A Tujunga site with a troubling past is marked with signs for all to remember

From staff reports

A little-known history in Tujunga will long be known after Thursday.

The site of what was once the Tuna Canyon Detention Station was marked with signs that acknowledged the site’s troubling past. During World War II, Japanese, German and Italian immigrants who were deemed threats to the nation were detained at the site, which had been a vacated Civilian Conservation Corps camp.

Its high barbed wire fencing, guard posts and floodlights are long gone. But for many on Thursday, the signs installed at the 1-acre spot at the northwest corner of La Tuna Canyon Road and Tujunga Canyon Boulevard were evidence of a dark time when a fearful nation imprisoned immigrant families before transferring them to internment camps.

The station closed in October 1943, but not before more than 2,000 people were detained there.

In 2013, the Los Angeles City Council designated the site as Historical-Cultural Monument, with a goal of educating the public about the violation of civil rights.

TOP: A sign is put up near the former Tuna Canyon Detention site in Tujunga. The Tuna Canyon Detention Station was a confinement site for immigrants deemed threats to the nation. ABOVE: Nancy Oda, president of the Tuna Detention Center Coalition, attends the Thursday ceremony.

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