

Presidio Park

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Some Photos!!

- The next few photos will display our favorite pictures we took while at Presidio Park
- We will then explain what can be deduced about the forest from the photos :)



There was some moss growing, letting us infer that the healthy soil was diverse and could house lots of different species. From these photo and that ones that will follow, we hypothesize that the forest is in good health and is maintained well.



Here we have a low-lying trees with a feature from a rabbit! We can infer that because there were lots of healthy animals, the trees provide a great home to these creatures. The animals also show us that there is plentiful food available.





The diversity of bushes and trees are indicative of the forest's ability to adapt with the seasons and the weather. A few of the bushes and trees are dying but we attribute that to the lack of precipitation and dryness in the past few months.

Some extra pictures :)



Temperatures and Rainfall!!

- Since the park is located in San Diego, it is typically always sunny and nice.
- During our visit the weather was pleasant. Since it is at the top of a hill it gets a nice breeze.
- Rainfall in this area is limited to pretty much the winter months. When there is rainfall it is very rare.

Global Forest Watch's Opinion

- “Closely managed park preserve, a lot of deadwood cleared for hiking trails, high levels of leaf litter, developed park areas, very little wildlife, limited human waste, large contrast between developed areas and natural California landscape”
- This description seems very similar to what we witnessed when we visited. The only difference is we saw quite a bit of wildlife (birds, squirrels, rabbits) when we were there.

Other Sources

- Looking at other sources reminded us that Presidio Park is a historical landmark, hence the upkeep that is provided to it.
- The park is also in a very residential area with roads nearby, which explains the visible human impact on the park.
 - Most of the impact can be seen in the dead grass (because so many people walk on it)
 - Surprisingly low amount of trash for how central it is

Conclusion

- After walking around the forest and getting a better feel for the health of the park, we are able to conclude that our hypothesis was correct. The forest is in good condition. Though there was some trash and dead grass the park overall was thriving and was adapting very well to the interesting weather we have been having in the past few months.
- Hopefully those who visit the park will value it and help keep it in looking great for the years to come.

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Works Cited

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