



The Story:

MissionBell Salty Bay

Flying over San Francisco, you'll likely see an array of colors ranging from grassy green and rusty orange to bold magenta. These long-enjoyed features are salt evaporation ponds, built in the mid-19th century.

One of California's first industries, salt was originally harvested for cooking and trade. Over the years, the domestic salt industry became a billion-dollar business with ties to manufacturing, agriculture, medicine, water conditioning, and more.

In the early 20th century, the Bay's dominant salt harvester was the Leslie Company. By the 1940s, Leslie was the largest private land owner in the Bay and their salt ponds became a haven for birds looking for an easy meal.

Over time, the San Francisco National Wildlife Refuge began acquiring the land to preserve the wildlife and bring the Bay back to its natural state.

Consequently, during the demolition of the industrial salt plant in Newark, Douglas Fir post and beams were preserved, saving the Bay's salty history for your next project.



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Material #: LS-DF

Species: Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menaiesil*)

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