

Chapter and Environmental Highlights 1933 – 2009

- 1892 Sierra Club founded
- 1900 Sempervirens Club founded at Big Basin
- 1911 Southern California (Angeles) Chapter founded
- 1913 Club loses battle to protect Hetch Hetchy in Yosemite
- 1924 San Francisco Bay Chapter founded
- 1933 Loma Prieta Chapter founded
- 1934 Clair Tappaan Lodge constructed
- 1934 First ascent of Cathedral Spires by Jules Eichorn
- 1937 Don Woods becomes charter member of mountaineering committee
- 1939 Russel Varian, inventor of the Klystron tube, joins executive committee
- 1940 Kings Canyon National Park established
- 1946 Chapter Conservation Committee formed to protect Butano
- 1948 First issue of Loma Prietan published
- 1949 Chapter reaches 340 members
- 1957 Chapter reaches 1,000 members
- 1958 Henry Coe becomes first state park in Santa Clara County
- 1959 Castle Rock Russell Varian Memorial Park established
- 1959 Butano State Park established
- 1959 First ascent of El Capitan by John Whitmore and Felix Knauth
- 1960 Expansion of Big Basin State Park
- 1960 Chapter produces film and booklet on protecting Skyline Ridge
- 1961 Save the Bay founded
- 1963 Monterey County forms Ventana Chapter – leaves Loma Prieta Chapter
- 1963 Clean Air Act enacted
- 1964 Wilderness Act creates National Wilderness System
- 1965 Land Conservation (Williamson) Act enacted
- 1966 Santa Cruz County first chapter regional group
- 1966 Peak Climbing Section formed by George Barnes and Clarence Aberg
- 1967 Peninsula Regional Group formed (San Mateo County)

- 1967 Chapter begins fighting bay fill projects, starting with Redwood Shores
- 1967 Claire Dedrick helps establish the Peninsula Conservation Center
- 1969 Coastside Conservation Committee formed
- 1969 Fitzgerald Marine Reserve established
- 1970 April 22 is first Earth Day
- 1970 San Benito County joins Loma Prieta Chapter
- 1970s Ollie Mayer leads coastal protection campaigns
- 1971 Four chapter climbers perish on Mt. Ritter
- 1971 San Carlos/Belmont Regional Group formed
- 1972 Trust for Public Lands founded
- 1972 Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space District created
- 1972 Golden Gate National Recreation Area created
- 1972 Marine Mammal Protection Act founded
- 1973 Endangered Species Act enacted
- 1973 Burlingame Area Group formed
- 1975 San Carlos, Redwood City/Woodside, Castle Rock, Sierra del Sur Groups formed
- 1976 California Coastal Conservation Act enacted
- 1979 Blocked expansion of Hwy 380 to the coast
- 1979 Hikers Hut built in Sam McDonald State Park
- 1980s Campaign to block off-shore oil drilling on San Mateo coast
- 1982 Chapter reaches 15,000 members
- 1982 Bair Island saved from 1100 acre development by Mobil Oil
- 1982 Inner Cities Outings Committee formed
- 1983 Sweeney Ridge saved from development
- 1983 San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan enacted
- 1984 California Wilderness Act enacted
- 1985 Wilderness area created at Henry Coe State Park
- 1986 Prevented siting of waste-to-energy plant in Redwood Shores
- 1987 Helped create countywide recycling program in San Mateo County
- 1990 Phleger Estate added to GGNRA
- 1992 Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary created

- 1994 California Desert Protection Act enacted
- 1996 Cascade Ranch and Pigeon Point lands saved from development
- 1996 Measure T to build a tunnel at Devil's Slide passes
- 1997 Edgewood Park becomes a natural preserve
- 1997 Bair Island saved from development
- 2000 Referendum to stop Cisco campus in Coyote Valley
- 2002 Open Space Initiative in San Benito County
- 2002 Mori Point added to GGNRA
- 2003 SFO Airport runway expansion into the bay halted
- 2004 Beat Bush Campaign
- 2004 Global Warming Campaign
- 2005 Solar Permit Fee Campaign
- 2007 Cool Cities Campaign
- 2007 Construction begins on Devils Slide tunnel
- 2007 Campaign to preserve Coyote Valley
- 2008 Chapter has 20,000 members
- 2009 Building Climate Friendly Communities Campaign