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Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve

Hike for April 14, 2004

Time: 0930

Leader: ALICE WEISS

Mileage: anywhere from 6 to 9 miles

Elevation: up and down

Fee: \$2.00 per person (to be paid at the visitors center)

Directions:

South on the I-15. Go past Lake Elsinore approx. 24 miles to Clinton-Keith exit.

Turn right on Clinton-Keith and go approx. 2 miles to the Visitor's Center on the left side of the road. I will pass out maps (color coded with selected hikes) and since this will be a shuttle hike, we will move some of the cars to the trails end. Which will be our refreshment site.

The hike starts at the visitor center.

Lunch will be at the 1850s adobe.

We will all start at the Visitor Center and walk the eastern perimeter trail stopping at the vernal pool to see the Wild Life and then on to the adobe ranch house for lunch.

As we become different groups, Please stay together with at least 4 to a group. It was reported last week that a Father and DAUGHTER were in a standoff with a COUGAR in this area. It would be wise to have a walking stick and a whistle. Also a compass might prove useful.

#1 hike: 8 miles; hike the perimeter trails to vernal pools on Mesa de Colorado and then take the interior Trans Preserve trail to Hidden Valley.

#2 hike: 6 1/2 miles; hike the eastern perimeter trail to the adobe and then cross over to Poppy Hill and take Trans Preserve trail to Hidden Valley (no vernal pools)

Another option: Leave early and have breakfast at Dennys in Lake Elsinore. Take the Diamond Drive exit on the I-15. TURN left under the freeway (Canyon railroad) and Right at Grape. You can see it from the freeway. Left side going south. 909-245-5058

Dennys is approx 8 miles from the Visitor Center

Additional information:

Sally Spots led this hike last April 4th and there were lots of chocolate lilies, the day was overcast and although there were poppies, most refused to open.

For those coming from the South Bay, It took 1 1/2 hours from the transit center to Dennys. Last year, Sally suggested leaving at 0700 and still be able to stop for Breakfast.