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(FOGHS)**

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MEMBERSHIP:		
Individual	\$ 40	\$
Family	\$ 50	\$
Senior (62+)	\$ 20	\$
Senior (2 Adults)	\$ 35	\$
Life	\$ 800	\$
Life family	\$ 1,500	\$
DONATIONS: (tax deductible**)		
Donor**	\$ 1,000 +	\$
Corporate**	\$ 5,000 +	\$
Benefactor**	\$10,000 +	\$
Donation**	\$ Any	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$

FRIENDS OF GILROY HOT SPRINGS

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- The satisfaction of preserving the state and national historic landmark
- Free passes to regularly scheduled tours of Gilroy Hot Springs;
- Invitations to special events and special outings;
- Priority reservations for special events;
- Tax deductions for membership and charitable donations

*FOGHS is a sub-group of the California Foundation for Architectural Preservation (CalFAP). Gilroy Hot Springs is also known as Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs (GYHS).



→ *Make checks payable to:*
FRIENDS OF GILROY HOT SPRINGS
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**WELCOME TO
GILROY YAMATO HOT SPRINGS**

It is hidden within Henry Coe State Park, nestled in a fold of the hills just East of Gilroy. It is a source of a natural geothermal sulfur spring. With an interesting and diverse history of more than 140 years, it is now a California Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The mineral well was the center point of a popular destination resort that later served as a hostel after WWII.



HISTORY

Originally acquired by José Quintín Ortega and Ignacio María Ortega in 1865, then developed by George Roop and William F. Oldham in 1866, the Gilroy Hot Springs was known as a place of healing. During its heyday in the 1880s through the 1920s, the resort attracted San Francisco Bay Area leaders who enjoyed fine dining, dancing, gaming, and relaxation. The elderly, the sick, and even vacationers traveled from near and far to relax in – and drink the soothing mineral waters. The resort featured two hotels, two

restaurants, individual cabins, and soaking tubs, hosting up to 500 guests while under the proprietorship of Wm J. McDonald (1901-1935). Its extensive grounds provided close connection to nature. Mr. Roop's granddaughter, Florence Roop Mabery owned and managed the resort (1935- 1938), then transferred ownership to H. K. Sakata who made many improvements.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

After World War II, the Gilroy Hot Springs provided a different kind of shelter for about 60 families who had been displaced by the wartime removal of the Japanese from the West Coast. Having lost their homes through forced relocation, Mr. Sakata generously offered his resort as a transitional shelter, thus providing a respite from a discriminating society through community, nature, and the mineral waters, all of which helped soothe the physical, emotional, and spiritual scars. Mr. Sakata later reopened the resort to the public. It enjoyed a surge in business during the 1950s and 60s.

From 1967 to 2003, other private groups have owned it, including an investment group, a foreign developer, and the Nature Conservancy. In 2003 it was acquired by, and became part of Henry Coe State Park.



Courtesy of the H.K. Sakata family

NEW HOPE

Although the Gilroy Hot Springs is in disrepair and shows scars of abandonment, it still holds promise and possibilities. The surrounding hillside and creek, once a pristine place of reflection and renewal, is now overgrown and awaits careful planning and maintenance.

Working together as the *Friends of Gilroy Hot Springs*, citizens, descendents, residents, and State Park employees, are stepping forward to restore public access: a coordination of protection, preservation, and restoration efforts to re-define this formerly pristine retreat center.

We embrace the challenges and excitement of sharing this hope with the world.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Active membership, donors, business sponsorships, and community work groups are instrumental to success.

FRIENDS OF GILROY HOT SPRINGS (FOGHS) GOALS

- Re-establish public use
- Protect and secure the grounds from damage by nature and vandalism
- Preserve and restore the grounds and remaining historic structures important to the history
- Re-install utilities
- Document and interpret the story of the Gilroy Hot Springs
- Provide interpretive programs

Tours:

Escorted tours available by appointment, subject to volunteer availability.

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