



SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
Field Stations Program
College of Sciences

Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve **Bird Walk with Charity Hagen**



These walks begins promptly at 8:00 am

We will be looking for migrant and resident birds in oak woodlands and chaparral. Birds will be pointed out both by sight and sound. This is a slow-paced walk with the objective of observing birds. You are free at any time to discontinue the walk and return home.

Charity Hagen is a local birder with over 30 years' experience with the local bird, animal and plant life of Southern California. She delights in sharing her knowledge with others to help them appreciate and protect the natural world around us.

To register for this hike, go to fsp.sdsu.edu/hikes

For additional information about hikes, contact Beth Cobb at smerdocenthikes@gmail.com

Directions to the South Field Station Entrance

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, rutted 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

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. While driving on Via Tornado you will pass a sign that says “Dead End” and “Pavement Ends”, but this is in fact the right way.
7. Go 0.8 mile to the entrance gate.
8. The trailhead is just inside the gate. A docent will assist with parking.

The address is 45985 Via Tornado, Temecula, CA 92590