



SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
Field Stations Program
College of Sciences

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



All hikes begin promptly at 8:00 am

This interpretive trail is a great opportunity for **families and young children** to experience the Reserve.

This hike will take place at the North Field Station facility which overlooks the beautiful Temecula Gorge.

- We will first hike the View Loop Trail, which is a short, easy interpretive hike (0.75 miles).
- For those who would like additional hiking after the View Loop Trail, you have option to hike down into the Temecula Gorge to get a closer look at the Santa Margarita River.

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 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

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