

#### **UPPER TRAIL (SELKIRK RANCH RD)**

These Selkirk Trails show the evolution and diversity of the peoples who settled in the foothills of the Mother Lode on the property now called the Greenhorn Creek Community. We are delighted to share our rich heritage with you. Please help us to protect and preserve this national treasure.

The Upper Selkirk Trail (PCR 2) is a public interpretive pathway passing through the home site of the Selkirk family. It includes remains of the house, cellar, stone corral and Stockton-Angels Wagon Road. Note the beautiful rhyolite chimney built by expert Scottish stonemason Alexander Love.



Selkirk Ranch House, built in 1862

Early on, David Selkirk was blinded in a blasting accident, leaving his wife Perlina, his daughters, and Ah Sun, a Chinese worker to run the ranch. David then supplemented their resources as a local fiddler. The Selkirks brought up 4 daughters in this 16 x 36 feet, two-room home and housed up to 3 miners in the pitched attic, accessed by external ladder.

Three daughters married miners. Sarah Jane and Issac McCauley built a thriving ranch to the east by 1870, approximately where the Greenhorn Golf Clubhouse now stands. Jennie married George Lucas who died and then James Maltman. Their

ranch was near the ninth fairway by 1875. Alice married Charles Hinkleman who built their home near Catalpa Ln. in 1883.

After 1900, the Selkirk and McCauley families moved to Stockton while the McCauley sons maintained a dairy farm on the ranch. In 1937, the land was sold to cattleman Ed Wilson.

The fourth fairway of the Greenhorn Creek Golf Course is west of PCR 2. Its rock wall protected the Selkirks' home from wandering cattle. The stone feature there was Ah Sun's home's outdoor hearth, later converted into a forge.

A Mi-Wuk triblet center was located in PCR 1 until the arrival of settlers and miners in the 1850s. This center was a permanent settlement of about 100 - 200 people with ruling tribal elders and a 100-foot diameter gathering round house. A flat stone with 44 grinding holes was found which signifies the size of the center. This is where food staple acorns and other edibles were ground with stone pestles by women of the community.



Murphys Mi-Wuk Roundhouse 1909

Archeological evaluations in the 1990s showed that humans inhabited this area more than ten thousand years ago at the end of last ice age. Settlers and miners arrived 175 years ago.

Down the trail to the south in the gulch, the Selkirks dammed the creek for ranch water.

The Upper Trail ends at Springhouse Road. Please follow the Directional Signs on the trail connection path to the Lower Trail.

### LOWER TRAIL (SMITH FLAT RD)

The lower trail begins at the 'Medicine Rock', a boulder with a single grinding hole above Smith Flat Rd. The ranchers dammed the creek here to create the lakes. Golfers must stay out of these protected wetlands and walkers must follow Directional Signs. The map shows the ruins of a Chinese prospector's hearth on what was a goldbearing creek.

The lower trail continues back along Smith Flat Rd, to Albasio Ct., then south past PCR 3 containing the likely site of the 1856 original Selkirk cabin.

The trail continues south, west of the creek past the bridge. At its end, a sign commemorates hard rock mining, prevalent on the property, though not very productive. Down in the woods below the sign lies the remains of the Adelia mine, which petered out in the 1860s.



Placer Prospectors - Postcard

Returning north, head east across the steppingstone bridge over the creek at the Waterfall. Emerge at the top of the southern meadow where another Mi-Wuk village was once located. The four villages along the trail – PCR 1, PCR 3, PCR 4, and PCR 5 were likely occupied at different time periods. Head north past the Vegetation sign, along the creek bed past the Miners' Cabin Ruins, and up the steps to the east end of the bridge. Walk west across the twin bridges over forks of the creek and return to the Trail Head.

## Greenhorn Creek

# HISTORICAL SELKIRK TRAILS GUIDE & MAP

**UPPER** 

Selkirk

Home

Chimney

and

**Footprint** 



### LOWER

Protected Wetland Lake on Golf Holes 5 & 6





