

PLACERITA CANYON NATURE CENTER

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Main Hike 7 Miles 1800 Feet

Shorter Hike 5 Miles

Hike starts at the Placerita Canyon Nature Center. Take the 14 Freeway (Antelope Valley Freeway) to Placerita Canyon exit. Drive east 1.5 miles. The hike will start from the Parking lot at 9:30 am. There are toilets there.

The first part of the hike has several steep parts. We will follow the signs toward Manzanita Mountain, then head towards the Camouflage Water Tank. After a short climb, we will head towards the left. Those who would like to see a beautiful view can take a short climb to the right to the top of Manzanita Mountain. Proceeding left, after several steep areas, we get to a road. Go to the left. We will come to a road that splits with a sign 3N64, stay to the left. Go past the water tank on the right, staying on the road. At the sign 3N76, we will have lunch.

After lunch, we head down towards Walker Ranch Camp Grounds. At the Camp Grounds, stay left and go past the message board. There are toilets there. Take the nature trail back to where the cars are parked for refreshments.

The shorter hike will start at the cars and go to Walker Ranch, then on to the falls. I am not sure of the elevation from Walker Ranch to the falls, or if there is water at the falls. Round trip is 5 miles.