

Botanical Garden Opens 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 1949 on Friday, April 1, 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 there, 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 at 2 p.m.

Prolonged cold weather and the welcome rains of the past three months will bring an abundance of flowers. Thousands of plants have been added to our collections 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. Additional small gardens have been added during the past year which provide conditions that make it possible to grow a wider variety plants. Also of special interest will be visits to the Nursery, Wild Flower Propagation Field, and 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 and grow as large a percentage of the native flora as possible. However, the plantings in no sense of the word comprise a park for recreational purposes, but are maintained in order that botanists, horticulturists and the interested public may familiarize themselves with the native flora of California gathered from remote as well as nearby areas of the state.

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