



Ranch California Horsemen Association

Favorite Trail Rides

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Location of Staging Area: Community/recycle center at southwest end of town across from CDF on Hwy 79

Length of Ride: In and out ride - approximately 1-1/2 hrs each way

Degree of difficulty: Medium - sloping terrain with good footing (my horses are barefoot); some switchbacks on somewhat steep hill into second canyon

Water Crossings?: Y/N (not mandatory) Water for Horses?: Yes - on trail (probably not in summer) Water for Riders? No

Toilets?: At community center (if unlocked)

Additional comments:

From community center, cross Hwy 79 and walk along it about 150 ft to gate at PCT trail (on east bridge abutment, next to CDF). Take off on well-established trail along sandy creek bed through the trees away from the highway, and cross 2 more step-over gates (always going straight). Trail parallels small stream through trees up this canyon for about 30 minutes (there is a spot just off the trail to water them about 15 minutes+ up the trail), then breaks into the open through some chaparral, then across a vast open meadow (about 40 minutes across) with rock formations (Eagle Rock?), then back into chaparral, then down the switchbacks into the 2nd canyon (about 30 min). This is heavily treed with a stream at the bottom. Good place to have lunch and return. Or can go on down the trail from there (eventually ends up at hwy to Ranchita). Lots of other trails here, too. Good ride for cooler weather (not summer), due to the large expanse of open meadow. Sometimes wildlife - turkeys and deer - and cows at times in meadow. Only part I'm not crazy about is the 150 ft walk along Hwy 79, but visibility is pretty good for traffic and there is a decent shoulder - there is a way to cut in behind the school instead, long as it's not in session. I asked, and Community Center folks have told me it's okay to park at their place.