

ALMOND BLOSSOM TOUR FOR EAST MERCED COUNTY
UC Cooperative Extension

Peak almond bloom is February 25-28, plus or minus 10 days depending on weather. This tour can start at either the Buchanan Hollow Nut Company 6510 Minturn Road, Le Grand, 95333, or at the corner of Hwy 140 and Tower Road – near the Merced Agriculture Museum, 4498 East Hwy 140, Merced, 95340, and the Fruit Barn. All three businesses have picnic tables). This narration will start at Tower Road.

Start by going south one block on Tower Road
Turn left and go east on Childs
Turn right and go south on Arboleda (means “row of trees”)
Turn left and go east on Mariposa (means “butterfly”)
Turn right and go south on Plainsburg
Just past Bright’s nursery and Deadman Creek turn left and go east on Buchanan Hollow.

Turn left and go north on Minturn
(Buchanan Hollow Nut Company is just south on Minturn)
Turn right and go east on Le Grand and through the small town by the same name
Turn left and go N-W on Santa Fe $\frac{3}{4}$ mile
Turn left and go east on Savana which turns right and then left again
Turn right and go north on Burchell one block
Turn left and go west on Mariposa
Turn right and go north on Plainsburg all the way to Planada
(at this point you could turn right and go all the way to Mariposa and Yosemite)

Cross Hwy 140 and continue north on Plainsburg Road to Bear Creek Drive
Note the 100 year old fig orchard on the S-E corner of Bear Creek and Plainsburg.

Turn left and go west on Bear Creek Drive
Turn left and go south on Kibby Road
The tour ends when you reach Hwy 140

If you started at Buchanan Hollow Nut company, cross Hwy 140 and turn left on Childs Ave and resume the route at the top of the page.

Things to do in east Merced County:

- ⇒Merced Agriculture Museum on Hwy 140
- ⇒Bright’s Nursery has a large farm equipment museum and gives free tours only by appointment: 209/389-4511
- ⇒Yosemite Lake Recreation Area (picnic facilities and play areas) N-E of Merced adjacent to the new UC Merced site: go north on Arboleda, turn left and go east on Yosemite Avenue, turn right and go north on Lake Road.
- ⇒Take a walk around the new UC Merced Campus

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