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Free Brochure Offers Path for Visitors to Cal Poly's Leaning Pine Arboretum

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Visitors to Cal Poly's five-acre Leaning Pine Arboretum can now enjoy a self-guided tour using a new, free "Garden Walk" brochure.

The brochure is available at the entrance to the arboretum and at the Poly Plant shop, both located at the Environmental Horticultural Science unit at the top of Via Carta on campus. The recently published brochure was made possible by a generous grant from the California Horticultural Society, said arboretum Director and Cal Poly Horticulture and Crop Science Professor Emeritus Tom Eltzroth.

The "Garden Walk" brochure includes a map of the Leaning Pine Arboretum and descriptions of 22 numbered stops on the self-guided tour path. The route includes all the arboretum's major gardens, which feature plants from California, South Africa, the Mediterranean basin, and Australia, as well as the arboretum's palm and aloe collection and its garden of primitive plants.

Most of the Garden Walk follows the main garden path, which is easily accessible. "The entire tour takes about 90 minutes but can be done at any pace, and there are several rest stops available along the route," Eltzroth said. The self-guided Garden Walk tour "is perfect for individuals or small groups," of which the arboretum gets quite a few, Eltzroth said.

The Leaning Pine Arboretum is the Central Coast's premier horticultural display garden, said Eltzroth. Planted in its garden are hundreds of unique and intriguing plants from the world's five Mediterranean climate regions, along with extensive collections of palms, dwarf and unusual conifers, and plants from New Zealand.

The arboretum is part of Cal Poly's Horticulture and Crop Science

Department and is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Sundays and academic holidays. Admission is free and parking on campus is free on Saturdays.

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