



Heritage Hill Historical Park

PARK HOURS: TUES. - SAT. 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
TOUR HOURS: WED., THURS., SAT. 11:00 A.M.

4.1 ACRES OF ORANGE COUNTY HISTORY • STAND IN A REAL ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE • IMAGINE WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO LIVE IN AN ADOBE HOUSE

HISTORIC PARK

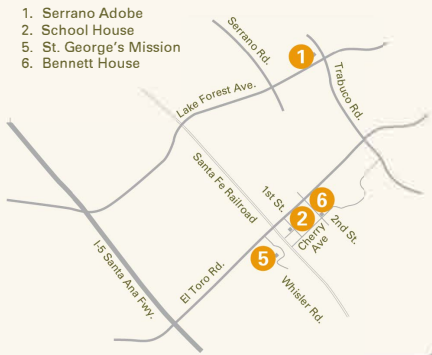
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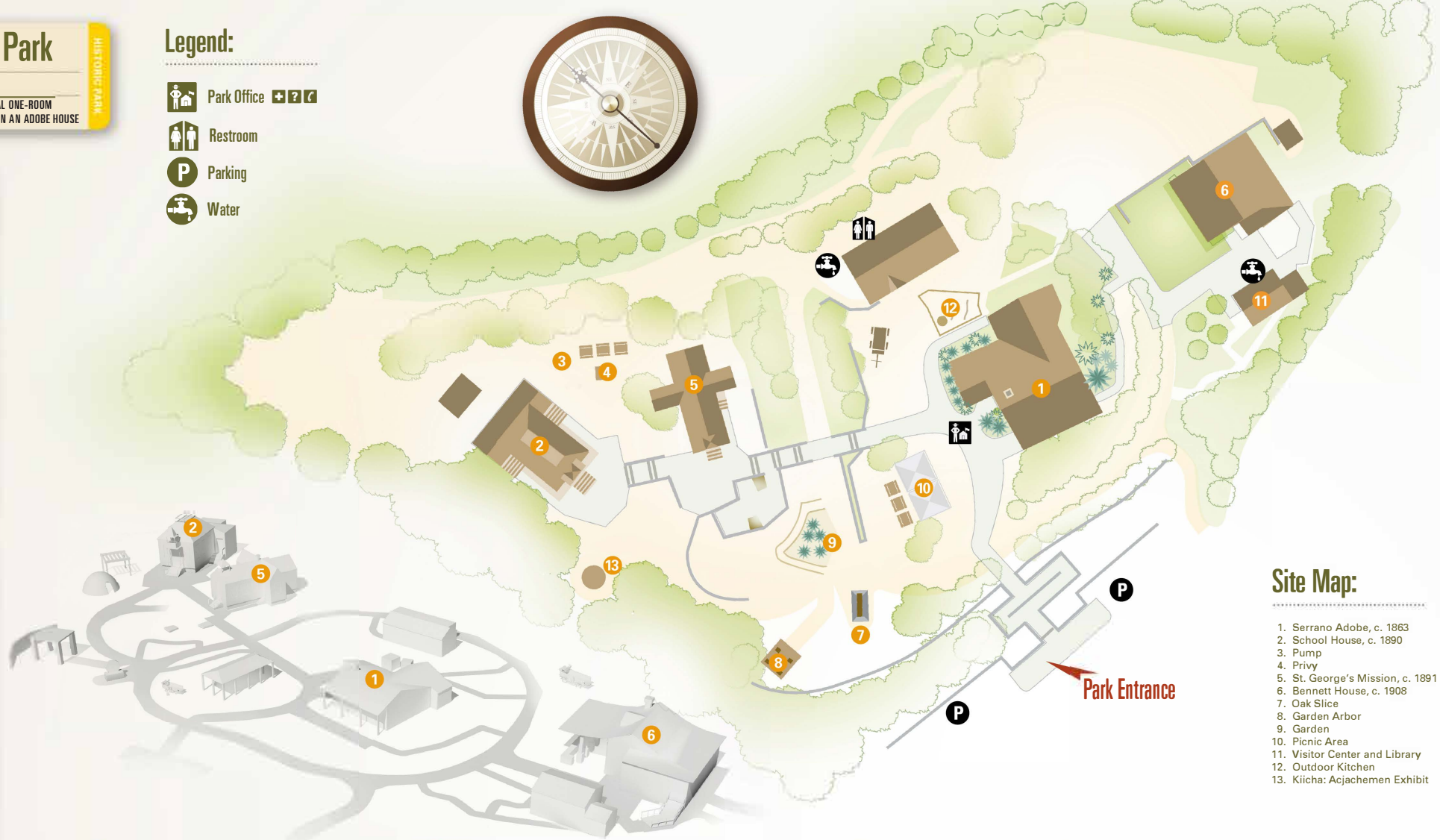
Original Locations of Historic Buildings:

1. Serrano Adobe
2. School House
5. St. George's Mission
6. Bennett House



Legend:

- Park Office
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water



Site Map:

1. Serrano Adobe, c. 1863
2. School House, c. 1890
3. Privy
4. St. George's Mission, c. 1891
6. Bennett House, c. 1908
7. Oak Slice
8. Garden Arbor
9. Garden
10. Picnic Area
11. Visitor Center and Library
12. Outdoor Kitchen
13. Kiicha: Acjachemen Exhibit

1863

Don Jose Serrano and his family build an adobe on his 10,888-acre Rancho Cañada de los Alisos, where it remains to this day.

1932

George and Dwight Whiting, Jr. restore the Serrano adobe.

The Serrano adobe is granted the status of State Historical Landmark No. 199.

1969

The Bakers sell their 5,000-acre Baker Ranch to Occidental Petroleum for \$11 million, with the provision that the Serrano adobe be donated to a public agency for preservation.

1976

The Saddleback Area Historical Society acquires and relocates its first schoolhouse, El Toro Grammar School (built in 1890), and El Toro's first church, St. George's Episcopal Mission (built in 1891).

1978

With the cooperation of the County, the William Lyon Company, and the Historical Society, the Harvey Bennett Ranch House (built in 1908) becomes a part of the Serrano adobe site.

1863

A series of droughts over the next 20 years forces the Serrano family to divide and mortgage much of the ranch.

1884

Dwight Whiting purchases the Serrano adobe and most of the original rancho.

1958

Mr. and Mrs. V.P. Baker become the new owners and use the adobe as a vacation home and meeting place for the Aliso Water Company.

1974

The Serrano adobe site is donated to the County of Orange. The County sets aside 4.1 acres surrounding the Serrano adobe for the development of a historical park.

1982

On May 15, 1982, Heritage Hill Historical Park opens as Orange County's first historical park.

1985

After the Bennett House restoration and other park improvements, the park is rededicated.