

## HERON POINT TRAIL



**Hiking Distance:** 2.7 miles roundtrip  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Start Elevation:** 1100 feet  
**Elevation Change:** 140 feet  
**Location:** Entrance from SR 49  
**Map:** USGS Melones Dam  
**Quadrangle**

| Area's Blooming Season | March | April | May | June | July | August | September |   |
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|                        | Early | E     | Mid | M    | Late | L      | Very Late | V |

### Description:

This trail begins at the Heron Point day use parking area in the Tuttle town Recreation Area of the New Melones Reservoir. It follows the shoreline of reservoir to the Acorn campground and returns to the parking area via the paved road. It is an easy walk, much of it shaded along the reservoir. Alternatively, you could park in the campground near the toilets and proceed in the reverse direction starting at campground site #28. A trail description and detailed map can be obtained from [Bureau of Reclamation website](#). Flowers are typical of the foothill grassland/oak woodland habitat. There are a number of large, tree-like Common Manzanita reaching 25 feet or more. A fair number of California Poppies are around the day use area.

## Trailhead Directions:

From SR 49 north from Sonora turn off onto Reynolds Ferry Rd just past Tuttle town at the sign for the Tuttle town Recreation Area of the New Melones Reservoir. Just past the Acorn Campground turn right onto the short road (signed) to the Heron Point day use area. The trail begins at the gate. The Heron Point road is closed during winter months -- in that case park in Acorn campground and start the trail behind campsite #28 and proceed in the reverse direction.



