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## Blue sky ecological reserve

The Blue Sky Ecological Reserve is a 700-acre Oak Line Valley surrounded by coastal sage scrubs and chaparral-covered hills. The reserve is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna. Spectacular colors of wild flowers on the hillside in spring, birds' songs, and tree-lined creek provide an inviting escape for a nature walk. Trails are open to the public free of charge during daylight hours. The reserve is managed with support from the city of Poway, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation's County Blue Sky Valley's nonprofit Friends. For information on blue sky, please contact Explanatory Services Coordinator Annie Ransom at (858) 668-4781 or via email at [aransom@poway.org](mailto:aransom@poway.org). Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, a 700-acre valley north of Lake Poway, with a beautiful mix of riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub and chaparral habitats. The Green Valley Truck Trail runs through the reserve, leading up to Ramona Lake, and many side trails offer further opportunities for exploration. We decided to start an early one on this one because we were bringing one of the dogs. While the first half of this increase is flat and partially shaded, the second half is fully exposed to the sun and involves some steep climb. Lucked out with a thick marine layer to help keep us cool. We found trailhead at the far southern end of the parking lot. A series of signs and a wooden fence guided us to the Green Valley Truck Trail which led east, down into the valley. There were some signal warnings about the presence of bees, which echoed merrily through flower grains along the trail, completely ignoring us. We made our way around a vehicle gate blocking the road, and headed down the hill. The road started out asphalt, but quickly transitioned into soft dirt,

with a few patches of deep sand here and there. wing. 25 miles we saw a branch to the Creekside Trail on the left. This narrow path led down into the thick of the trees and brushed along the creek for about .25 miles before connecting further along the main trail. Unfortunately, dogs are not allowed on the Creekside Trail so we continued directly along the truck trail. If you're hiking without dog, I highly advise taking it as an alternative route on either the way out or the way back since it's a beautiful and peaceful area (check out our pictures from a previous hike). Main Street though was hardly disappointing. As we went further along, tall oak tree trail lined up. We were delighted to be on a broad path since there was an abundance of poisoned oak across the valley, lining both sides of the road in some places. At this time of year it was displaying its beautiful blend of red and green, which I always enjoyed admiring from far away. wing. 5 miles we passed the other end of the Creekside Trail and Straight. . At 95 miles, we found the turn-up leading up to Lake Pove on the right. We continued straight away. About 1.1 miles we came to a shaded picnic area, complete with mid-hike port-a-potty. With all the poison oak we saw, many port potties a potties seemed like a pretty good idea! If it's really a hot day or you're just looking for an easy stroll, it makes a good turn-around point. Just past the picnic area was a Y junction. A partially obscure sign declared the right fork off limits. We moved to Lake Ramona, the left fork. Cool, shady oak trees and flat, easy markings almost disappeared at once. From here, we were heading upwards through the low-growing coastal sage scrub and chaparral. The road wound up curved its path. As the marine layer continued to burn, we began to see the antenna appear to peak at the tops of Mount Woodson southeast. About 2.1 miles of dirt road transitioned to asphalt once again, and we knew we were almost there. We can see the cliff cover form of the dam in front of us, with the road heading to the top fast. Finally, 2.4 miles we reached the top, and Lake Ramona stretched in front of us. At the top of the dam was yet another port-a-potty, and many people with fishing poles passed us as they headed to the lake. The Green Valley Truck Trail continued across the dam and around the northern side of the lake, but it was the point around our bend today. We found a shady place to enjoy the wind and cool a bit before turning back and retracing our route. View full photo gallery direction: From I-15, exit Rancho Bernardo Road and take the former head on Rancho Bernardo Road. Continue as Rancho Bernardo Road turns into Espola Road. About 3.2 miles from I-15 starts to curve south as Espola Road you will find the entrance to the Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on the left. Map Total Distance: 4.8 miles Difficulty: Medium Total Ascent: 800 feet Dog Friendly?: Leashed dogs allowed on main trail bike friendly?: Bike facilities not allowed: port water fees in a potty and parking lot/parking lot. Travel: California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Blue Sky Ecological Reserve Friends of Blue Sky Canyon City of Pove - Download GPX from Blue Sky Ecological Reserve View Route or Caltopo Related Post Mount Woodson (Potato Chip Rock) The highly popular Mount Woodson Trail through the lake is a preferred destination for many San Diego hikers. See a large, delicate rock layer such as Mount Woodson's famous potato chip rock, home to a large granite boulder that has been eroded in this way.. | Iron Mountain/Elle Lane LoopWhile I really enjoy the main iron trail leading the mountain, I admit it gets very crowded at times. If you've ever attempted to start this trail mid-morning on a weekend, you've probably experienced the challenge of plenty Parking. fortunately. Protecting Ramona Meadows is a relatively new addition to County Park's San Diego roster protecting Ramona Grasslands. Originally acquired by Nature Conservat, the land was later given to the county and a portion was opened to the public in 2011. In addition to hikers, ... A well maintained scar for different ages. It starts with a flat shaded hike, about 1.5 miles before reaching a steep tilt after heading up to Ramona Lake. From the halfway point at the top of Lake Ramona, you'll also enjoy panoramic views of Lake Pove. The trail is pet friendly and provides access to other trails and Lake Pove. There are port-o-potties in the benches and tables as well as throughout the mark, and the entire mark has cellular service. Once you branch towards Ramona Lake, shade is rare; Make sure you have plenty of water to get through the tilt at the top. The Green Valley Truck Trail to Ramona Lake is a great trail for the introduction of intermediate hikers looking for a tilt and beautiful views. You will see two trailheads in the parking lot. Toretto Outlook Trail and Green Valley Truck Trail. The Toretto Outlook Trail connects to the Green Valley Truck Trail and also serves as a good warm-up. The trail starts with a nice hike through a shaded flat area for about a mile to a mile a half where you have the option to head toward Lake Pove or Lake Ramona. You can find poison oak with this area so be sure to keep kids and pets on the trail. The area is very well placed across the trail with portable restrooms and picnic benches. As you take the left turn to Ramona Lake, you start an immediate tilt toward the dam. You won't find mark markers after this, but your right continues to be on the trail. When I suspected I was able to use my phone to make sure I was on the right path towards Lake Ramona - you should have cell service along this trail. Once you arrive at the signs you've arrived at Lake Ramona, you'll start to hike heavily along the dam to the lake. If you are so interested you have the option to continue around the lake on the Green Valley Truck Trail for a long hike. Have some water and a snack and be sure to snap a picture of the ideas! Be sure to look around for the beautiful scenery of Lake Pove in the opposite distance of Lake Ramona down on your way. Coyotes. Poison oak, white sage, coast oak live. Jennifer in San Diego

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