

## AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK 2024

# Picnic In The Garden

Saturday, April 20, 2024

**Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Riverside, CA**

**DIRECTIONS:** Coming from the East or West on the 60 Freeway, take the Pyrite exit.

From the West: turn left at the bottom of the offramp, take a right turn onto Granite Hill Road and continue to the JMDC entrance.

From the East: exit at Pyrite, turn right at the bottom of the offramp. At next stop sign turn right on Granite Hill Road and continue on to the JMDC entrance.

### Hotel Suggestions:

**Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center** 3400 Market St, Riverside, CA, 92501 • +1 951-784-8000

**Raincross Hotel Riverside** 4045 University Ave, Riverside, CA, 92501 • +1 951-686-6666

**Hampton Inn Riverside Downtown** 3505 Market Street, Riverside, CA, 92501 • +1 951-788-5000

**AirBnBs**

**Hotels near the Ontario Airport**

**Hotels in surroundings towns**

### Area Attractions:

**Downtown Riverside** – local restaurants, shops, museums

**Mission Inn Hotel and Spa Riverside** – historic 1900s mission-Revival style hotel famous for its Festival of Lights during the Christmas holidays. Award winning restaurants and bars, spa. [www.missioninn.com](http://www.missioninn.com)

**Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center** – museum, cacti and succulent garden & nursery; iris garden [jmdc.org](http://jmdc.org)

**UCR Botanic Gardens**— 1 Botanic Gardens Dr, Riverside, CA 92507 (951) 827-7090 [gardens.ucr.edu](http://gardens.ucr.edu)

A 40-acre living plant museum with more than 3,500 plant species and thousands of specimens from around the world, focusing on plants from Mediterranean climate (dry summer) and arid lands. Hiking trails.

**California Botanic Garden**— 1500 N College Ave, Claremont, CA 91711 (909) 625-8767 [www.calbg.org](http://www.calbg.org)

The largest botanic garden dedicated to California native plants, 86 acres of curated collections of more than 22,000 CA native plants, with a good collection of pacific coast irises; nursery selling CA native plants.

**Crafton Hills Iris Farm**—This small, residential iris farm is home to a multitude of tall bearded irises. A class-2 business licensed through the California Department of Food and Agriculture to sell nursery stock, and is permitted to sell & ship iris rhizomes throughout the United States; listed on the American Iris Society Commercial Iris Farm Directory, and the Historic Iris Preservation Society's Garden Directory. Owned and operated by the Rhodes family. Lori Rhodes, iris hybridizer, has introduced several TB irises to date, with some on display at the guest garden for this spring trek. Tours by appointment only, book online. **OR** see your confirmation email for optional tour instructions with special days and times for Region 15 trek attendees (no booking required) [craftonhillsirismfarm.com](http://craftonhillsirismfarm.com)