

Stock Ranch Nature Preserve
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Fall 2021
Citrus Heights

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"The trash and litter
of nature disappears
into the ground with the
passing of each year, but
man's litter has more
permanence."

- John Steinbeck



Welcome to Stock Ranch Nature Preserve

To help everyone enjoy the preserve, please follow these rules:

- Stay on the marked trails.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times.
- Pick up after yourself and your dog.
- Don't leave trash in the Preserve.
- Visit between dawn and dusk. Leave the Preserve to wildlife at night.



Washed away from its natural habitat, the raccoon is a common sight in the preserve.



Respect our Home

Many wild animals make their home in the Preserve. For their safety and yours, please do not touch or bother any animals you see in the preserve.

*"He who plants a tree
Plants a hope."
- Lucy Larcom*



The Citrus Heights Stock Ranch Nature Preserve has slowly been overlooked over the past years. From trash and litter to unregulated trails and uncleaned paths, these images show how neglected the nature preserve has become.

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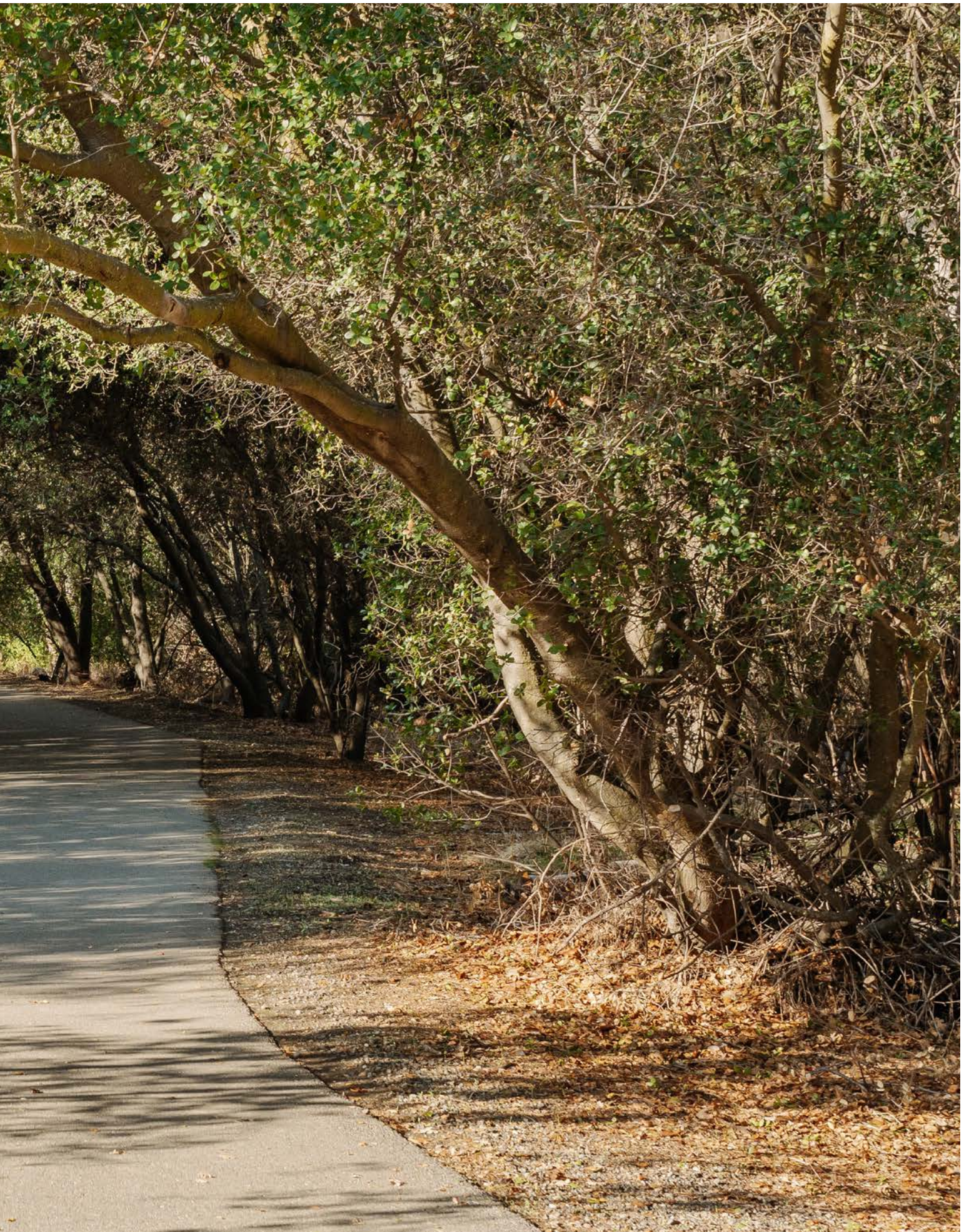
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"What a gem. Nice walk"

- Michelle Martinez (Google Reviews, 2018)









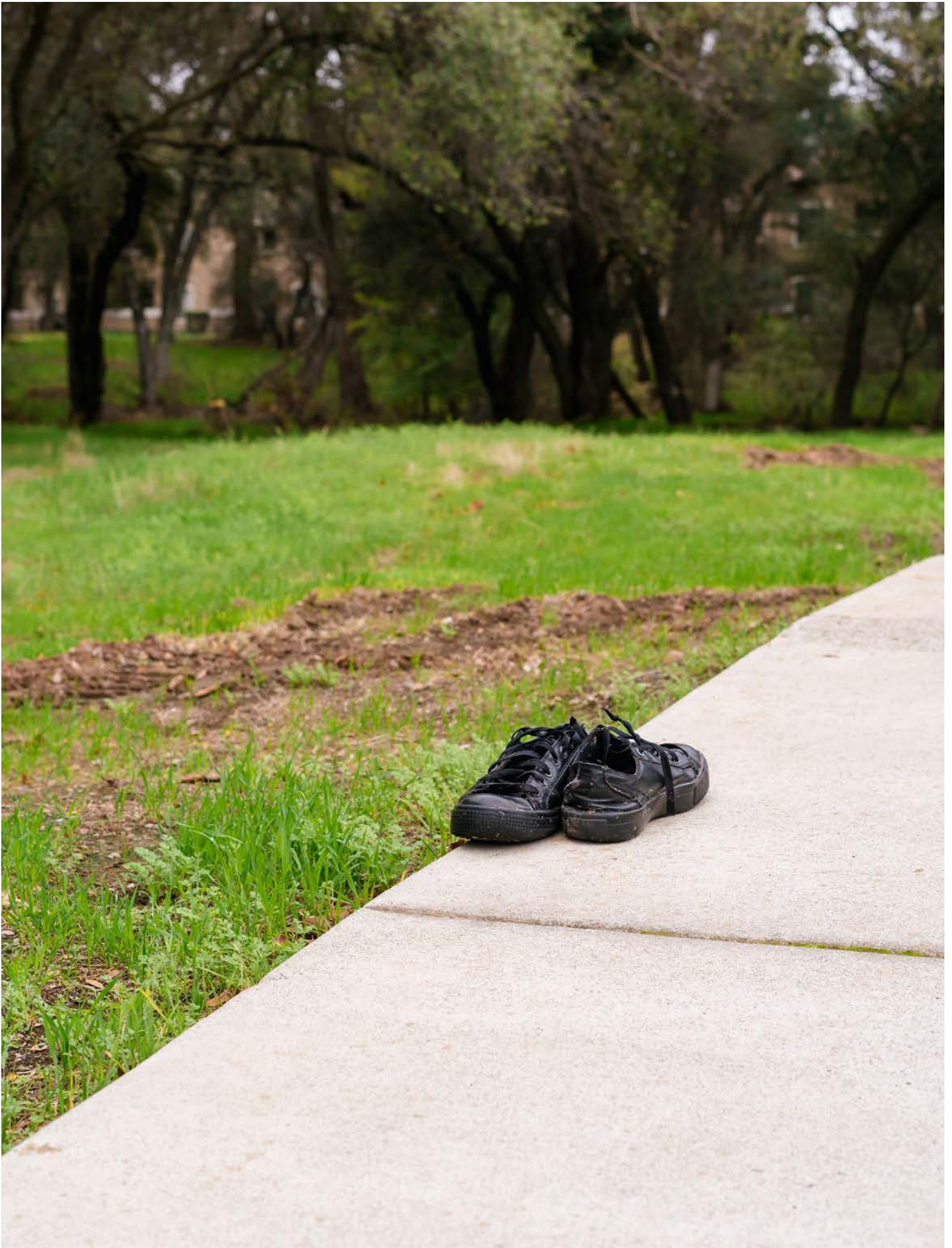
"I saw amazing reviews on this place and went today. I had so much fun with my family. Great place to take family and friends. Make sure to take pictures!"

- Jennifer C. (Google Reviews, 2019)









"Nice place to walk around."

- Jon Waldrep (Google Reviews, 2021)

"Just took my dog today for the first time.
I really enjoyed the trails and loved seeing
some wild life. Very clean!"

- Donna S. (Yelp, 2020)



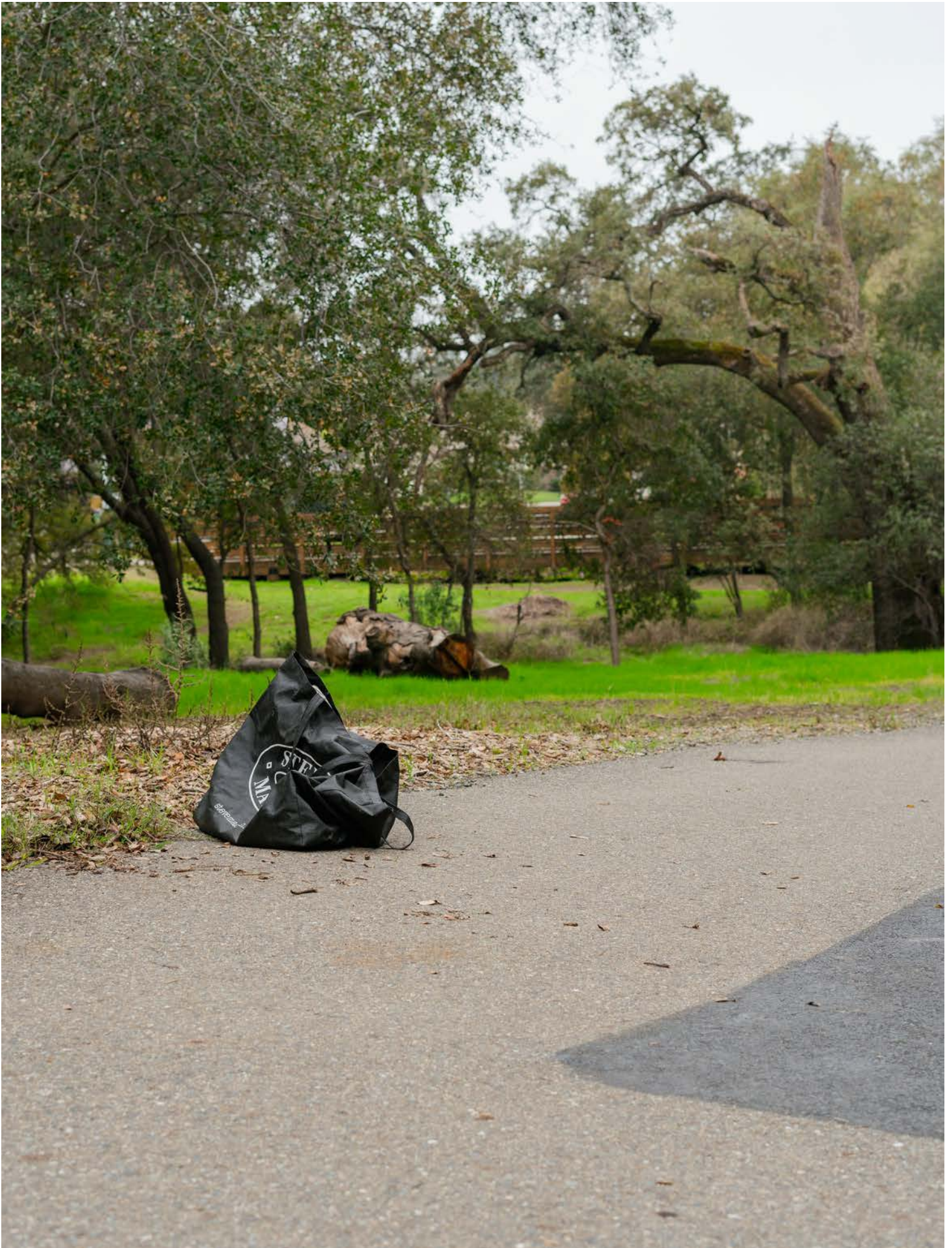




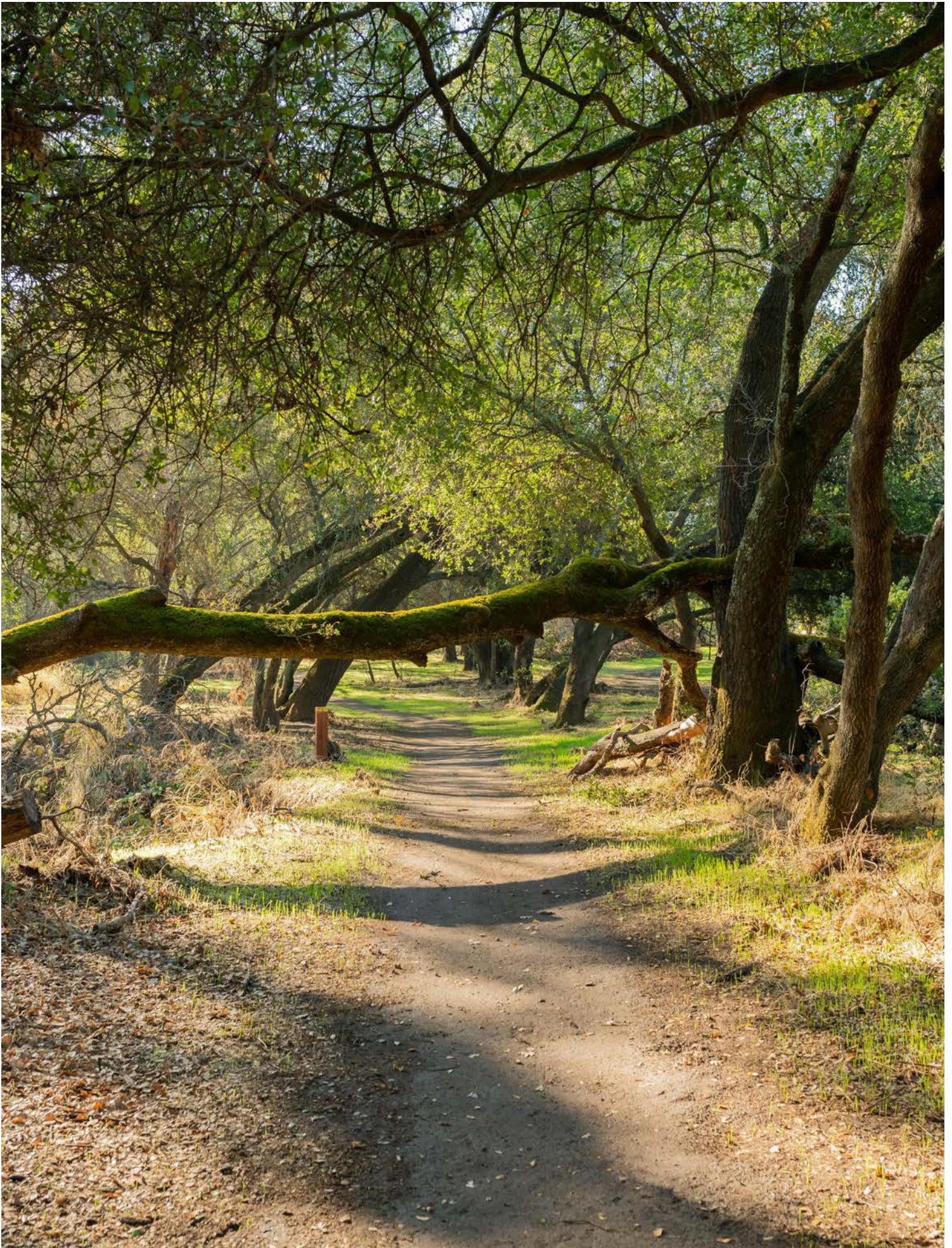
“Beautiful preserve in Citrus Heights
behind the Costco. Love the long wooden
bridge crossing the preserve.”

- Ray B. (Yelp, 2016)









"Nice place for you and your family to go."

- Lilwolf Caywood (Google Reviews, 2020)





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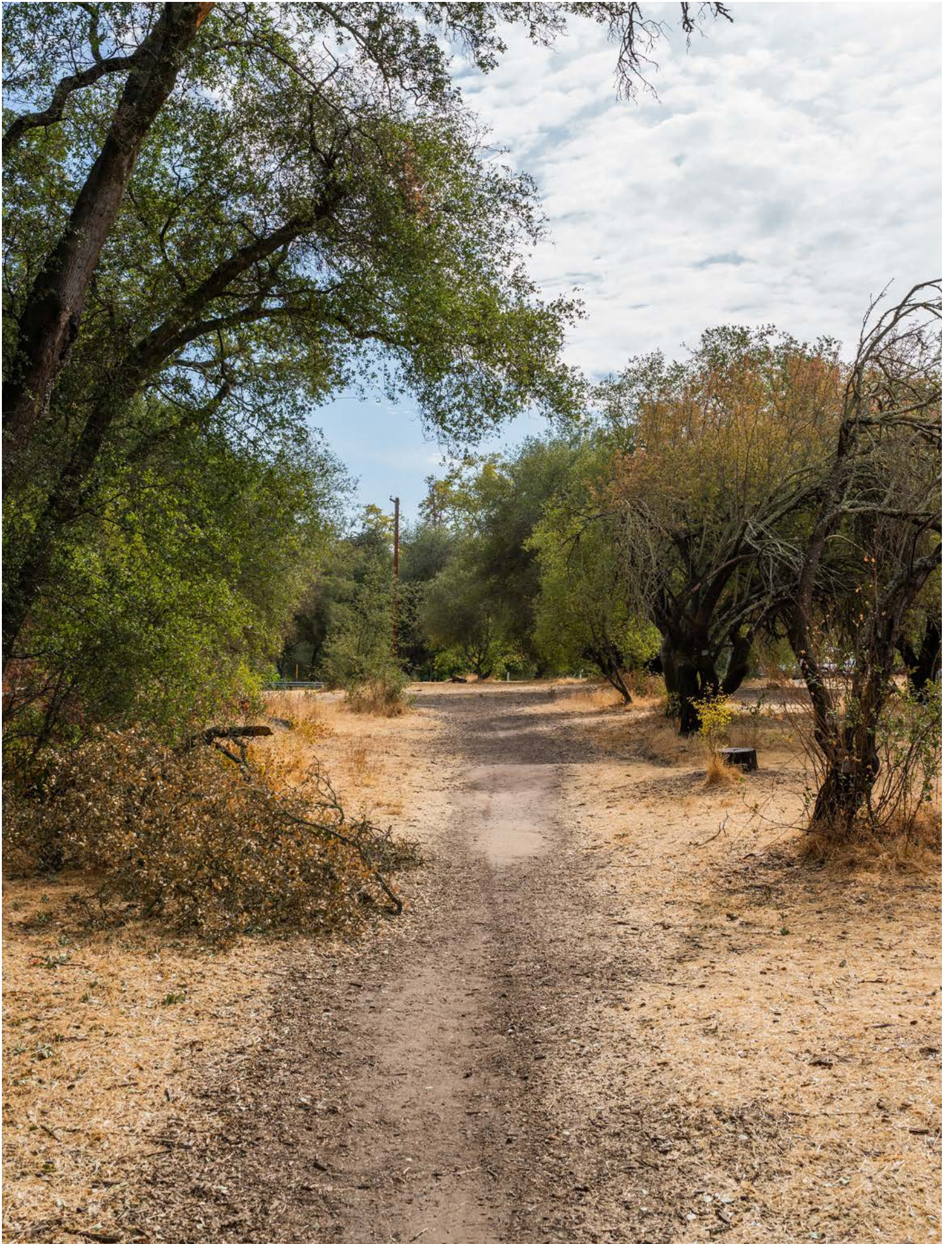
"It's a beautiful place! Been going there for a while! I cross Greenback and go down past the post office and police station to get there! Really nice walk. We have seen all kinds of wildlife, including pheasants. It's a wonderful place to walk to and hang out at!"

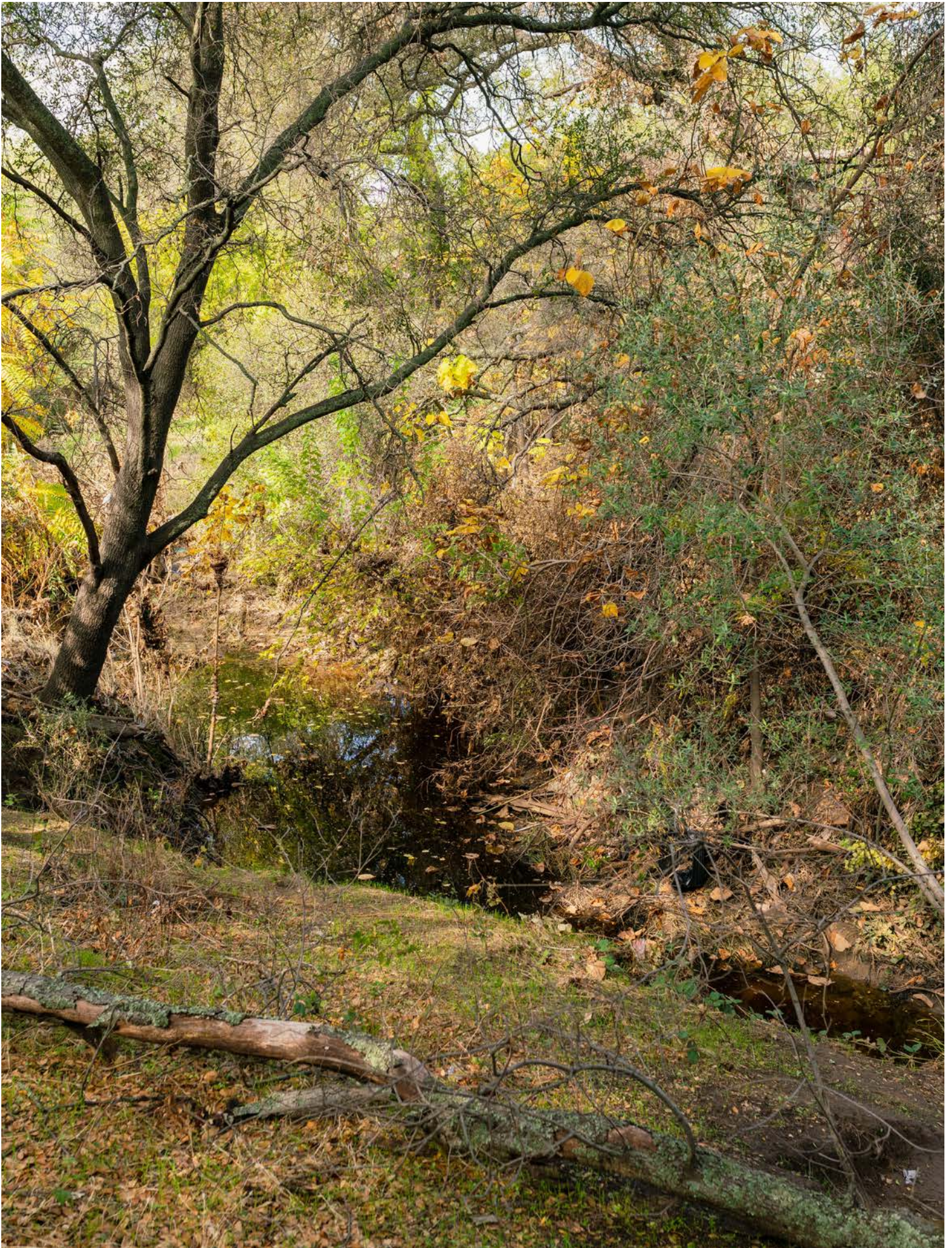
- Karen S. (Yelp, 2017)



“Walk it several times a day! Love it out there!
I can sit out there for hours and just listen to
nature.”

- Keri Kgalloway (Google Reviews, 2018)





"Very beautiful place a for a walk
with a loved one. The creeks, singing
frogs, just a peaceful place to be."

- John Villalobos (Facebook, 2019)



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The Road to Citrus Heights

Present-day Citrus Heights is located on land between the historic Rancho Del Paso and Rancho San Juan Mexican land grants. Europeans settled the area in Central Township, spurred by California's statehood and Auburn Boulevard's importance as a route connecting Sacramento to Auburn. Because the 45-mile trip required a stop over for food, refreshments and overnight stays, inns punctuated the road at approximately one-mile intervals. Until the early 20th century, the area known as the Sylvan Quadrangle remained divided into small, family-sized ranches focused on local commercial production.



The Van Maren Homestead is located on land in the area. In 1911, the State Department of Highways began construction of the Sacramento-Sutter Canal, which followed the Auburn Boulevard from Sacramento to Auburn. The canal and the road provided a route for goods and people. The Van Maren Homestead was one of the many small ranches in the area that were established in the early 19th century. The ranch was owned by the Van Maren family, who were among the early settlers of the area.

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This book is about the negative relationship between people and a place. It focuses specifically on how neglected the Stock Ranch Nature Preserve in Citrus Heights has been over the years.