

Barham Ranch Day Celebrates Anniversary

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Guided hikes and rides and a picnic lunch will highlight the sixth anniversary celebration for the Barham Ranch addition to Santiago Oaks Regional Park on Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Barham Ranch encompasses 509 acres of steep, rugged terrain covered with a complete native plant community and popular with a variety of bird species. The parcel, sought after by developers and preservationists alike, became part of Santiago Oaks Regional Park at a 2003 dedication.

Despite being ravaged by fire in March 2007, the Barham Ranch land is making a strong comeback. The 28 trails in Santiago Oaks Regional Park were officially authorized and mapped in October.

Barham Ranch Day will begin at 10 a.m. with a two-hour guided trail journey on separate courses for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians through the Barham Ranch property. Due to the steepness of many of the Barham Ranch trails, the tours are for those of at least "advanced beginner" levels, whether on foot, bike or horse.

Those who wish to participate without the two-hour trail excursion are invited to attend a ceremony and lunch starting at noon at the picnic area, near the Nature Center.

Dignitaries and special guest speakers will pay tribute to the public efforts that saved Barham Ranch from development. The Friends of Harbors, Beaches & Parks will also attend.

A barbecue lunch will be available from 1 to 3 p.m.

RSVP to SantiagoOaks@ocparks.com to confirm attendance.

Santiago Oaks Regional Park is located at [2145 N. Windes Drive in Orange](#) .

For information, contact Park Ranger Jim Simkins at (714) 973-6621.

Barham Ranch Day Schedule

Saturday, March 21

9:30 to 10 a.m. Meet at Heritage Oak Tree

10a.m. to 12p.m. Hikers, Bikers and Equestrians on the Trails

12 to 1 p.m. Ceremony and Guest Speakers at the Picnic Area

1 to 3 p.m. Barbecue Lunch



The 509-acre Barham Ranch parcel was added to Santiago Oaks Regional Park in 2003 after it was threatened with development and following a legal battle.