

SELF-GUIDED

TARANTULA TREK



Use this guide to safely look for tarantulas at your open space preserves!

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Tarantulas are likely to be found in grasslands.
 - I.e. Coyote Valley and Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserves
- Look for tarantulas in September & October, which is mating season!
- Start your tarantula trek in the late afternoon, between 3 p.m. and sunset.
- Tarantula holes will be the size of a quarter and lined with silk.
- Mature tarantulas are big and hairy, averaging 5 inches in length.
- Walk slowly and look off-trail for tarantula holes.

SAFETY TIPS

- Do not touch or disturb tarantulas - let them enjoy their native habitat.
- Tarantulas will release barbed hairs from their abdomen onto threats.
- Beware of tarantula hawks, a type of wasp that uses tarantulas as food for their babies.
- A tarantula that looks dead may be paralyzed by a tarantula hawk.



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