



MiraCosta Hikers on Lomas Trail

MiraCosta College ~ Natural Science Club

Day Hike

Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve

Saturday, May 2, 2009
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join students, science faculty advisors, friends and family for a leisurely hike over gently rolling hills beginning at Hidden Valley Trailhead on the south side of Tenaja Road. We will most likely hike to the vernal pools on the basalt-capped Mesa de Colorado via the Los Santos Trail. The Vernal Pool Trail will take us from the pools to historic adobes, the oldest standing structures in Riverside County that once served as bunkhouses for cowboys dating back to 1846. There we will enjoy our sack lunches in the shade of a 400-year-old oak tree. Our return to the trailhead will take us on the Lomas, Oak Tree and Coyote Trails. Round trip on this loop hike is about seven miles.

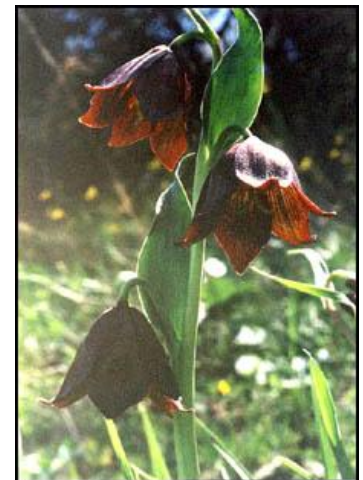
MEET: 10:00 a.m. at SECOND entrance to Santa Rosa Plateau Reserve
COST: \$2.00 per person day use fee payable upon entry (\$1.00 under 12)
BRING: daypack, lunch, water, field guide, binoculars, camera
WEAR: goofy sunhat, sunscreen, hiking boots or comfy shoes, light jacket
BE PREPARED TO HIKE UP AND DOWN HILLS ON UNEVEN TRAILS
Sorry, no dogs allowed.

The Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve is located at the southern end of the Santa Ana Mountains near the city of Murrieta. The reserve is comprised of about 8,300 acres including the Tenaja Corridor. This corridor allows animals to easily move back and forth between the Plateau and the Cleveland National Forest.

The reserve protects unique ecosystems like vernal pools, Engelmann oak and coast live oak woodlands, riparian habitat, coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and bunchgrass prairie, as well as animals such as the endangered red-legged frog, southwestern pond turtle, and fairy shrimp.

For more information, visit www.santarosaplateau.org.

See map and directions on other side of flyer.



Chocolate Lily (*Fritillaria affinis*)

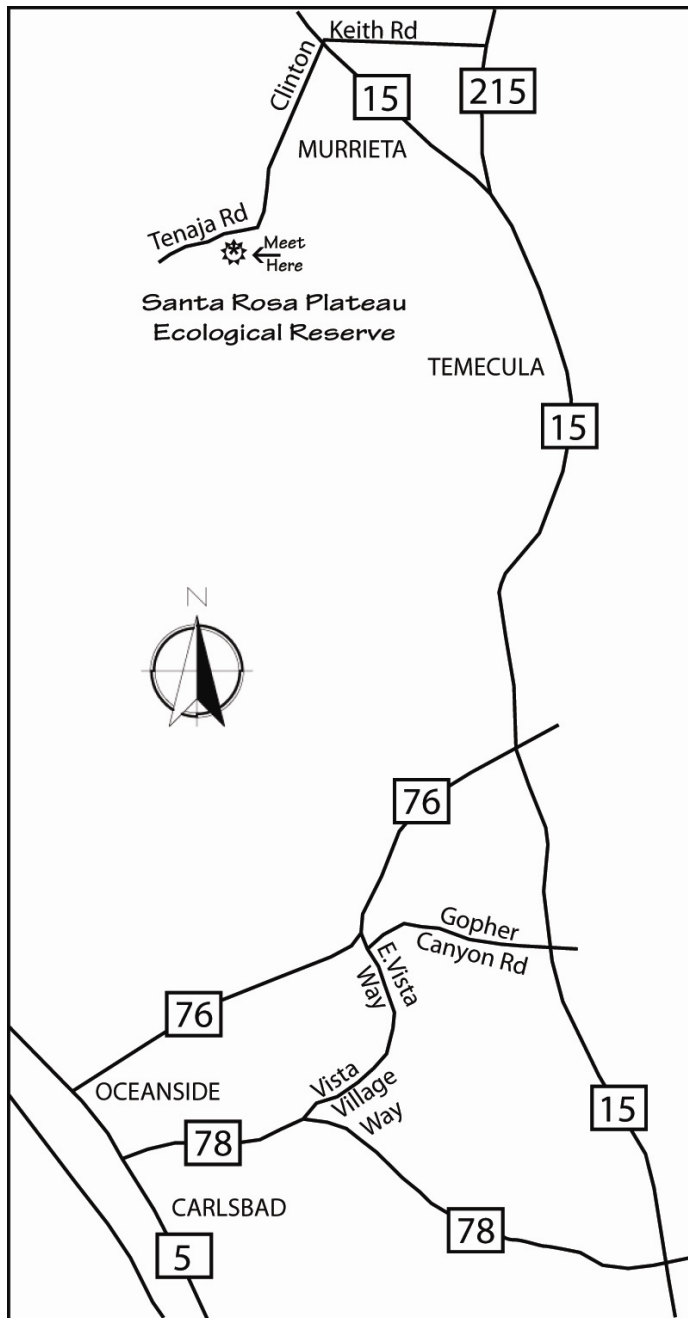
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Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve
is about 40 miles from the
MiraCosta College campus in Oceanside.

Driving time from Oceanside is about 1 hour.

DIRECTIONS:

- Take I-15 north to Murietta.
- Take Clinton Keith Rd exit off I-15. Turn left (west).
- Set the trip counter on your odometer to zero.
- Drive PAST the Reserve Visitor Center.
- Meet at the SECOND entrance to the Reserve (Hidden Valley Trailhead) about 1/2 mile past the sharp right turn where Clinton Keith Rd becomes Tenaja Rd.
- Distance from I-15 to the second entrance is about six miles.

