

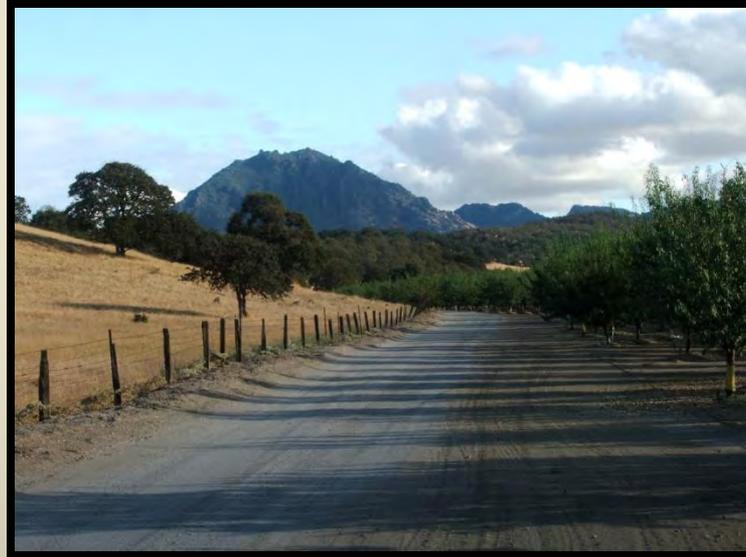
HIKING ON THE SHAEFFER RANCH IN THE SUTTER BUTTES

LIVE OAK, CA





Southern view of ranch from the northern
boundary



Same location – winter, spring, and late spring

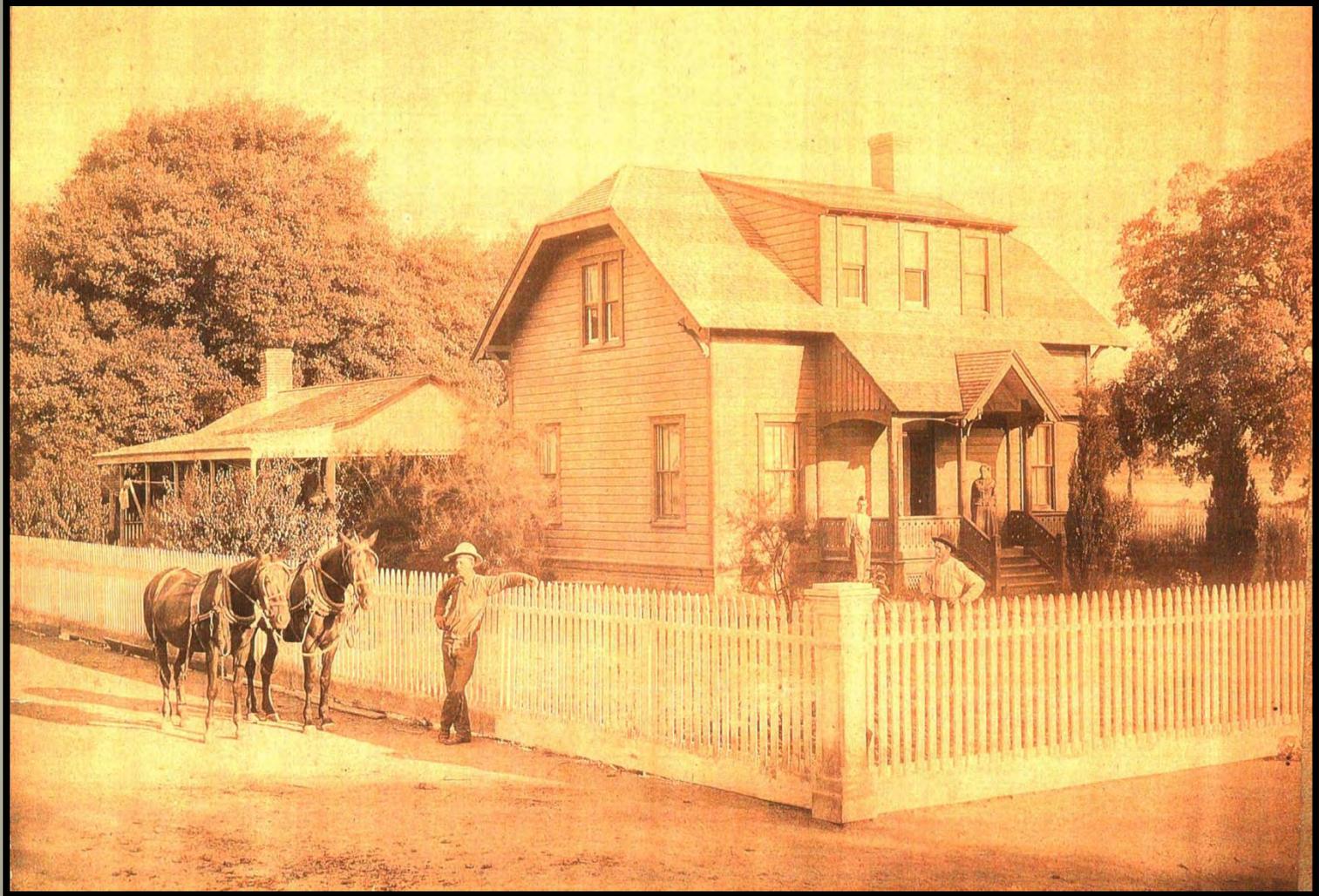
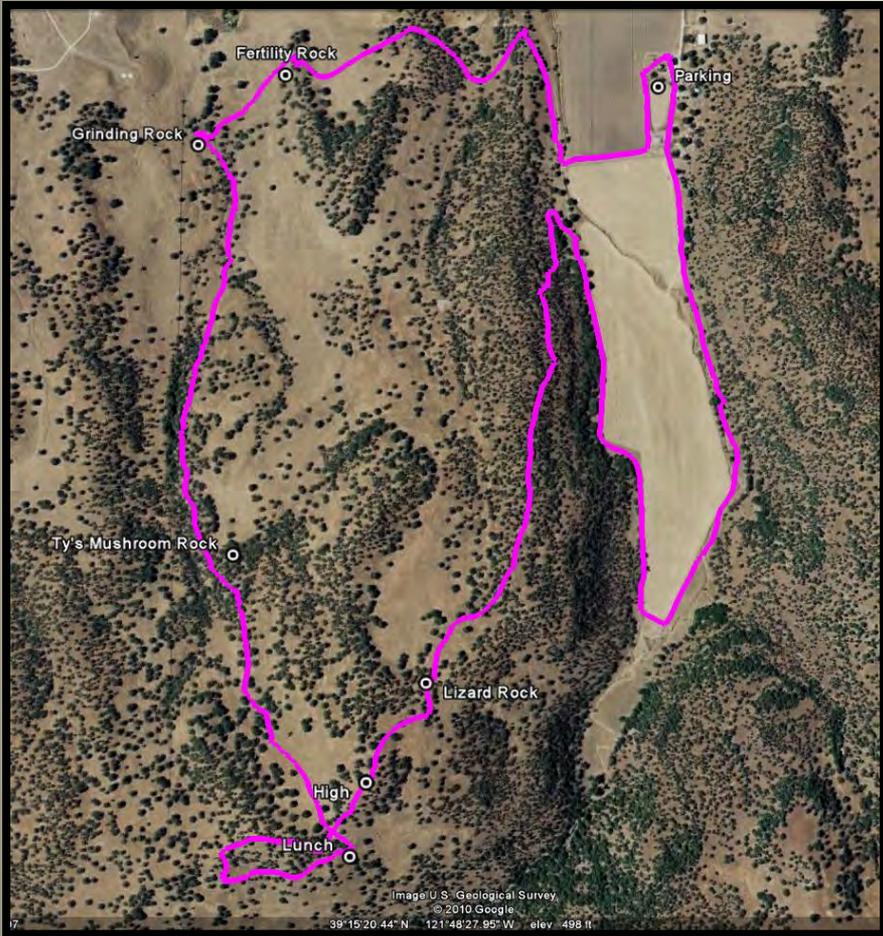


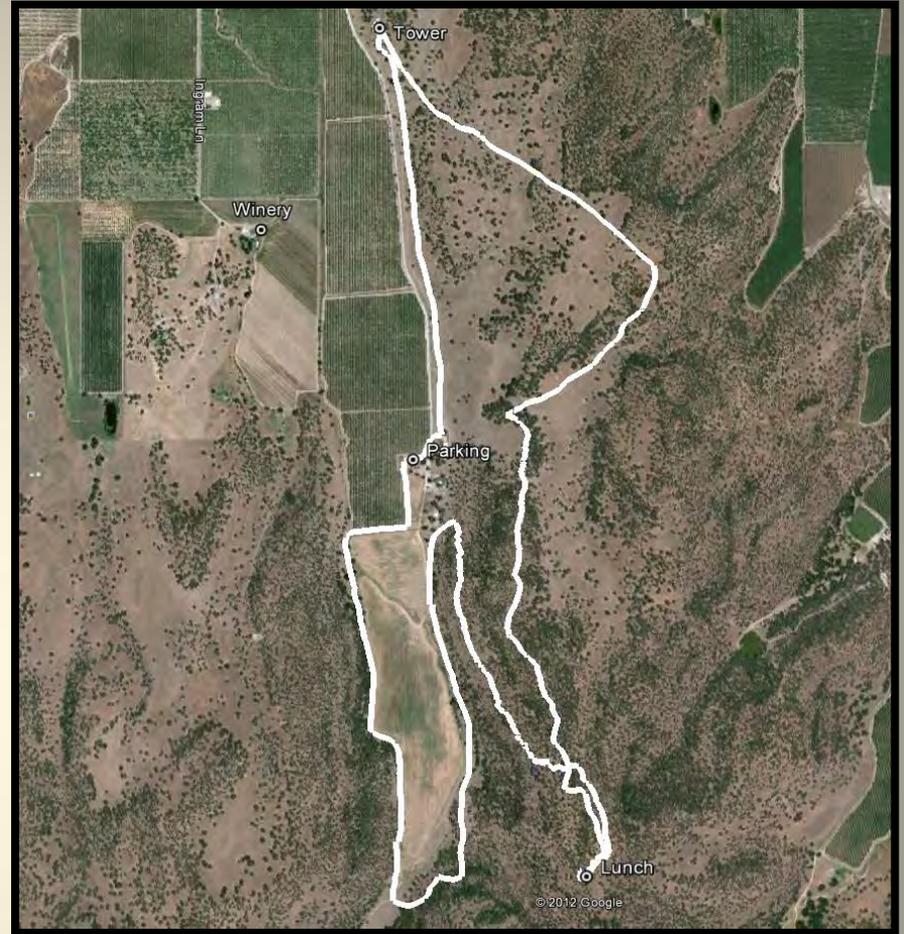
Photo circa 1885 of Myers' family ranch house



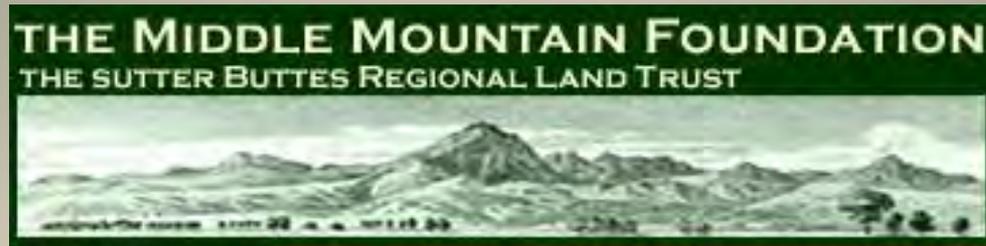
Mail-order ranch house built in 1872



West Ridge hike



East Ridge hike



Types of hikes:

- ❖ Nature

- ❖ Wildlife (birding, bats, ringtail, etc.)

- ❖ Wildflower

- ❖ Geology

Levels:

- ❖ Easy, moderate, challenging, difficult, strenuous



Rock fences and corrals were built in the 1870s.



Maidu Indian artifacts



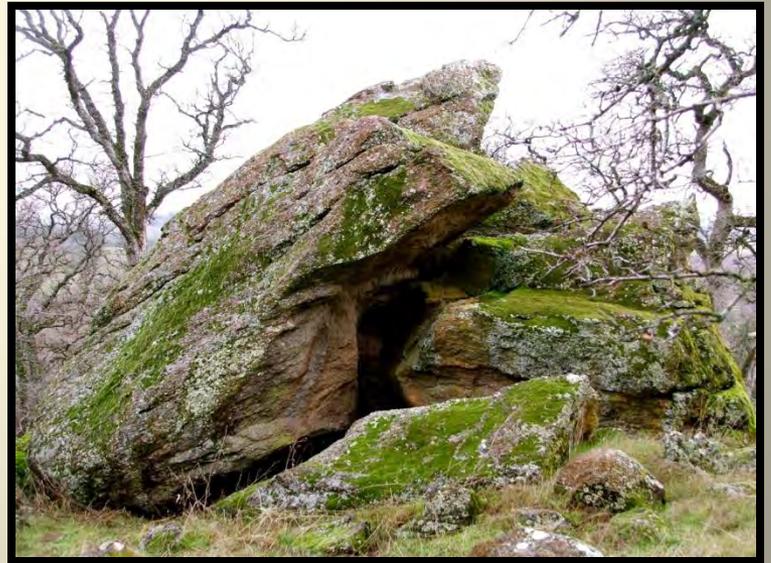
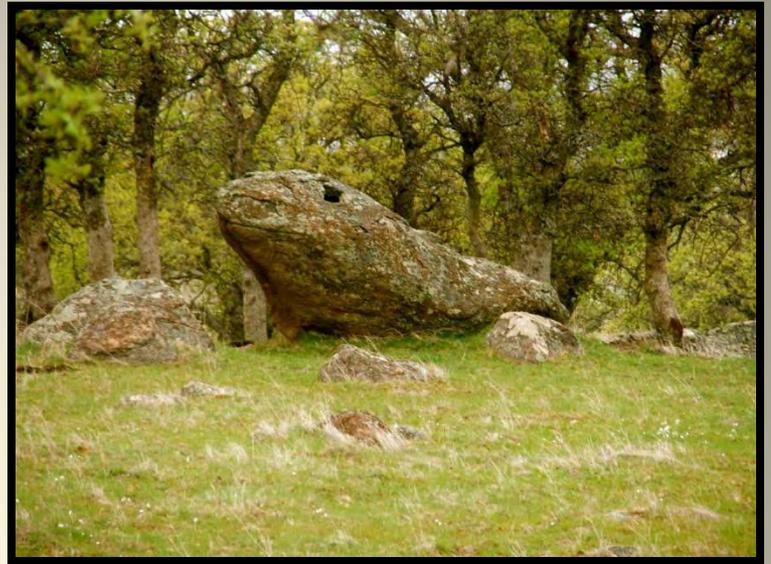
Ranchers lease land to graze their cattle from fall through spring.



Different views of the ranch



Various views hikers experience



Interesting rock formations



During the season, more than 50 different wildflowers can be identified.



Sunrise



Sunset

Sunrise and sunset photographer hikes are offered.



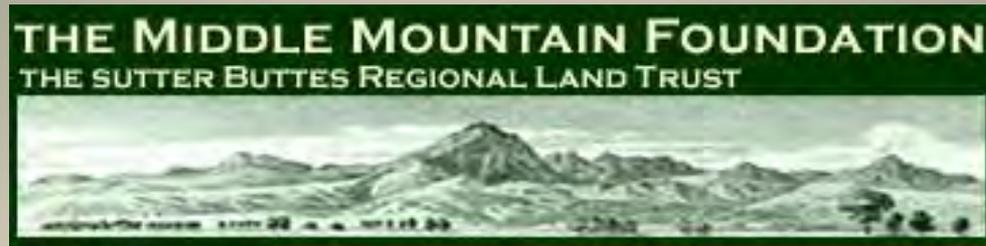
Harvesting almonds: shaking and drying



Sweeping, picking up, and loading trailers



At the end of the hike, hikers are invited to sample wine at Cordi Winery at the farm next door.



Mission Statement

Work to protect the land and natural resources of the Sutter Buttes and the surrounding region for present and future generations.

Objective:

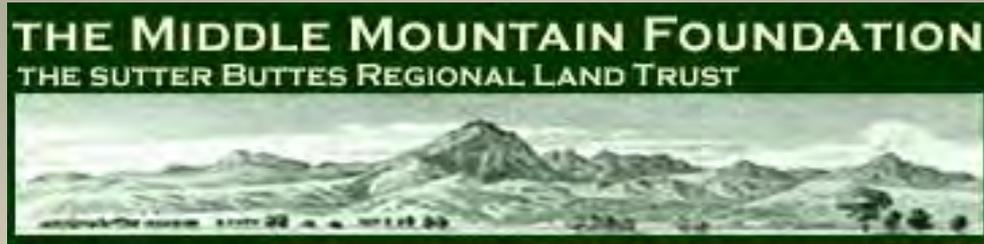
Work in co-operation with land owners for the preservation of the Sutter Buttes.

Strategic Goals:

Protect the natural, cultural, geological, historical, and scenic qualities of the Sutter Buttes.

Increase awareness of the Middle Mountain Foundation's dedication to education, interpretation, and land conservation programs.

Respect landowners' rights and provide information to those who want to conserve their land.



How hiking fees are distributed:

- ❖ Middle Mountain Foundation (to carry liability insurance to protect landowners)
- ❖ Landowners (to maintain roads, fences, and gates)
- ❖ Guides
- ❖ Open hikes coordinator (organize, do paperwork, contact hikers, etc)
- ❖ General fund for conservation efforts