



SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
Field Stations Program
College of Sciences

Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve Bird Walk with PJ Falatek



These walks begins promptly at 8:00 am

Join experienced birder PJ Falatek for a walk on the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve. We will be looking for migrant and resident birds in oak woodlands and chaparral. PJ will be pointing out birds both by sight and sound, and also sharing information about her life as a field biologist.

This is a slow paced walk with the objective of observing birds. Bring your binoculars!

To register for this hike, please contact Beth Cobb at smerdocenthikes@gmail.com.

Additional information about SDSU Field Stations can be found at fsp.sdsu.edu.

These exclusive docent-led hikes are a fun way to visit this special place which is not open to the public. In addition to protecting local flora and fauna, the reserve provides environmental research opportunities for students and researchers worldwide.

Directions to the South Field Station Entrance

Click link below to get directions:

[South Field Station Entrance \(Google Maps\)](#)

Written Directions

1. Take the Mission Road exit on I-15 and follow Mission Road west toward Fallbrook. Drive 1.6 miles to Willow Glen Road and turn right.
2. After 2.2 miles, Willow Glen Road intersects with Stage Coach Lane and turns into a dirt road, virtually at the River.
3. Turn right (your only option) onto Stage Coach Lane and drive 1.7 miles to the locked gate of the Reserve. The gate will be opened for tour participants, who will park in a dirt parking lot at the entrance to the citrus grove, about a half mile past the gate.

NOTE:

- You **MUST go down WILLOW GLEN ROAD** to get to the reserve. **Very often a GPS will send you in a wrong direction.**
- The dirt road that parallels the river is beautiful but winding and slow driving.
- We start promptly at 8:00. Please allow 25 minutes to drive from the 15 Freeway / Mission Road off-ramp to the Reserve trailhead.

Directions to the North Field Station Entrance

Click link below to get directions:

[North Field Station Entrance \(Google Maps\)](#)

Written Directions:

1. Take the I-15 freeway to Temecula.
2. Exit at Rancho California Road and go west (a LEFT turn coming from San Diego).
3. Go 2.3 miles into the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains.
4. Turn LEFT onto Via Santa Rosa (the first LEFT you can make after ascending into the foothills).
5. Go 1.5 miles and turn RIGHT onto Via Tornado.
6. Go 0.8 mile to the entrance gate.
7. The trailhead is just inside the gate. A docent will assist with parking.

The address is 45985 Via Tornado, Temecula, CA 92590