs north toward the Highway One gate. A bronze plaque on a granite boulder toward the brow of the hill reads: "Robert F. Ford Meadow - Pescadero Canyon" thanks to a generous gift to the Conservancy by Mary Taylor Ford in memory of her husband. This dedication was made in 1981.

Carmel Way

1.5 Acres, OSAC Category IV: Open Forest, and Category VIII: Riparian and Wetland

The Carmel Way parcel is located at the eastern edge of Carmel Way immediately below the Pescadero Canyon parcels and just north of the Carmel Gate along Pescadero Creek. The Carmel Way parcel was purchased by the Del Monte Forest Conservancy in 1996 from a private party. Its dominant native cover is Monterey pine mixed with some coast live oak. Redwood trees planted many years ago along the bottom of Pescadero Creek now dominate much of the creekside on this parcel.

According to Jack Wheatley, adjoining resident immediately south of the parcel, the Carmel Way parcel and his property, located between Pescadero Creek and Second Avenue in Carmel, were once in the same ownership. Sometime from the 1930's to the 1950's, the landowner made some landscaping improvements in the creekside area, including extensive rock work to protect channel banks next to Pescadero Creek.



Hermann Property

4.51 Acres, OSAC Category IVB: Open Forest

The Hermann Property is located along Seventeen Mile Drive at the intersection with Crespi Lane between the Carmel Gate and the Pebble Beach Golf Links. The parcel is dissected by two seasonal watercourses and supports a mixed forest of Monterey pine and coast live oak. Known as the land that saved the Conservancy, this parcel was purchased from Mrs. Grover Hermann in 1986.

As recalled by Marshall Steel, the story of the purchase is instructive.

There are different classifications of Foundations according to the IRS, including public and private. When Indian Village and Navajo were transferred from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation to the Del Monte Forest Conservancy (a private Foundation), there was an obvious need to fund maintenance requirements and possible further acquisitions. Marshall Steel, Jr., then president of the DMFC, looked up the regulations applicable to private Foundations and discovered it was permissible to raise money subject to approval of the IRS; in August their verbal telephone OK was received with the provision that funding be done within a period of four to five years. Written confirmation was to follow.

Prior to Thanksgiving weekend of the same year a message to call the IRS in Washington, D.C., the following Monday was left on Mr. Steel's answering machine. The call was made and the message received – that after further review the verbal ruling was rescinded! Informed that some \$65,000 had been raised under their former approval, the IRS stated firmly that it would be necessary for all monies raised to be spent by the following December 31, and if not spent, each DMFC Director would be held personally responsible, and suit filed against the individual members of the Board.

Knowing that Sally Hermann (Mrs. Grover) had planned to will a parcel adjoining her property to the DMFC, Mr. Steel met with her, explained the jam, and must to her surprise begged her to deed the property in question immediately and for \$65,000 rather than as a bequest. Mrs. Hermann with her usual grace complied immediately much to the relief of the DMFC Board reaffirming that all's well that ends well – in spite of the IRS.