

Wildflower Wingding Fort Hunter-Liggett/Los Padres Forest

Our first Anywhere Wild! adventure took place in the Los Padres National Forest in 2006. We traveled through Fort Hunter-Liggett, once the vast estate of William Randolph Hearst to our campsite in the oak woodland beneath towering rock formations. Wildlife abounds in this hidden, unchanged part of Old California and we had exciting encounters with a mountain lion and a bobcat. Once again, we hope to enjoy the spectacular wild flower display in the valley. Some of us camped, others enjoyed staying at the historic Hacienda, which was Hearst's hunting lodge.

The historic San Antonio de Padua Mission de Los Robles (Mission of Saint Anthony of Padua of the Oaks), founded by Father Junipero Serra in 1771, is located a short distance from the lodge. More than 1,200 Indians once lived at the Mission. This year Access Adventure has been invited to participate in San Antonio Mission Days on Saturday, April 12th.

If you are interested in joining the Wildflower Wingding this year, please call Michael at 707-432-0152 or email accessadventure_michaelmuir@yahoo.com. Reservations at the Hacienda are obtained by calling 831-386-2900. "Cowboy rooms" are available for \$45 per night. These rooms do not have private bathrooms, but those facilities are located down the hall. There are several "suites" that range in price from \$75 to \$130 per night. The Hacienda is fun to explore and to remind us of the lives of people in the days of William Randolph Hearst. Campsites in the Los Padres Forest are large enough for RVs and large trailers. Amenities at the campsites are varied (no RV hook-ups).

Although there is a café at the Fort, we will be providing three meals a day at the campsite. Each of us will sign up for a food day, and cook for the group. Details will be provided once you sign on to join the adventure.

