

**Park and Museum Hours:**

Park hours are daily between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The field office museum is open for visitors on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m., or when docents are available. Schedule group tours by calling (714) 990-7713.

Admission is FREE.



**Volunteers Needed**

Olinda Oil Museum and Trail invites local residents to become involved in developing exhibits, and serving as a museum docent volunteer under the direction of the State Park Rangers. Volunteers receive docent training and are needed to give tours and staff the field office. Please call Anthony Godoy in the City of Brea's Community Services Department at (714) 990-7713 for details about volunteer opportunities.



**For your safety....**

- No motorized vehicles are allowed in the park (with the exception of the parking lot).
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- As the park is adjacent to many acres of open space, rattlesnakes and other wildlife may be present, so please exercise caution.
- High fire danger area—No smoking.



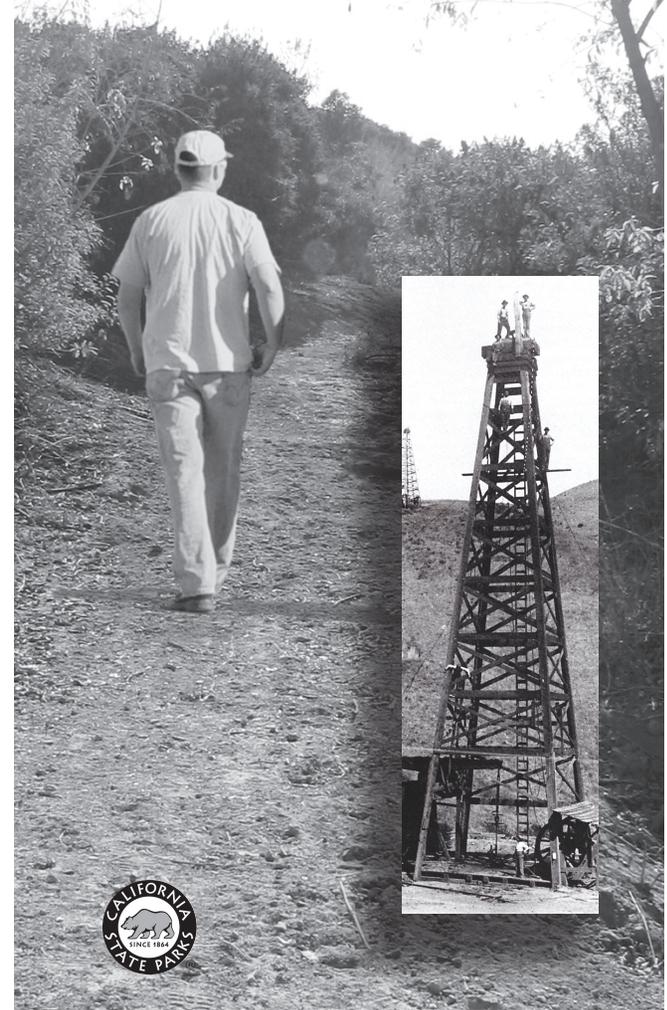
**Park Location**

Olinda Oil Museum and Trail is located in the Olinda Ranch neighborhood of the City of Brea at: 4025 Santa Fe Road, Brea, CA 92823.



# Olinda Oil Museum and Trail

Brea, California



Nora Brown McMillan, with a hint of melancholy, reminisced in the book *Memories of Early Olinda*, "Today nothing is left to show that there was once a bustling, thriving community of hard-working, happy people living on the southern slopes of those beautiful foothills in northern Orange County....but there are sweet memories! Granted our houses were small, our mechanical luxuries were few, but we did not feel deprived...Life was good in Olinda!"



Good news Nora! The City of Brea has preserved a vital part of local history by protecting a 12 acre historical park to recapture the sights, sounds, smells and the vital role Olinda played in the development of the area. Currently, the site includes:

- Olinda Oil Well #1 drilled in 1897, and more than 100 years later it's still pumping.
- A jackline pump and its surrounding building. This pump was once the power source for multiple active wells.

- The field office, which was headquarters of the Olinda oil operation. Highlights include the vault, warehouse and historical photos.
- A records vault that stored explosives and company documents (some say it was once used as a jail, but historians say that's just a legend).
- Ever growing exhibits in the field office and outside near Olinda Well #1, take visitors back in time to explore what life was like as an Olinda "wildcatter." Informative exhibits

explain the natural and geologic history of the area including how oil is created, located and drilled.

- For the public's convenience, new restrooms, a parking lot and picnic area have been added.

### Embark on a Historic Walk....

The Olinda Oil Trail is a two-mile moderate loop hiking trail with spectacular panoramic views of Orange County. The trail retraces the footsteps of early oil pioneers who settled in Olinda in search for "black gold." Signs located at certain points along the trail take you back through history comparing what you see today with photos from the past.

Hills once covered by oil derricks are now home to a variety of native and exotic plants, local wildlife, and amazing geology for you to enjoy as you hike through this beloved historic trail. Please be respectful of the environment and nearby homes as you partake in this outdoor adventure.



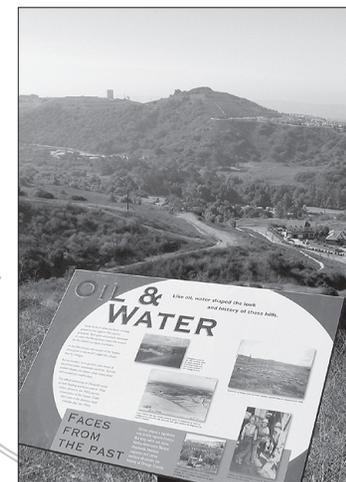
Field Office



Olinda Oil Well #1



Warehouse Exhibits



Informative Signs Along Trail

