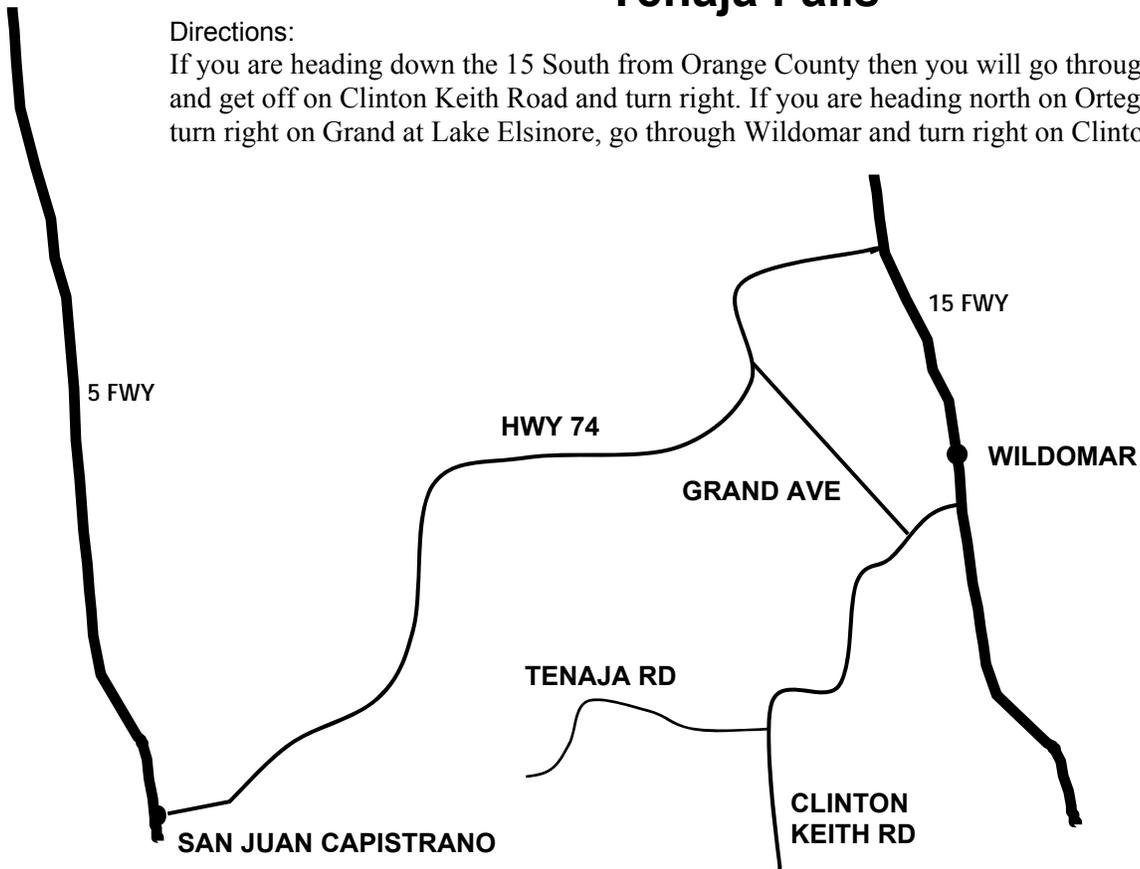


Tenaja Falls

Directions:

If you are heading down the 15 South from Orange County then you will go through Wildomar and get off on Clinton Keith Road and turn right. If you are heading north on Ortega Highway turn right on Grand at Lake Elsinore, go through Wildomar and turn right on Clinton Keith Road.



After you pass the visitor center for the Santa Rosa Plateau then you will shortly turn right on Tenaja Road. After 9 miles you will see a turn for Cleveland National Forest Road. This is the start of your 5 miles on the one lane road. Right when you get on it you will see a Tenaja trail head. If you continue on the one lane road be careful as there are a lot of blind curves that you need to go around. After about 4 miles you will see the trail head for Fisherman's camp. From here you only have 1.5 mile left on the road before you see a dirt lot on your left and the start of the Tenaja Falls trail head.

This hike is in the Cleveland National Forest not far from Sitton Peak. We begin at the Tenaja Canyon Trail Head. Dropping down from the parking turnout into the canyon, we walk about 3.5 miles to Fisherman's Camp, where we will camp. We then continue downstream to where Tenaja Canyon meets San Mateo Canyon, continuing up the canyon (2 miles). We then walk upstream to Tenaja Falls (0.7 miles). Once at the falls we climb to the upper falls, a total walk of 6.3 miles from where we began at the vehicles. We will work on map & compass skills, then walk back to Fisherman's Camp for the night, and walk out the next morning. We may walk out the way we came in, or out Fisherman's Camp Trail (1.7 miles).

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