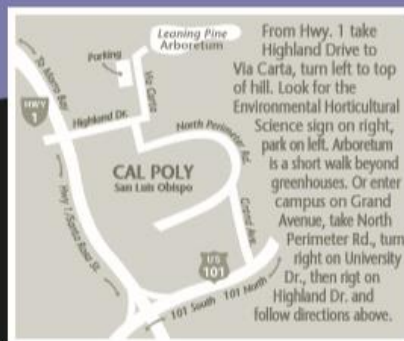


Come Explore the
Central Coast's Premier
Horticultural Display Garden



From Hwy. 1 take Highland Drive to Via Carta, turn left to top of hill. Look for the Environmental Horticultural Science sign on right, park on left. Arboretum is a short walk beyond greenhouses. Or enter campus on Grand Avenue, take North Perimeter Rd., turn right on University Dr., then right on Highland Dr. and follow directions above.



Leaning Pine ARBORETUM



Leaning Pine ARBORETUM

www.leaningpinearboretum.calpoly.edu

Mailing address:
Leaning Pine Arboretum
Horticulture and Crop Science Department
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

Phone: 805/756-2888



Printed on Recycled Paper

CAL POLY

LEANING PINE ARBORETUM

Welcome to the *Leaning Pine* Arboretum. Located at the Environmental Horticultural Science facility on the Cal Poly campus, the arboretum is an outdoor living laboratory displaying a vast array of beautiful and interesting landscape plants. The five acre arboretum is in a quiet setting with stunning vistas overlooking the campus and the nearby Santa Lucia mountains.

Collections are arranged primarily by geographic nativity and feature a diverse array of trees, shrubs, and other landscape plants appropriate for use throughout most of California's vast mediterranean climate area. The gardens feature hundreds of unique and intriguing plants from the world's five mediterranean climate regions: California, Chile, southern and southwestern Australia, South Africa, and the Mediterranean basin.



Additionally, the arboretum has a collection of palms and palm-like plants combined with an extensive display of aloes, agaves, and other colorful succulents. Other specialty collections include a Formal Garden displaying uniquely shaped topiary plants within a boxwood parterre, a Dwarf and Unusual Conifer Garden, a New Zealand Garden, and a garden of primitive plants featuring numerous cycads. Specialty collections within the gardens include

Banksia, *Ceanothus*, *Phlomis*, *Quercus*, *Rosmarinus*, and several others.

The arboretum provides an attractive habitat for numerous types of birds such as hummingbirds, quail, killdeer, and other wildlife including butterflies.

Education is our primary mission. The arboretum, part of the Horticulture and Crop Science Department, exists mainly as a laboratory for students and is used extensively by several classes for independent research and project studies. Plants are labeled with permanent identification signs and are attractively arranged by geographic origin, often by natural plant communities — all designed to facilitate effective study of individual plants and the relationships between plants from similar plant communities. Colorful interpretive signs at key locations and a self-guided tour brochure add to the learning environment. While the arboretum is focused primarily on students and their education, it also serves as a site for special classes, workshops, cultural events, and is a visitor destination for garden design inspiration, or simply enjoying a stroll through the beautiful gardens.

Maintenance and care of the arboretum is provided by students — as volunteers, as paid employees, and in classes under faculty direction. The gardens are maintained using sound and sustainable horticultural practices that are in harmony with nature, with the goal of having a positive impact on the environment, rather than a negative, damaging impact.

Visitors are always welcome. Because plants change with the seasons we encourage you to return often to enjoy the many and various highlights and vistas.

Hours

The arboretum is open year around. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; closed on Sundays and academic holidays. There is no admission fee. Guided group tours may be available by prior arrangement.



South African Garden

Location: *Leaning Pine* Arboretum is located at the Environmental Horticultural Science facility (Building 48) on Via Carta at the north end of campus. Visitors may obtain a parking permit (required Monday through Friday) at the information building near the Grand Avenue entrance to campus or at parking permit dispensers located in many of the parking lots.



Mediterranean Garden

For driving directions, a map, parking information, and additional information please visit the arboretum's web site at www.leaningpinearboretum.calpoly.edu

Garden Etiquette: The arboretum is a living laboratory of plants for all to enjoy, so we ask that you do not pick flowers or fruits or take plant samples or seeds. Please stay on the paths or the lawn areas and avoid walking in the garden beds where tender plants and young sprouts are easily damaged. Dogs are not permitted in the arboretum, except for service dogs. Please refrain from climbing on trees, shrubs, rocks, or garden structures. Bicycles are not permitted in the arboretum. Please park bicycles in the rack near the conifer garden, but do not lock bicycles to trees, benches, railings, or other structures. Out of respect for other visitors and because of fire danger, smoking is not allowed. Please keep children under adult supervision.

Thank you

Note: None of the water used in the arboretum is safe for human consumption. Children and service dogs should not be allowed to play in, or drink, water from any hose, hose tap, irrigation system, or body of water.

Photography: Feel free to take lots of photographs. We request that professional photographers credit the location as "*Leaning Pine* Arboretum."