“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
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.
“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)
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"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)
"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 Kgallaway (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 Ranchos Del Paso and Rancho San Juan-Merced land grants. European settlers homesteaded the area in the late 1800s. North Street and Loara Street were once the main highways in the area, and Citrus Heights’ importance as a route connecting Sacramento to Auburn, Placerville, and San Francisco made it a stopover for travelers. Accommodations and overnight stays were provided for the road at several inns and motels, especially during the early 20th century. By the end of World War I, the area’s population had grown significantly, and Citrus Heights continued to develop into a bustling community with new businesses and residences.
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.