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# An Unnatural History Of Golden Gate Park

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## Botanical Garden/Dawn Redwood

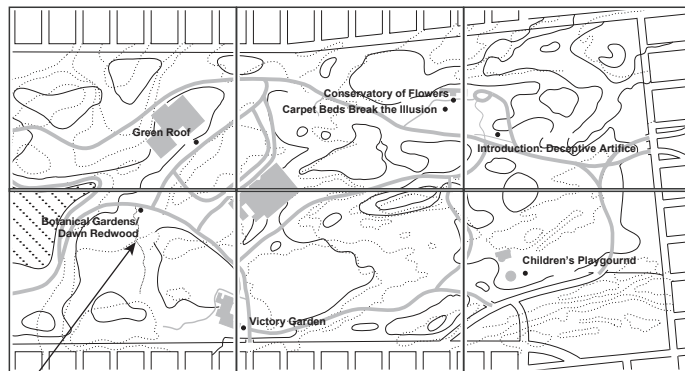
*"Botanists believed the dawn redwood had become extinct 2 million years ago. But in the 1940's, Chinese scientists were amazed to discover the tree growing in eastern Sichuan Province. Metasequoia glyptostroboides became a famous example of a 'living fossil,' an ancient species that has survived nearly unchanged."*

—Except from Rarest of the Rare: Stories Behind the Treasures at the Harvard Museum of Natural History

The San Francisco Botanical Garden is an outdoor museum and a repository for the conservation of plants from around the world. This chapter involves a hunt to find a botanical treasure, the dawn redwood.

To hear this next installment enter the Botanical Garden at the Friends' Gate entrance located across from the Japanese Tea Garden.

**Guide by cell number: (415) 294-3627 prompt #472**



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**BAN 5** Ground Scores  
Several Tours of San Francisco Park and Forest



Transporting Redwoods by Horses in Golden Gate Park (c.1914), Panama-Pacific International Exposition, Courtesy San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection

## Public Walking Tour

On Saturday, October 18th at 2 pm join the Studio for Urban Projects for a walking tour of Golden Gate Park. Landscape designers, ecologists, and park historians will join us in person to illuminate Golden Gate Park's complex and fascinating history. See An Unnatural History of Golden Gate Park website for details.

## Audio Tour Chapters

- #468 Orientation: An Unnatural History of Golden Gate Park
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