



Arden

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HISTORIC PARK

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ACRES OF OAK WOODLAND AND A HISTORIC HOME DESIGNATED AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK • RUBY GLASS THAT WILL MAKE YOU MORE BEAUTIFUL

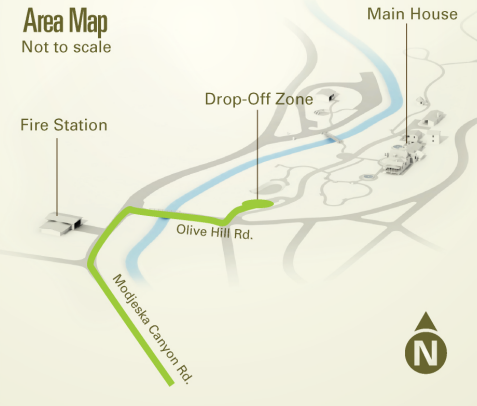
Vicinity Map

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Site Map

1. Modjeska House
2. Original Pleasants' Cottage
3. Modjeska Memorial Rock
4. Rose Garden
5. Resort Period Store/Cottage
6. Modjeska Resort Addition
7. Garden Fountains
8. Well
9. Stone Structure
10. Modjeska's Guest House
11. Cinderblock House/Restrooms/Park Office
12. Polish Milk House
13. Walker Family Pool
14. Bozenta Pool
15. Drop-off Zone



Karol Bozenta Chlapowski (1832-1914)



Helena Modrzejewska (1840-1909)

Timeline of Arden.

Pre-1887: Joseph Pleasants' cottage was the original structure on the site.

1888-1906: The main house was designed by Stanford White to incorporate the original Pleasants cottage. A dining room was added in the 1890s.

1906-1926: The screened porch/billiards room, a pavilion, a stone bridge (now ruins) and a cottage used as a store were built when sales of parcels of land were the focus of the owners/developers.

1923-1986: The Walker family added a cinder block house in the 1970s and the Polish Milk House was moved onto a foundation and converted to a music room. Count Bozenta's office was remodeled into a bedroom and bath.

1986-Present: The Walker family sold the property to the County of Orange for the purpose of establishing a historic park.

1871 Joseph Pleasants applies for a homestead

1873 Joseph Pleasants builds a small cottage, making substantial additions to it over the next 10 years

1876 Helena Modjeska, star of the Imperial Theater in Warsaw, Poland, relocates to Anaheim, California, to establish a farming community

1877 Drought contributes to failure of farm after just six months

1878 Modjeska returns to stage and makes her American debut in San Francisco

1879 Modjeska performs in New York to resounding praise

1883 Charles Bozenta buys half interest in the Pleasants' ranch

1888 Upon the death of Pleasants' wife Maria, Bozenta purchases the remaining interest in the ranch

1888 Friend and noted New York architect Stanford White transforms the country home into a rural estate, which Modjeska nicknames "Arden," after the famed forest in Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

1888-1905 Arden serves as Modjeska's home base, and entertains many distinguished guests, including Ignace Jan Paderewski

1906 Modjeska and Bozenta embark on a farewell theatrical tour

1906 Townsend-Dayman Investment Co. purchases Arden

1908 Modjeska and Bozenta settle in a small beach cottage on Bay Island in Newport Beach

1909 Helena Modjeska dies and is buried in Krakow, Poland

1913 Now a private vacation retreat, Arden is turned into a year-round vacation resort

1916 Resort President Don H. Porter purchases the property

1917 Porter and son-in-law Charles S. Mann sell parcels and cabin lots

1918 G.A. and Crescens Schweiger turn Arden into a restaurant, attracting 300 cars a week

1922 Mann reacquires property and operates it as a museum, 10 cents admission, another 10 cents to look through the ruby glass window

1923 Charles Walker buys Arden, and for the next 63 years, Arden serves as a vacation home for generations of Walkers

1926 The screened porch/billiards room, a pavilion, a stone bridge (now ruins) and a cottage used as a store were built

1986 Walker family sells Arden to Orange County for preservation and development as a historic park

1990 December 14, 1990, Arden is named National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service

Present