



Coordinated Community Outreach for Habitat Conservation

The California Department of Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service,
and US Bureau of Land Management

Progressive Acorn Collection Saturday, October 22, 2011, 8am – 2pm



Oak trees play a critical role for healthy habitats in San Diego County. A single oak tree can provide food and shelter to as many as 300 species of insects, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Oak populations have dwindled as development of land has taken place in southern California. Local oaks also face threats from too frequent fires and non-native pests like the Gold-spotter oak borer. **You can help with the first step in oak restoration – acorn collection!**

Volunteers will caravan to 3 different oak areas on conserved lands in south San Diego County to collect acorns. Participants will get to see oaks in their natural settings on lands of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), and the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This is a unique opportunity to visit several conserved areas in one day and learn fascinating oak facts from habitat experts. All locations are along Highway 94. **Please RSVP!**

Wear long pants, a hat, and sturdy shoes. Bring sunscreen or rain protection, as the weather indicates. Bring water and a water bottle if you have one. Water and snacks will be provided. We are happy to sign for community service or extra credit hours. **To RSVP or for more information contact Cathy Chadwick, chadgroup@cox.net or 619-277-3605.**

Schedule:

8:00am: Meet at the FWS San Diego National Wildlife Refuge, Sweetwater Interpretive Loop, Singer Lane parking lot (near intersection of Campo Road/Hwy 94 and Singer Lane, just east of 94/Jamacha Road intersection) for registration and orientation, then walk a short distance to the collection area. (Porta-potty available.)

10:00am: Meet back at parking lot, caravan to next location.

10:30am: Travel about 9 miles east on Hwy 94, left on Honey Springs Road, then immediately left again to meet at CDFG's Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area/Honey Springs parking lot for orientation, and walk about one third of a mile up a mild incline to the collection area. (Porta-potty available.)

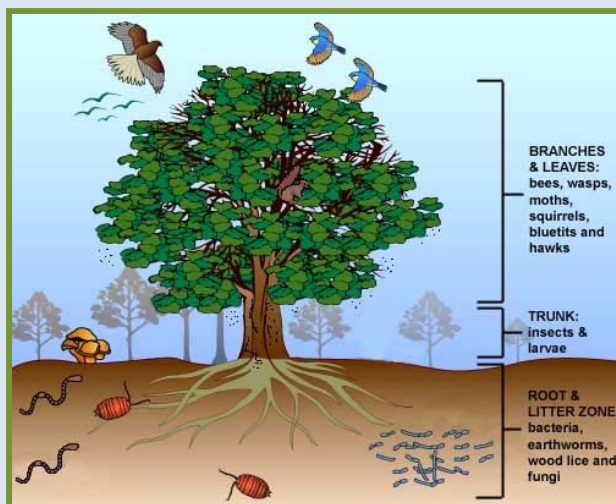
12:00pm: Meet back at parking lot, caravan to next location.

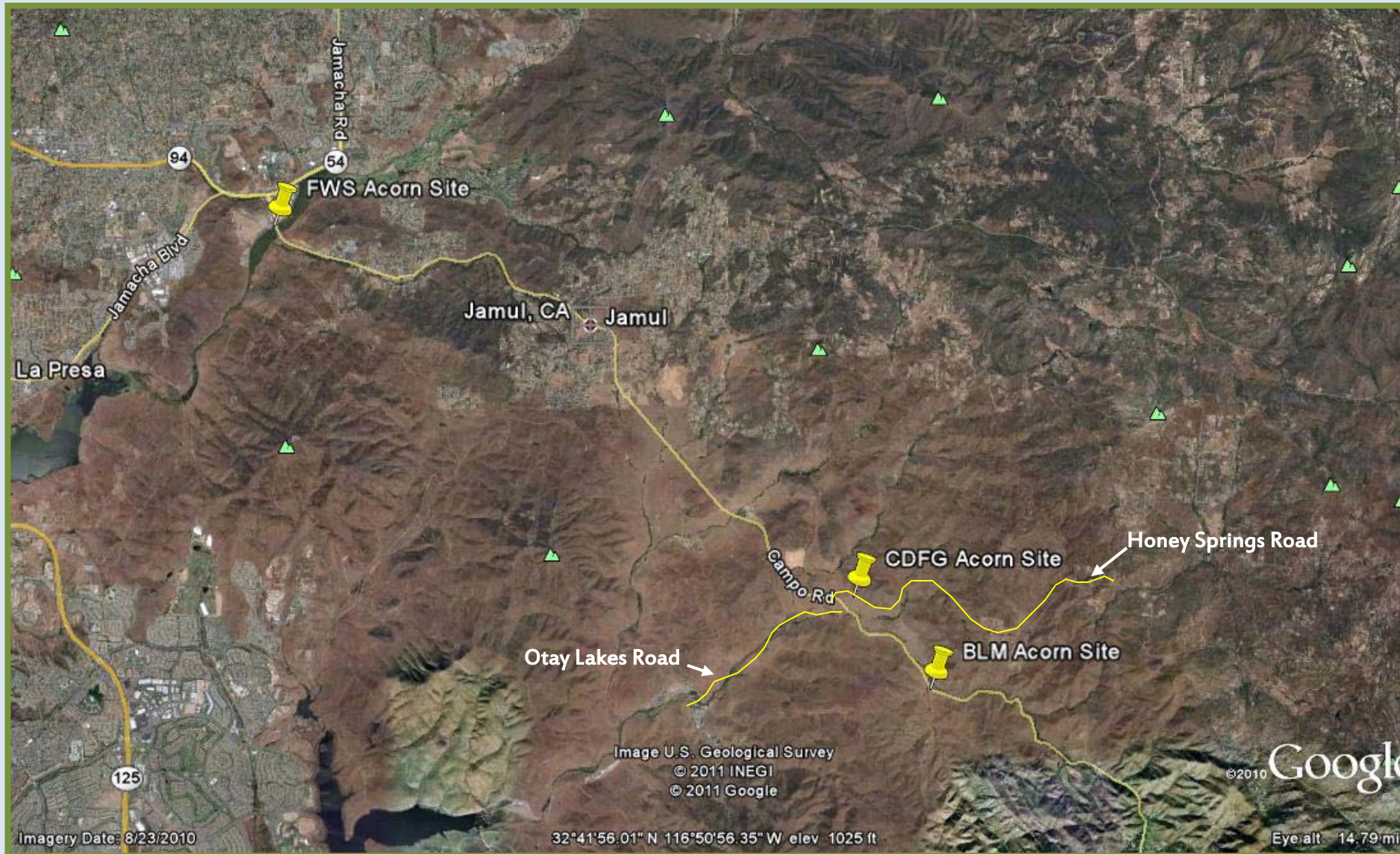
12:30pm: Travel 1.6 miles east on Hwy 94, pull off the road CAREFULLY at the yellow gate to at BLM's Sycamore Canyon parking area for orientation, and walk a short distance to the collection area. (No restroom facilities at this location.)

1:45pm: Meet back at parking area for wrap-up.

2:00pm: Event ends.

SAVE THE DATE: Come back on Saturday, December 10, 2011 to help us plant the acorns! Ask for details.





**Map to Sites for FWS, CDFG, BLM
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