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FORGOTTEN CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE BAY AREA CHINESE

Explore what life was like for Chinese immigrants in the late 1800s.

The focal point of the exhibition honors the Chinese workers whose efforts created the San Leandro Reservoir. Their story was virtually unknown until archaeological excavations unearthed a Lake Chabot labor camp, exposing the unseen daily life of more than 800 Chinese people. Discover how they spent their time both on and off the job.

Artifacts from the original excavation are displayed, including tools, bottles, opium paraphernalia, and other clues to the life of these Chinese laborers.

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