Old Town San Diego Patch

Learn about the history of early San Diego on this fun scavenger hunt through Old Town Village and Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

Whether you are a Girl Scout of San Diego or a Girl Scout visiting San Diego you can earn this patch by exploring these thirteen locations and finding the answers to the questions. Discover the living history of early San Diego and the lives of those who came before to better understand how California came to be!

Start at the Robinson-Rose House Visitor's Center. The State Park has free maps are available here.

1. **San Diego House -** It was the first Old Town business owned by African-American freemen.
What animal did Allen Light help save from extinction?

2. **Casa Machado Silvas /Commercial Restaurant -** This original adobe house provided a hiding place for the Mexican flag from Americans in the war of 1846. *What is the heritage of the women making bread in the large picture?*

3. **Brick Courthouse -** This brick building was built by the Mormon Battalion after the Mexican American war. *Who was San Diego's first lawyer and first district judge?*

4. **Mason Street School -** This was San Diego's first public school house. *On the window there are Instructions to the Teachers for 1872 - what happened to a woman teacher who married?*

5. **San Diego Union Building -** This structure was the home of San Diego's first newspaper. *What was the period Type Style (font) used to print the first paper?*

6. **Church of the Immaculate Conception -** This church is named after the patroness saint of the San Diego harbor. *What is the color of the dome at the top of the steeple?*

7. **Whaley House -** This supposedly haunted house acted as a court house and a theater for a short time. *It was the town's first _____ structure.*

8. **El Campo Santo Cemetery -** This was the Catholic cemetery of the first settlers of San Diego including someone who was hung at the Whaley house. *Whose headstone says that she lived to be 108 years old?*

9. **Seely Stables -** This was the Yuma / San Diego stage stop for the United States Mail Stage line. *One hundred years ago, how long did it take to travel by a carriage from San Diego to Los Angeles?*

10. **Black Hawk Livery & Blacksmith -** This was owned and operated by J.B. Hinton. *What was a Tyre Shrinker for?*

11. **La Casa de Estudillo -** This casa is linked to the marriage place of the Indian heroine in Helen Hunt Jackson's bestseller novel *Ramona*. *How many pianos are located in the hacienda?*

12. **Johnson House -** The wood reconstruction demonstrates a traditional pre-fabricated house. *Where did the owner of the Johnson house also own property?*

13. **McCoy House -** This two story home was originally built by Sheriff James McCoy and houses exhibits highlighting Old Town history and its famous residents. *What pioneer humorist influenced Mark Twain and Bret Harte?*

Answers

1. Allen Light helped save sea otters from extinction.

2. The women making bread in the large painting is a Kumeyaay native.

3. Oliver S. Witherby was San Diego's first lawyer and district judge.

4. If a women teacher was to marry she would have been be dismissed.

5. Nubian Antique was the type style that was used to print the first paper.

6. The dome at the top of the steeple of the Church of the Immaculate Conception is blue.

7. The Whaley House was the town's first brick structure.

8. Juliana Cornelia lived to be 108 years old.

9. It took two days to travel by a carriage from San Diego to Los Angeles.

10. A "Tyre Shrinker" was used to re-shrink iron tires around the wooden wheels. This was routine maintenance because over time the wooden wheels would shrink which was very dangerous.

11. There are three pianos located throughout the hacienda; one large and two smaller ones.

12. The owner of the Johnson house also owned land in Rancho Penasquitos.

13. George Horatio Derby, who wrote under the pen name John Phoenix, influenced both of these authors.

The State Park website has lots more information available online *www.parks.ca.gov* (search: Old Town)

Park brochure with map can be downloaded at w*ww.parks.ca.gov/pages/663/files/OldSanDiego.pdf*.

Another printable walking map is provided by the businesses within the park *www.oldtownsandiegoguide.com*

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