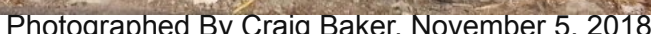


San Bernardino in San Bernardino County, California — *The American West (Pacific Coastal)*

Located on the hills above San Bernardino, the Arrowhead has been an important landmark for centuries. It is believed to be a natural feature but its true origin is unknown. The distinctive arrowhead shape is visible because the white sage, which grows inside the arrowhead, contrasts sharply with the darker chaparral vegetation outside. Many fires have burned the landmark resulting in gully erosion. Check dams have been constructed in an effort to slow down the erosion process and help protect and preserve the Arrowhead outline. Bushes were planted on the outline for this same purpose.

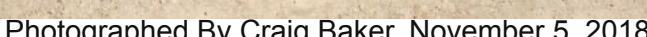
It is believed to be a natural landmark. The face of the arrowhead consists of light quartz, supporting a growth of short white sage. This lighter vegeta-



Waterman Avenue (California Route 18) north of 40th Street, on the right when traveling north. Marker is located in Wildwood Park. [Touch for map.](#) Marker is at or near this postal address: 4401 N Waterman Ave, San Bernardino CA 92404, United States of America. [Touch for directions.](#)

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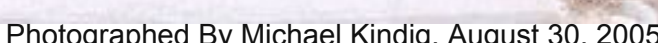
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lighter vegetation shows in sharp contrast to the surrounding chaparral and greasewood. Indians who inhabited the San Bernardino Valley believed that the arrowhead pointed the way to the hot mineral springs below, with healing qualities, and thus considered it holy ground. Through the years, numerous forest fires have caused some erosion. But the Arrowhead Landmark continues to preserve its uniqueness and remains a symbol of the "pioneer spirit" of the San Bernardino Valley.

Topics and series. This historical marker is listed in these topic lists: [Native Americans](#) • [Natural Features](#) • [Settlements & Settlers](#). In addition, it is included in the [California Historical Landmarks](#) series list.

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The Arrowhead measures 1375 feet long, 449 feet wide, and is an area of 7.5 acres.

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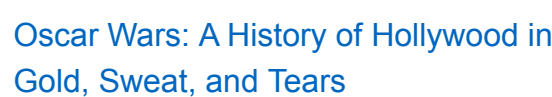
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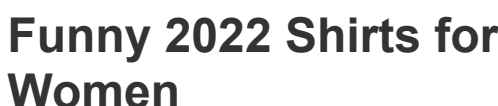
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