

## ALMOND BLOSSOM TOUR FOR NORTH MERCED COUNTY

Peak almond bloom is February 25-28, plus or minus 10 days depending on weather.

Tour begins at the Hwy 99 Bradbury Road overpass south of Turlock, just north of Delhi but you can start at any point:

Turn right and go west on Bradbury

Turn left and go south on Golf Link Road past Turlock Country Club

Turn right and go west on August

You can access Hilmar Cheese Company from August (taste cheese, picnic by the water fall, gift shop, restaurant, restrooms, educational exhibits for kids).

After leaving cheese company, turn right and go west on August Road

Turn left and go south on Columbus

Turn left and go east on Geer

At the second stop sign, turn right and go south on Lander/Hwy 165

Just after you cross the Merced River (which originates in Yosemite) turn left and go east on River Road (picnic, fish and playgrounds at Hagaman Park on the left). You will pass several varieties of winegrapes and the largest single winery in the World – E&J Gallo (not open to the public)

About 2½ miles east of the winery turn right and go south on Washington

Turn left and go east on Westside Blvd

Turn right and go south on Lincoln

Turn left and go east on Atwater-Jordon

Turn right and go south on Giannini

Turn left and go east on Mulberry

Turn left and go north on Buhach over the freeway

Turn left & follow Buhach to the Castle Air Museum

(Rancho Del Rey Golf Course on Green Sands Ave has a café and restrooms)

Turn left on Santa Fe to Museum on right (gift shop, picnic tables and restrooms).

From Castle turn right and go N-W on Santa Fe

Turn right and go north on Shaffer

Turn left and go N-W on Oakdale across the Merced River

Turn left and go west on Turlock Rd one block

Turn left and go south on Lee

Turn right and go west on Bradbury one block

Turn left and go south on Alves

Turn right and go west on El Capitan

Turn right and go north on Ballico Ave (Ballico has a store & gas).

Turn left and go west on Bradbury to Hwy 99 where the tour ends

### Other things to do in North Merced County:

⇒Camping & fishing at McConnell State Recreation Area on the Merced River [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

⇒Camping & fishing at George Hatfield State Recreation Area S-W of Hilmar [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

⇒Pageo Lavender Farm, 11573 Golf Road, Turlock 95380 209/632-5052 (turn N off of Bradbury Rd)

<https://pageofarms.com/>

⇒Camping & fishing at the Merced River RV Resort 209/634-6056

⇒Double T Ranch near Stevenson [www.TheDoubleT.com](http://www.TheDoubleT.com)

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