Trail History

The Redlands Gateway Ranch property is a piece of an original 200+acre ranch in Live Oak Canyon. In the 1950s, rancher Otis Hudson bought the property on the south side of Live Oak Canyon Road, just east of the bridge over the usually dry creek. He raised his family in the small cabin already on site, and added on to the cabin to create an 1800 sf house. Over the years, he sold off several parcels along Live Oak Canyon Road for single family houses, and raised alfalfa and other crops on the acreage immediately adjacent to the house he lived in.

Hudson died in 2002, and his heirs sold the ranch to a developer who eventually lost the property back to Hudson heirs. In 2015, Redlands Conservancy negotiated with the heirs and made a deal to purchase the entire remaining 170 acres using funds from Wildlife Conservation Board, Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority, Rivers and Lands Conservancy, and City of Redlands.

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The Riverside County Regional
Conservation Authority holds title to 158
acres while the City of Redlands owns
the 12 acres fronting Live Oak Canyon
Road. Redlands Conservancy leases the
12 acres to develop an outdoor education
center, native plant demonstration
garden and nursery, and trail head to
connect hikers, equestrians and cyclists
with the 9 miles of trails in Herngt 'Aki'
Preserve, on the north side of Live Oak
Canyon Road, and the 10,000 acres of
conserved land in Riverside County
south of the Gateway Ranch.

The name Saha'tapa is the Serrano name given to the area in San Timoteo Canyon near the old El Casco lakes at the end of El Casco Canyon. Native American villages there provided sustenance for travelers using the Cocomaricopa Trail in San Timoteo Canyon until the early 1900s.

The State of California owns several thousand acres in this area for the San Timoteo Canyon State Park. While it is undeveloped at this time, trail users have used the many trails in the area for many decades. Unless an area is marked "No trespassing," the trails are good to use.

Please visit **cityofredlands.org** or **redlandsconservancy.org** to view or download our complete collection of trail maps and brochures.



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Saha'tapa Loop Trail

Gateway Ranch

This 1.75 mile "lollipop" dirt trail rises from the Gateway Education Center and can be accessed via the Gateway Connector Trail from Herngt 'Aki Preserve (Oakmont Park). After crossing the prairie land of the ranch area it rises on a fairly steep dirt road to the bottom of the canyons leading to the plateau. The access trail heads left to an intersection for the actual loop (to the right is signed private property). At the intersection, going straight provides a gentle ascent to the plateau. Going right is a steeper but easily manageable ascent. The loop has rolling hills with beautiful views of Live Oak Canyon and the surrounding mountains. Follow the "SL" sign posts at each intersection. The trail is very exposed absolutely no shade - so users are advised to wisely select using times to avoid hot sun.

Information & Trail Map

