

Instructions - Complements of Sally Spotts

**No joke! April 22, 1998 at 9:30 A.M.
Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve**

A man who lives next to the plateau says that he can see patches of wildflowers from his house. He also says that the warm weather has activated the rattle snakes. Boots and long pants? 5-6+ mile round trip, little elevation gain. Poison oak off the trail. Trail could be muddy if get much rain. Hat useful if sunny.

Located at the southern end of the Santa Ana Mountains. Riparian zones with tenajas (water tanks), oak woodlands, grassland (native purple needlegrass), chaparral. Oldest bldg in Riverside County the Machado Adobe late 1840s, Engelmann oak (grayish leaf / checkered trunk / one of the last healthy stands).

I figure it will take maybe 2 or 2 + hours. Did I hear groaning? Naw. Listen, leaving earlier means avoiding traffic.

The Valley boys and girls have been known to get out there early and have breakfast at a cafe in a shopping center located to the south of Elsinore and before Clinton Keith Road. As Lillback-Carlin-Frye-Grant remember dimly, cafe is on the west side of the i-15. Maybe the turnoff is "Bundy", maybe the one before.

How to get to the SR Plateau from Redondo Beach:

1. Fwy 91 East to the
2. Fwy 15 South .
3. Take the Clinton Keith exit from i-15. It is in the Wildomar area between Lake Elsinore and Murietta.
4. Turn right (SW) on Clinton Keith Road.
5. Go 4.8 miles to the new parking area which is a bit past the 90 degree right turn at the old entrance that is now closed.

Hike Leader: **George Thomas**

Web: Tom Chester's Santa Rosa Page: www.iinet.com/re/events/srpep01.html

This is not a public park. It is private land owned by the Nature Conservancy. A **\$2 per person donation** is appropriate.

SANTA ROSA PLATEAU ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

LEGEND

VERNAL POOL

STREAM

TRAIL

HIGH GROUND

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TRAIL MILEAGE (ONE WAY)

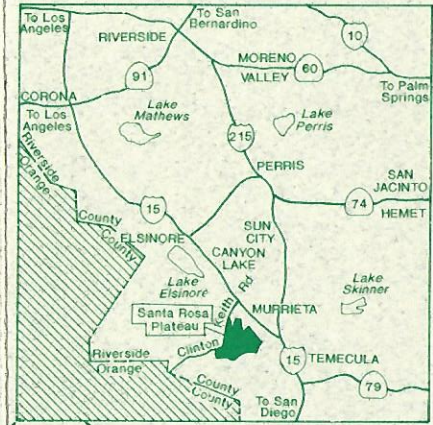
Vernal Pool Trail - 1.7 mi.
 Trans Preserve Trail - 2.2 mi.
 Oak Tree Trail - 6 mi.
 Adobe Loop - 1.1 mi.
 Punta Mesa Trail - 2.4 mi.
 Lomas Trail - 1.4 mi.
 Granite Loop - 1.2 mi.
 Vista Grande Trail - 1.5 mi.



Wildomar

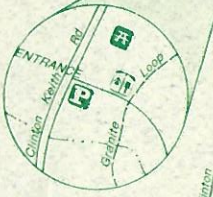
Visitor Center

Bear Creek Fire Station #75



Murrieta

Sylvan Meadows Open Space Area



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