

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens to be Open to Public

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The Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden of the Native Plants of California, located in the Santa Ana canyon, Orange county, announces the opening of the Botanic Garden to visitors for the spring season of 1948 on Fri. April 2, and on every Friday and Saturday thereafter during the months of April and May.

Visitors are admitted to the Botanic Garden by card only, obtainable by writing to Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Route 3, 23831 Esperanza Road, Anaheim, California, with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed. The number of cars and people in each party should be clearly stated with each request. As the garden is some distance from the nearest town and no restaurant is maintained here, picnic tables placed under shade trees are provided for those desiring to spend the day at the Garden. Because of the nature of this botanic garden, it is recommended that sport shoes be worn. The Garden is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge for admission. Weekly flower shows will be on display, and a short non-technical talk will be given in the Assembly hall.

The drought of the past two years has made it difficult to maintain plantings but despite this handicap, many thousands of plants have been added to the collection during the past season and visitors should find much to interest them. All parts of the Garden are open to visitors, and it is urged that at least three or four hours be spent in the garden. Of special interest will be visits to the nursery, wild flower propagation field, cactus garden, and to wander along the trails where many thousands of native plants will be on display.

Visitors to the Garden should remember that it is primarily devoted to the study of California native plants for their botanical, horticultural and useful features. Every effort has been made during the years since the Garden was founded to bring together as large a percentage of the native flora as possible.

A pamphlet giving more detailed information with a map of the Garden and showing the best routes by which to reach it is available upon request.