

Cobb Estate

A Quiet Refuge Forever

Cobb Estate or Las Flores Ranch

Cobb Estate lands sit at the mouth of the Las Flores Canyon and across from Echo Mountain, the historic site of the Incline Railway which traveled to the "White City" at the summit - first stop along the Mt. Lowe Scenic Railway.

Charles and Carrie Cobb bought these lands in 1915 for a summer home. Building a gracious residence with sweeping views to the sea, they moved in permanently after self-made millionaire Cobb retired from the International Timber Company in Seattle, Washington.

Bought by the Marx Brothers in 1956, it was in 1971 through the efforts of John Muir High School students and the generous help of Mrs. Virginia Steele Scott that the 107 acres of the Cobb Estate became public. At a public auction the people of this area won the bid when the other bidder said in a loud voice, filled with emotion, "I am with the people, I will bid no more!" On December 13, 1971 Mrs. Scott gifted the lands to the Forest Service.



Passengers on electric car No. 5 swing out on the Circular Bridge over the Las Flores Canyon enroute to the Alpine Tavern, circa late 1890s. The White City atop Echo Mountain can be seen in the background left.

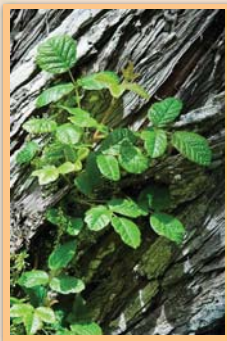
people recreating
in the area photo

The Forest Service accepted the gift of the Cobb Estate lands with the guarantee that nothing would be done to these lands except that which would Service accepted enhance wildlife.

No park structures, rest rooms, soccer fields, or picnic tables will intrude here. Visitors will always be able to enjoy this wild spot close to town; hikers will always be able to access trails into the mountains across the Cobb Estate.



Things to remember When recreating in the area



Poison Oak lives here!

Avoid contact! - causes an itchy, blistering rash lasting up to 10 days.

Grows in a cluster of 3 shiny leaves that have a scalloped edge. Changes color seasonally, green to yellow and finally red.

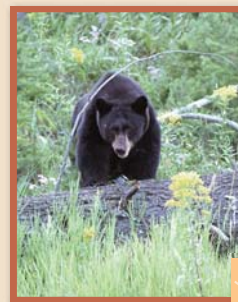
Wash skin under cold water if contacted and as leaf oils can remain on clothing for up to 2 weeks, wash clothes immediately.



Be Bear Aware!

Bears are in the area so:

- Hike in groups, never alone
- Choose a campsite free of bear signs.
- Store your food, garbage and other bear attractants well away (100 yards) from your sleeping area and keep camp clean!
- Cook well away (100 yards) from sleeping area
- Don't burn or bury garbage, pack it OUT!



Leave No Trace

- Pack it in, pack it out.
- Keep a clean camp.



Control Your Pet!

- Your dog must be on leash while on the forest.



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