



Pescadero Point

1.61 Acres, OSAC Category 1A: Intensively Used Area

Pescadero Point is located on a promontory between Stillwater Cove and Crocker Cypress Grove. The 1.61 acre Pescadero Point parcel was given to the Monterey Peninsula Foundation in 1958 to be held as open space in perpetuity by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fagan. One of the larger boulders on the rocky point carries a bronze plaque with the inscription:

“Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Fagan to
Monterey Foundation 1958”

The Monterey Peninsula Foundation transferred the property to DMFC in 1982 in accordance with the recommendations of OSAC.

This scenic and historic promontory was called Pescadero, fishing place, by the Spaniards. As testimony of the Indian middens, containing hundreds of clam and abalone shell fragments, the Ohlones enjoyed this spot long before outsiders came. A famous cypress known as the Witch Tree was a landmark here. No longer standing, its fallen trunk remains roped off in the center of the parcel.

Cortlandt Hill Preserve

4.8 Acres, OSAC Category IIA: Protected Natural Resources and Category XI: Rare or Endangered Species

The Cortlandt Hill Preserve was dedicated by the Hill family as permanent open space in

1996. The 4.8 acre parcel had been owned by the Hill family since 1923. Its dedication protects habitat of native Monterey cypress mixed with some Monterey pine set upon a grassy coastal bluff. A bronze plaque on a boulder visible from 17 Mile Drive commemorates the dedication:

“This 4.8 Acre Parcel is given in memory of
Cortlandt Taylor Hill
to the Del Monte Forest Foundation for safekeeping of the most
special and valuable quality; a perfect example of private
ownership being the best steward and owner of this untouched,
preserved parcel as an example for generations to come.
The James J. Hill III Family – 1995”

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