

**Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve**  
is hosting a Special Event for the  
**Fallbrook Historical Society**  
**Temecula Valley Historical Society**



**History of the California Southern Railroad's  
Route through the Temecula Gorge and Beyond**



**Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
**12:00 noon**

This event will take place on the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve at the North Field Station facility which overlooks the beautiful Temecula Gorge.

**AGENDA:**

- 12:00 View Temecula Gorge and Introduction to SMER by Beth Cobb
- 12:30 Lecture by Bob Kent
- 1:15 Lecture by Scott Atkins
- 1:45 Open Discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

**Historical society members must RSVP for this event by contacting Beth Cobb at [smerdocenthikes@gmail.com](mailto:smerdocenthikes@gmail.com) or (760) 419-5723.**

At the close of the event members have the option of hiking into the Temecula river gorge which is a steep ½ mile down and back to get a closer look at the Temecula Gorge and the railroad bed.

## **Directions**

1. Take the I-15 freeway to Temecula.
2. Exit at Rancho California Road and go west (a LEFT turn coming from San Diego).
3. Go 2.3 miles into the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains.
4. Turn LEFT onto Via Santa Rosa (the first LEFT you can make after ascending into the foothills).
5. Go 1.5 miles and turn RIGHT onto Via Tornado.
6. Go 0.8 mile to the entrance gate.
7. The trailhead is just inside the gate. A docent will assist with parking.

This event will be a fun way to visit this special place which is not open to the public. In addition to protecting local flora and fauna, the reserve provides environmental research opportunities for students and researchers worldwide.

We will have a photo display table, so please bring any old railroad photos you may have to share with others!