

Live Oak Plaza Conservation Area



Background

Live Oak Plaza was set aside to safeguard native habitats and wildlife, maintain the integrity of adjacent wildlife corridors and serve as a buffer for the adjacent national forest lands. Prior to the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's (F/ETCA) acquisition of the property in 2005, it was zoned for light commercial and residential development. Now, it is preserved as open space conservation in perpetuity. It is located in Trabuco Canyon near Cook's Corner, the oldest continuously operating restaurant in the county.

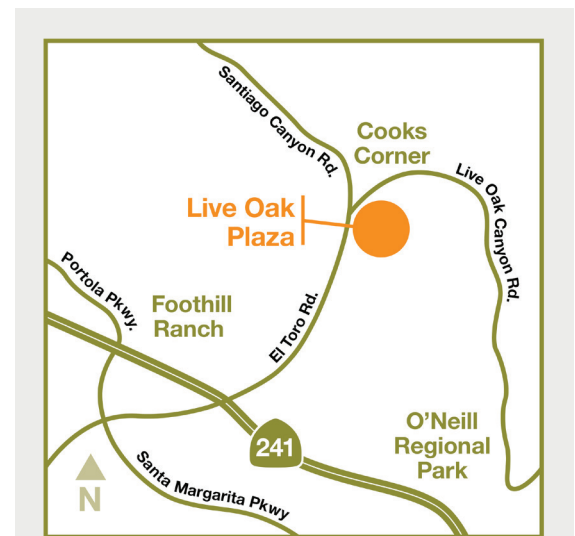
Current Activities

Live Oak Plaza utilizes conservation cattle grazing to improve and maintain the quality of biodiversity of natural areas and help minimize wildfire risks.

Species

Live Oak Plaza is home to a diverse set of wildlife. A total of 67 wildlife species and have been observed on the site including:

- Blue-Gray California Gnatcatcher
- Lawrence's Goldfinch
- Cooper's Hawk
- African Clawed Frog
- Costa's Hummingbird
- Bobcats
- Coyotes
- Mule Deer
- Great Blue Heron
- Snowy Egret
- Western Toad
- Western Rattlesnake



QUICK FACTS:

- Acres:** 23.2
- Acquired:** 2005
- Agency:** F/ETCA
- Habitat:** Non-native grassland, coastal sage scrub, coastal live oak, southern willow scrub, man-made ephemeral pond
- Location:** Trabuco Canyon