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A Young Biker winds through the trees in Nisene Marks Park.

NISENE MARKS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

August sees multiple events to commemorate the Golden Anniversary

The Forest of Nisene Marks in Aptos celebrates 50 years as a State Park this summer. But the history of this forest goes back much further.

The 10,000-acre park is home to the epicenter of the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, evidence of which is still visible. The park is also home to old-growth and second-generation redwood forests in mountains that reach 2,600 feet. The forest was the site of major logging

operations until the 1920s (140 million board feet were logged), including a railroad network built by Chinese laborers. Today, Nisene Marks and its 30 miles of trails is a popular mountain biking, hiking and horse-riding destination.

The park will feature two special events to celebrate its history. On August 4, there will be a Fundraiser Lunch, including a Birthday Cake, and a History Walk. The following weekend, on August 11, there

will be a full Forest Walk of Discovery. Come join us for these anniversary events.

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Saturday August 4
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This all-funds-stay-local fundraiser lunch, birthday cake and history walk with noted local historian Sandy Lydon supports nonprofit Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, a 35-year-old organization that focuses on sustaining the legacy of local state parks

and beaches in Santa Cruz County. Of 84 similar organizations in California, it is the second largest.

Enjoy lunch (and birthday cake) under the redwoods as we take a leisurely stroll through the wondrous mix of second and old-growth redwood forest that straddles one of Santa Cruz County's most beautiful creeks. Sandy will bring to life the people who played a part in the

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