



CITY OF POWAY, BLUE SKY ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

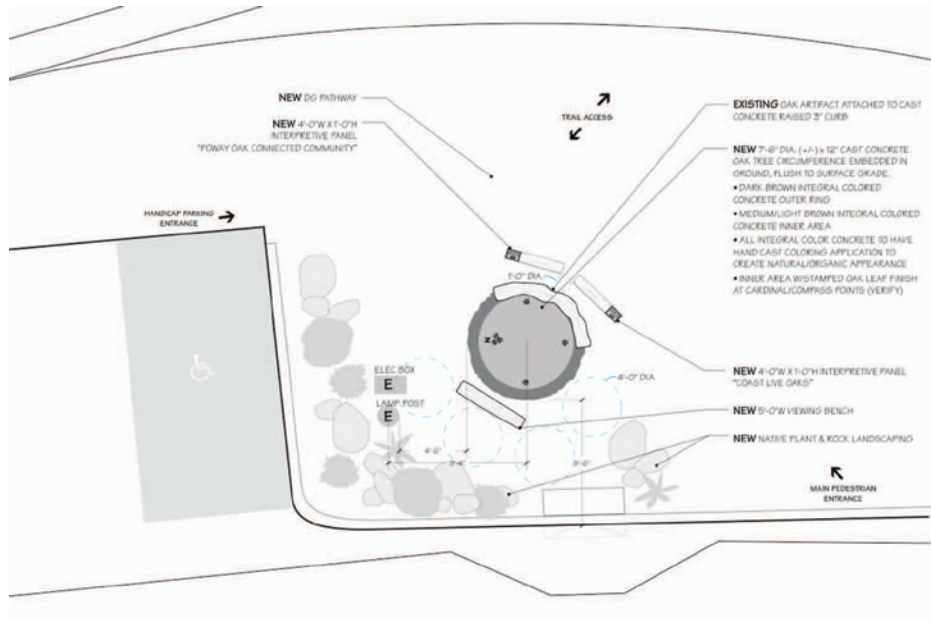
Poway Oak

This outdoor historical exhibit honors a 200 year-old oak tree. The exhibit includes a monument and two interpretive panels. The intent of the monument is to provide visitors with historical and cultural information relating to the tree that appears on the city seal.

Artefact Design: Interpretive planning, exhibit design, graphic design

Fabrication: client fabrication and installation

Installation: Summer 2006 (destroyed by fire in Fall 2006)



The Poway Oak connected the community

Many generations knew the Poway Oak
The tree probably sprouted around 1700, when California was a province of Spain. The Indian nation of the Kumeyaay (you lived here then) they named the area Paganay, meaning "the end of the valley" or "the meeting of little valleys."

As Poway grew, so did its oak tree
In the 1800s California became a province of Mexico and more European settlers arrived. The Poway Oak would have been about 80 years old then, standing 75 feet tall. The tree was 80 years old when California became a state in 1850.
Paganay became Poway, a teaching and learning community. The tree was nearly 200 years old, 75 feet tall, and 24 feet around the trunk when Poway became a city in 1988.

The tree lives on
Much of the tree's wood was made into instruments such as tables, sculptures, and crafts. The monument before you includes a large section of preserved wood used in the actual size of the base of the tree when it was cut down.

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Coast live oaks—a native California community

Welcome to a community of oak trees
Hundreds of coast live oaks live within the Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. You'll find four different habitats in Blue Sky: coastal sage scrub, riparian, chaparral, and oak woodland. This diversity makes Blue Sky a rich and special place, as these species can live in these varied communities side by side.

One oak tree is home to an animal community
Coast live oaks shelter a host of animals over their 200-year life span. Orioles, squirrels, and woodpeckers use their acorns, and birds nest in their hollows.
See if you can spot signs of animal life around the oaks.

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