

Where did the snake exhibit that was here go?

The snake exhibit, like many things, grew old and was re-purposed.

The original exhibit was somewhat rehabilitated 6 or 7 years ago and stayed in the Interpretive as a smaller version for a year or two.

When the snakes had aged to a point where their colors were no longer easily visible, we removed the display and stored the preserved snakes.

When interpretive displays were being designed for the Enid W. Pearson Arastradero Preserve Gateway facility, the topic of poisonous and nonpoisonous snakes came up. The snakes were sent off to a restorer, minor repairs were made and the snakes were re-colored. The gopher snake (*Pituophus melanoleucus*) and western rattlesnake (*Crotalus viridis*) are now reborn and living happily in a new display at the gateway facility.

Please feel free to stop by and visit them along with other displays on animal scat, native and non-native plants, habitat restoration, native Americans and a three dimensional map of the preserve.