

De Laveaga

# Motorcyclists Get Fair Warning At DeLaveaga

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(Photos by Pete Amos)

The motorcycle Grand Prix of Santa Cruz is over.

For more than two months, motorcycle enthusiasts in the city have roared through the riding and hiking trails of DeLaveaga Park, leaving mudded slots and gouges in their wake.

Then John Donlevy, assistant city manager, took city and park work crews to the area and had eucalyptus trees felled across the pathways. Access points were chained off, and a large sign was put up, warning motorcyclists of an ordinance prohibiting 'cycles from non-paved areas.

"The golf course is not a site signs and obstacles, Donlevy said.

In addition to placing the signs and obstacles, Donlevy told golf course and grounds personnel to keep a close watch and warn motorcycle riders who violate the city ordinance.

If the grounds personnel warnings are ignored, police will be called and citations will be given, Donlevy said.

The assistant city manager's action came after about a month of complaints from golfers, hikers, horseback riders and people living near the park.

Riding motorcycles on pathways and grassy areas of the park contributes to erosion and generally "just tears the park up," Donlevy said.

"The city doesn't have the facilities for this," he said. The area is too developed, and the park is off limits to preserve an area of tranquility and beauty, he added.

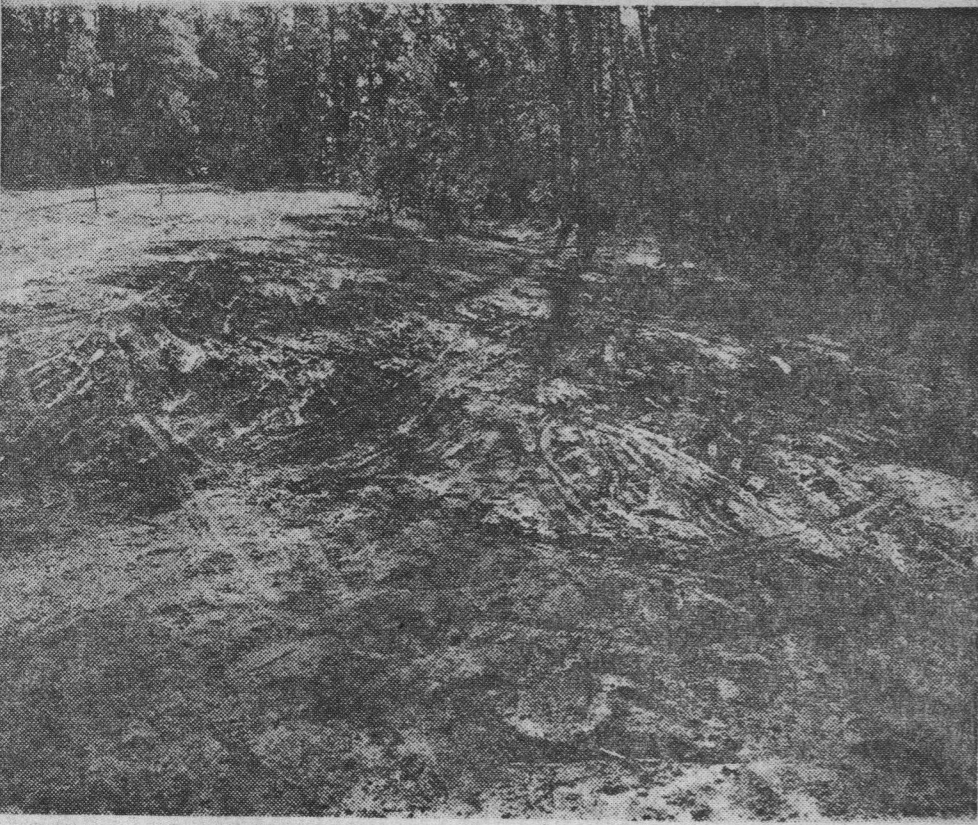
Where is the motorcycle enthusiast to go?

Donlevy doesn't know and doesn't care, so long as it is outside the city.

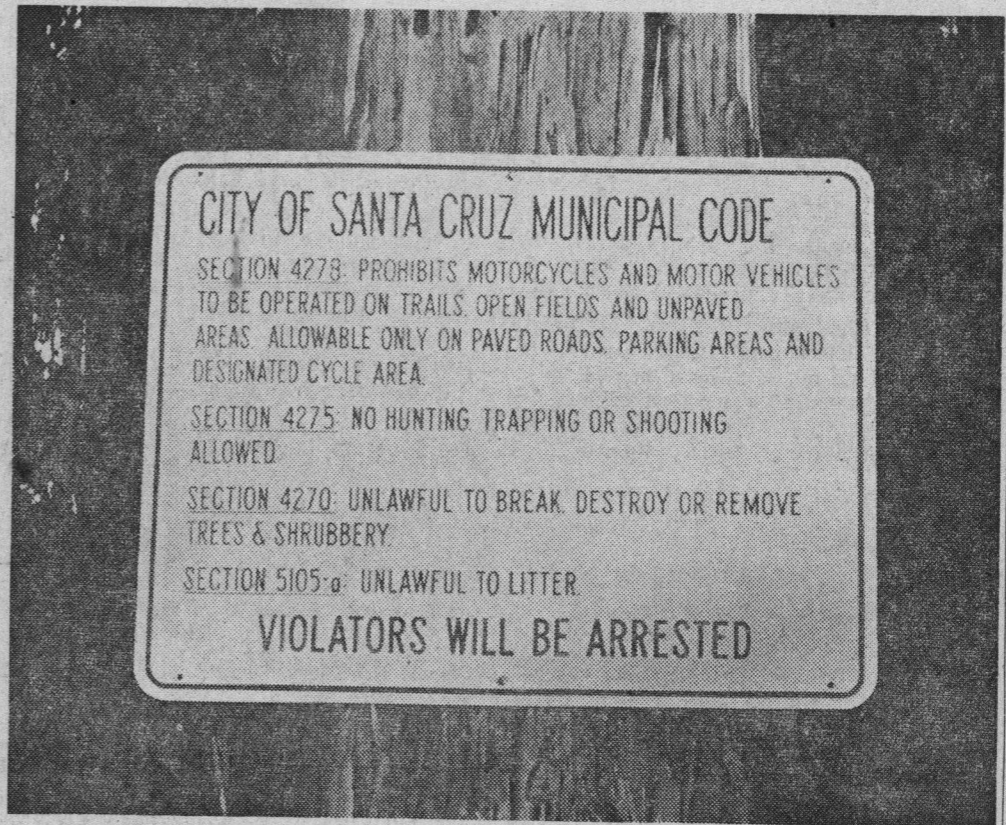
In other areas, organized enthusiasts have arranged for use of private property for hill climbs and trail riding. As of now, that seems to be the only alternative to a citation.



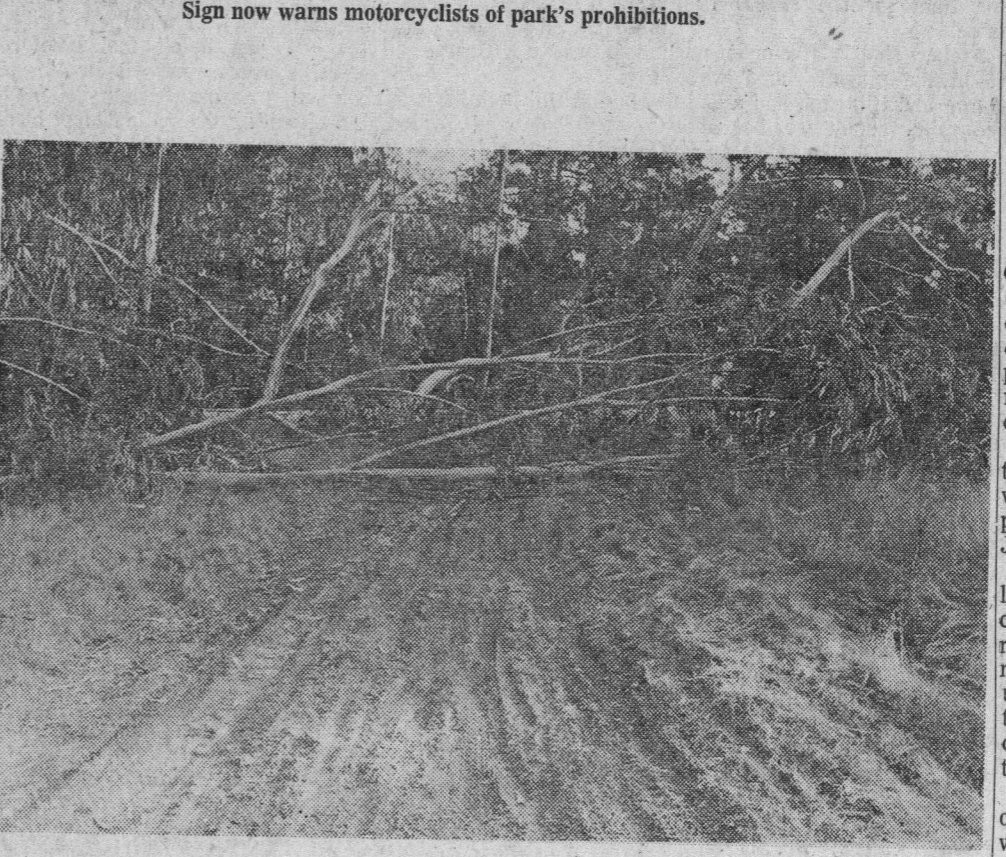
A motorcyclist enjoys an illegal ride in DeLaveaga Park.



The 'cycles' devastation is apparent in chewed-up earth.



Sign now warns motorcyclists of park's prohibitions.



And a eucalyptus tree bars a favorite bike trail.

## Mrs. Riles To Visit SC

Mrs. Wilson Riles, wife of the State Superintendent of Education, will be the speaker when Community Council of Northern Santa Cruz County has its annual meeting Friday, Jan. 21.

The dinner - meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 250 California St.

Reservations may be made until Jan. 17 by calling 423-7619. Tickets are \$3.75 per person and reservations are limited.

Mrs. Riles is a former primary school teacher of 20 years experience, who strongly believes in the importance of parents' participation in schools and in the law-making processes concerning schools.

The dinner-meeting is open to the public. A question-answer period will follow Mrs. Riles' talk. Local representatives of schools, government, health and welfare agencies, will participate as resource people.

## CAC Keeping Eye On Coast Planning Ideas

Some members of a county Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on parks, recreation and open space say they are concerned about what a county planning commission committee may recommend for the north coast area.

The planning commission was to discuss the north coast in last week's meeting. However, it postponed that agenda item to Jan. 19.

Some CAC members have learned that the three-member committee may suggest that residential development on the north coast, up to six dwelling units per acre, be allowed for the area between the Santa Cruz city limits and Majors Creek, the ocean and foothills.

They claim that type of development may not be consistent with recommendations of CAC nor the general plan revision currently under way by the City of Santa Cruz.

The CAC's steering committee plans to meet Monday to decide