

APRICOT & ALMOND BLOSSOM TOUR NEAR LOS BANOS
UC Cooperative Extension

Apricot bloom is approximately 1-10 March \pm one week. It usually corresponds with the last part of almond bloom in the area. For the latest word on bloom time around Los Banos and other local attractions please call the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce at 209/826-2495 or www.losbanos.com.

This tour starts at the intersection of Hwy 152 and Volta Road, slightly less than 2.5 miles east of I-5.

Go south on Volta Road one block
Turn left and go east on Pioneer one block
Turn right and go south on Canyon
Turn left and go east on Sunset
Turn right and go south on Creek
Turn left and go east on Almond one block
Turn right and go south on Ortigalita
Turn left and go east on Mervel one block
Turn left and go north on Center Ave all the way into Los Banos.

Farmers are proud of their farms but always get permission before entering private property. Bees are very active during bloom – sensitive persons need to be cautious.

While in the Los Banos area, consider visiting the Grassland Environmental Education Center, 209/704-4772, www.grasslandwetlands.org/geece, N-E of Los Banos on Henry Miller Road just east of Hwy 165.

Maps for the national wildlife refuges www.fws.gov/sanluis/ in the area are available at 947 West Pacheco Blvd (Hwy 152) in Los Banos, which is on the south side of the highway across from the airport. Call 209/826-3508

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