

Peach Blossom Tour Of North Merced County
UC Cooperative Extension

Peach orchards are a treat for the eye when viewed up close. There are two types of peach blossoms – non-showy varieties with tiny reddish flowers, and showy varieties that have a larger pink bloom. This route attempts to take you past several showy type orchards. On your journey you may spot small trees with white blossoms that look different from almond trees – those are likely to be plum trees. Farmers are proud of their orchards but you should always get permission before entering private property. Peach bloom peaks approximately March 10 ± one week.

Begin at the Collier Rd/Bloss Ave. overpass south of Delhi.
Go west on Bloss Ave.
Turn right and go north on Griffith
Turn right and go east on Bradbury over the freeway
Turn left and go north on Cortez Ave one block
Turn right and go east on Lombardy and cross the RR tracks
Turn right and go south-east on Santa Fe through Ballico
Turn left and go east on Bradbury
Turn right and go south on Alves
Turn right and go west on El Capitan
Turn left and go south on Santa Fe to the stop sign in Cressey
Turn left and go east on Meadow Drive till it ends
Turn left and go north on Shaffer one block
Turn right and go east on Fisher
Turn right and go south on Buhach
Turn right and go west on Mercedes
Turn left and go south on Winton Way one block
Turn right and go west on Eucalyptus, cross Santa Fe
Turn left and go south on Central to Fruitland where the tour ends

To the freeway:

You can continue to the Freeway and turn right to go north.

To go south you can turn left on Fruitland and go east into Atwater and go south on Winton Way to the Freeway.

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Things to do in North Merced County:

- ⇒Camping and fishing at McConnell State Recreation Area on the banks of the Merced River (take Ballico or Pepper Roads south till they end – look for signs) 209/826-1196
- ⇒Camping and fishing at George Hatfield State Recreation Area S-W of Hilmar 209/632-1852 State parks website: www.parks.ca.gov
- ⇒Tour Hilmar Cheese Company
- ⇒Fishing and picnicking at Hagaman Park