

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RUN 2005

Start in Escondido at 9th Avenue and turn right onto Escondido Blvd at the light

Turn right onto 7th Avenue

On the right, see the North County Baptist Church all lit up. Park and walk around if you desire. Can you count the lights?

Turn right onto Maple Street

Turn right back onto 9th Avenue

Go straight through the light at Escondido Blvd

Turn left onto Centre City Parkway at the light

Proceed onto Centre City Parkway at it merges onto Interstate 15

Proceed south on Interstate 15 and exit at Carmel Mountain Road

Turn right onto Carmel Mountain Road

Proceed approximately two miles through 4 traffic signals until you T at the signal

Turn right to stay on Carmel Mountain Road (Carl's Jr is on your right)

Proceed past Mt. Carmel High School and across Black Mountain Road

Queue up on the right on Carmel Mountain Road before entering "Christmas Card Lane." This is where you can drop your top and turn on any decorative lights you have.

Christmas Card Lane: When this started in 1980, about 15 families on Ellingham Street participated. Now there are about 200, spreading onto Oviedo and Renato Streets also. The neighborhood is northwest of the intersection of Carmel Mountain and Black Mountain Roads and includes Oviedo Street, Twin Trails Drive, Carmel Mtn. Road, Ellingham Street, Renato Street, Barrymore Street, Totherham Avenue, Talca Avenue, and Court, Allenbrook Way, Davenport Avenue, and Amber Sky Lane. Our run will only do a portion of it, but there will be plenty to see and admire.

Turn right onto Twin Trails Drive

Turn right onto Renato Street (second right)

Turn right onto Ellingham Street (at the T)

Turn right onto Twin Trails Drive

Stay right onto Oviedo Way (go past Renato Street this time)

Turn right onto Black Mountain Road

This is the end of the Christmas Lights Run 2005

To go to Carmel Mountain Ranch for dinner, follow these directions:

Turn left onto Carmel Mountain Road

Turn left to stay on Carmel Mountain Road (Carl's Jr. is now on your left)

Cross over Interstate 15, and you will begin to see the shopping area that makes up Carmel Mountain Ranch. Olive Garden is on your right. Marie Callendar's is on your left. As you continue on Carmel Mountain Road, most of the restaurants are on the left (California Pizza Kitchen, Chevy's, TGI Fridays, Islands, Claim Jumper, and others).

Have a very Merry Christmas and hope you enjoyed the run,

Jack and Sue Hinkle