



# News Release

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## A Walk Through the Quarries

SANTA ROSA, CA

Event Date: Saturday, June 17, 2017

Time: 8:30 AM Hike Departure to about 12:30 PM

Location: Cobblestone Trail Head Parking Area (on Channel Drive)

Trails: Cobblestone—Live Oak—North Burma—Channel

Explore the history of Trione-Annadel State Park quarries led by Volunteer History Docent Lou Kinzler. The hike starts at 8:30 am at Cobblestone Trailhead (along Channel Drive). The hike will go up Cobblestone Trail to Wymore Quarry, cross over to Live Oak Trail, North Burma and back on Channel Drive. The hike is 4-5 miles long, up to 900 feet in elevation and will last about 3 hours. The trail is varied with some rocky areas but only moderately strenuous. Bring hiking sticks and water.

The Wymore Quarry was operated by the Laurent Brothers from 1888 to 1903 and continued production through 1913, when most quarrying in Annadel ended. During the 25 years of operation the Wymore Quarry was a major industry for Santa Rosa. At various times the quarrying attracted hundreds of stone masons from around the world, many from Belgium and Italy. The Wymore Quarry was only one of dozens of other quarries, some of which we will also visit during this hike. Most of the masons lived in boarding houses around the Melitta Train Station, an area which quickly developed into a community with stores, a post office and a bar (allegedly frequented by Jack London). During the nine years leading up to the closing in 1913, the quarries produced an average of 100,000 paving blocks per month. The medium grained, gray basalt blocks were sold mostly to San Francisco and other surrounding cities. Come out for the hike and learn more details.

Fee-free hike. No advance reservations needed. There no restrooms or water on this route. Dogs are not allowed.

Directions: from Montgomery Drive, turn onto Channel Drive and follow the road in approximately ¼ mile to parking area on left at trail head.

Please see the Trione-Annadel State Park website for more details about the park and future hikes and activities ([http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=480](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=480), click "Park Events").

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