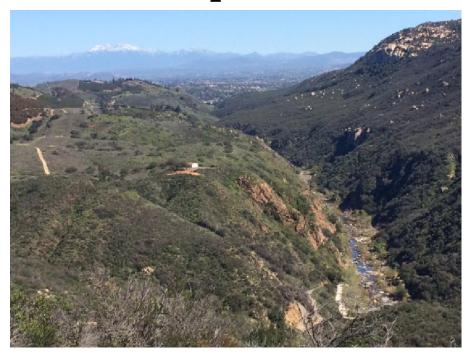


## Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve The Chaparral Hike



## All hikes begin promptly at 8:00 am

This hike leaves from the north side of the reserve and traverses through chaparral for a total round trip of 3 miles. The route is on a single track trail with some areas of uneven footing and mild gains in elevation. After the hike, you will have the option of driving or hiking ½ mile to the **North Field Station** facility where there are picnic tables, a restroom and, most importantly, a beautiful view of the Temecula Gorge.

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

For additional information about hikes, contact Beth Cobb at <a href="mailto:smerdocenthikes@gmail.com">smerdocenthikes@gmail.com</a>.

## **Directions to the Chaparral Hike Trailhead**

- 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

> Proceed to the end of Via Tornado until you reach the large yellow gate