



SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY  
**Field Stations Program**  
*College of Sciences*

**Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve**  
**View Loop Trail Hike**



**Dates**

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

**All events begin promptly at 8:00 am**

This event will take place on the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) at the **North Field Station** facility which overlooks the beautiful Temecula Gorge.

**AGENDA:**

- The View Loop Trail is an easy short hike (less than a mile) overlooking the Temecula Gorge. **This hike is great for families and children.**
- For those who would like additional hiking after the View Loop Trail, you have option to hike 0.7 trail mile down into the Temecula Gorge to get a closer look at the Santa Margarita River. The hike back is an uphill challenge and we will provide an opportunity to ride up the hill in a vehicle if needed.

To register for this hike, please contact Beth Cobb at [smerdocenthikes@gmail.com](mailto:smerdocenthikes@gmail.com).

Additional information about SDSU Field Stations can be found at [fsp.sdsu.edu](http://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 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**