

# **Overview of Historic Portola Trail Route in San Mateo County.**

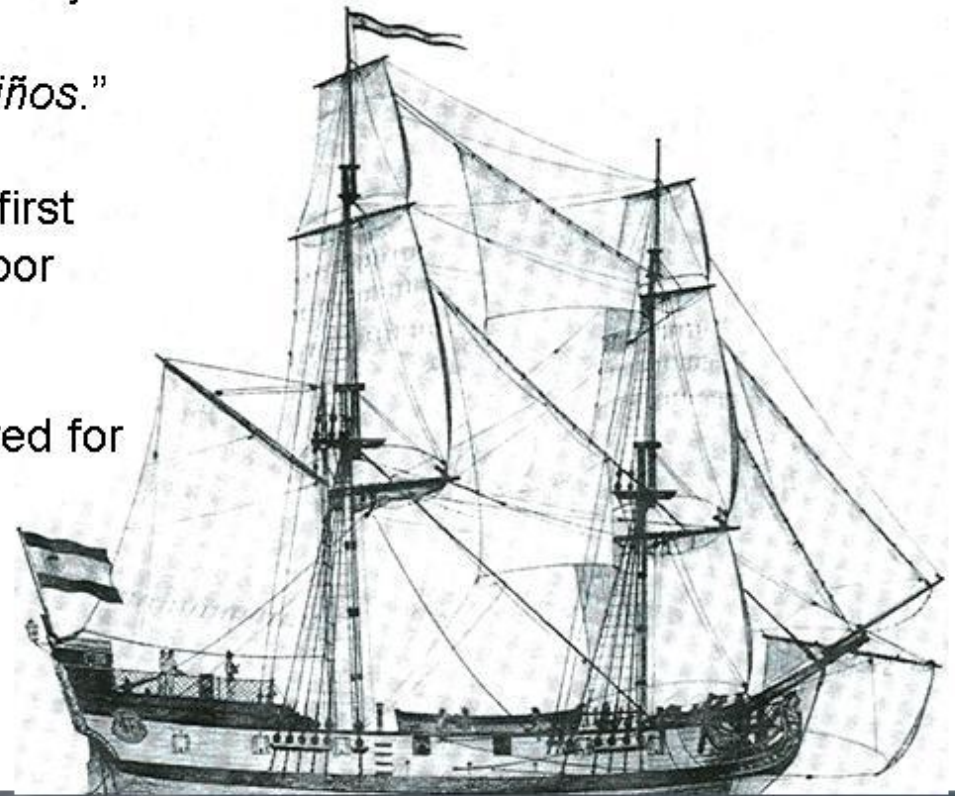
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Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo sailed past Monterey Bay in 1542 and named it the "*Bahia de los Piños.*"

In 1602, Sebastian Vizcaino became the first to anchor offshore and re-named the harbor "*Monterey*" after the Viceroy of Mexico.

San Francisco Bay would not be discovered for another 147 years...

Of course, the Spaniards had no way of knowing that the first people had been living here since the late Pleistocene...



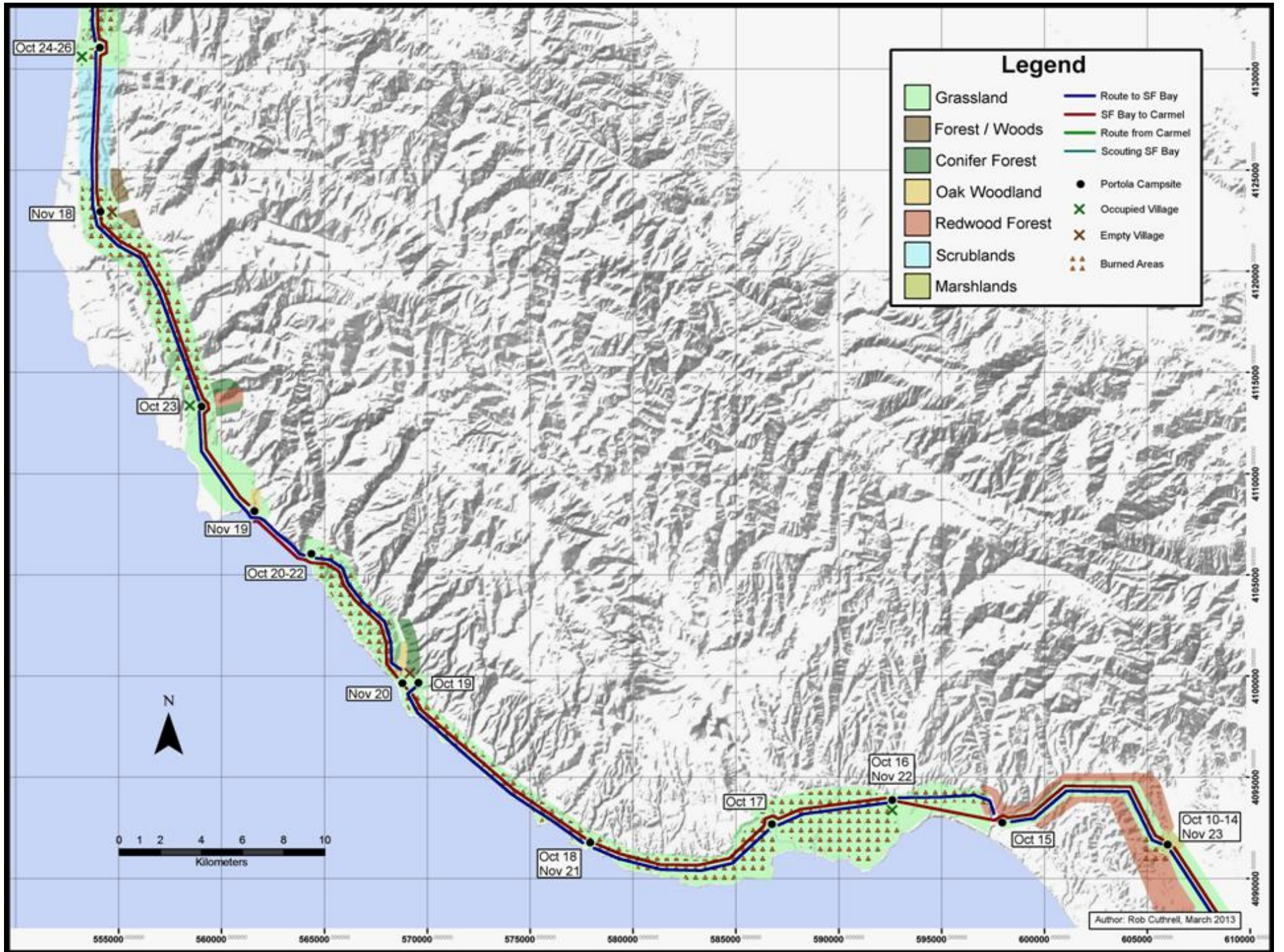
It was not until the year 1769- 147 years after Vizcaino's visit, that the first Spanish land expedition set out to find the harbor of Monterey.

The expedition, under the command of Gaspar de Portola, did not recognize it and passed on, and inadvertently found San Francisco Bay.

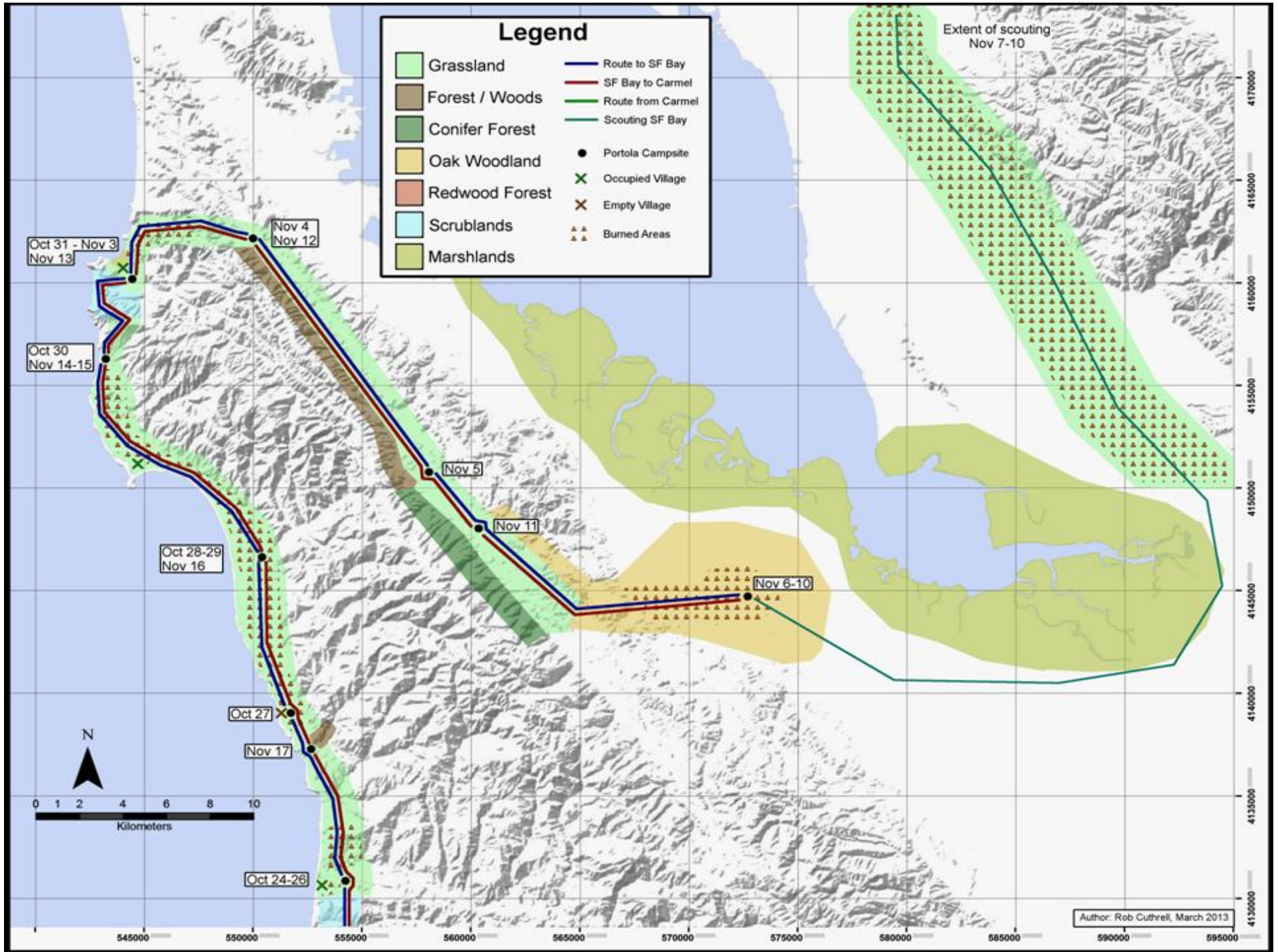
Throughout their journeys, the explorers encountered thriving communities of Native people who cheerfully greeted them and provided assistance.

















(Milliken 1995)