



Stadium Lane in February 2006

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Atascadero Land Preservation Society

The Atascadero Land Preservation Society (ALPS) is a local, non-profit, 501(c)(3) conservation organization founded in 1989 whose mission is to preserve environmentally significant open space and natural land located in Atascadero, California.



Stadium Lane in September 2011

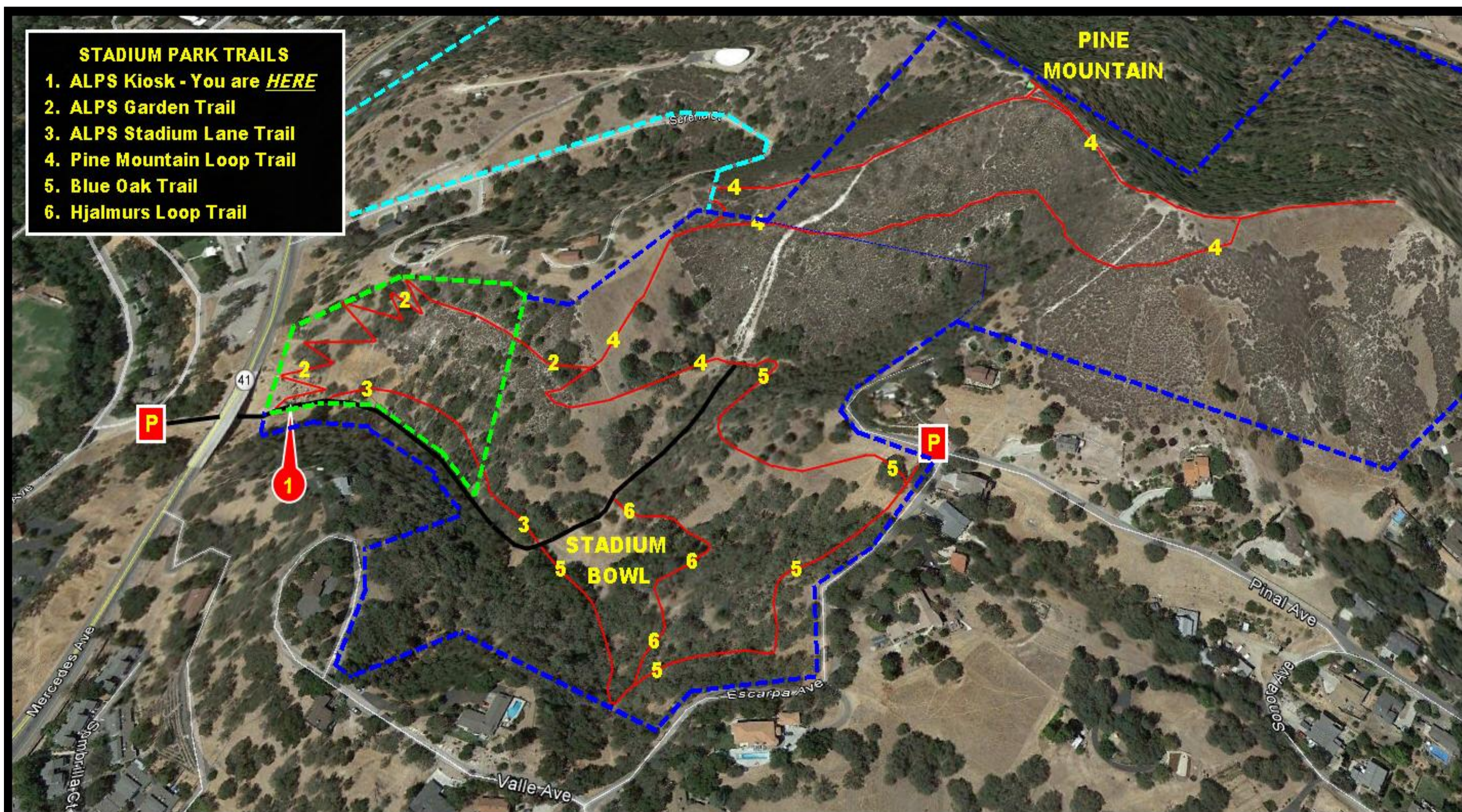
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In the early years of Atascadero, Stadium Park helped fulfill promises of country life combined with city culture. These promises were made by Atascadero's founder, E.G. Lewis, in printed leaflets which were distributed nationwide trying to attract residents to his colony. Between 1915 and 1926, Stadium Park was a gathering place for community events such as concerts, church services, and theater. Performances were held on a stage built under a large oak tree that was destroyed by a storm in the 1980's. In 1926 the stage platform was moved to where the Atascadero Lake Pavilion now stands and was used as a dance floor. In the late 1940's new owners used the bowl as an archery range and club. The property was sold again and in the 1960's through 1980's it was used for various celebrations. In the 1990's the bowl fell into disrepair and was used as an informal landfill. In 1996 ALPS was instrumental in helping the City of Atascadero purchase the 30 acre Stadium Park with it's magnificent natural amphitheater. Stadium Park has since been restored and now boasts a trail system that offers hiking, photography, wildlife sightings, and quiet relaxation in a beautiful native blue oak woodland setting close to the heart of the city. Stadium Park looks very much the same today as it did 100 years ago!



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In 2003 five acres at the entry to Stadium Park was slated for residential development (green boundary on map). Instead, the cooperative owner agreed to sell the land to ALPS in order to preserve the Park entrance. Since that time, ALPS has completed resource protection activities which include the installation of the pipe fence, erosion control, and native plants. In 2011 ALPS dedicated the Bill Shepard Native Garden, the Stadium Lane trail, and the Garden trail. ALPS has sponsored several Boy Scout Eagle projects that include the installation of benches, signage, and the informational kiosk.



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