

Shaping the Future Together

Many generations have shaped the landscape that the Citrus State Historic Park preserves. It is up to the present and future generations to continue to interpret and preserve this landscape through storytelling, volunteering, advocacy, and continued curiosity. Riverside's landscape continues to change. Since the 1950s, agricultural land used for citrus in Inland Southern California has been replaced by housing, industry, and, most recently, warehouse and distribution centers. The devastating Citrus Greening disease threatens the future of citrus in the Park and in California. Despite these changes the stories of visitors and community members will continue to preserve the legacy of this land.



From An Orange Empire to a Logistics Empire:

Just as the citrus industry altered the existing landscape, agricultural lands have been cleared to make way for 21st-century logistics centers. Distribution and fulfillment centers for companies such as Walmart and Amazon stand on former citrus-growing land. This new industrial growth is sure to transform Riverside once again.



An Asian psyllid perched on a citrus leaf.



Preventing Disease:

The Asian Psyllid spreads the Huanglongbing or Citrus Greening disease. The disease has killed the majority of Florida's citrus and there is no cure. To prevent the spread of the disease scientists and residents are working to protect California citrus. Visit Californiacitrusthreat.org to learn more.



Sharing Stories:

Stories and storytellers keep history alive. From Cahuilla Bird Songs to contemporary oral histories, we can learn about citrus in the region and state through stories. Share your stories as part of the Citrus State Historic Park's Relevancy and History Project partnership with UCR to document migration and immigration in the region. Contact RHCitrusPark@gmail.com.

