

Field Trip Itinerary

UPDATED 7/20/2016 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Day 1 (7/22/2016)

1. Meet in parking lot behind Ellison Hall at 9AM
Leave UCSB by 9:15AM
2. Drive on *north* on Hwy 101 to Exit 203B for Hwy 1 North (96 miles)
3. Continue on Hwy 1 North for 15 miles to **Morro Rock**, in Morro Bay, CA
4. **STOP** at Morro Rock for short lecture/discussion
5. Make sure cars are full on gas and buy any last minute supplies in Morro Bay
6. Drive *north* on Hwy 1 to Piedras Blancas vista point (34 Miles)
7. **STOP** at Piedras Blancas to view elephant seals and short lecture/discussion
8. Drive *north* on Hwy 1 to Pacific Valley Ranger Station (27 miles)
9. **STOP** at Pacific Valley Ranger Station and hike Pacific Valley bluff trail and lunch
http://www.hikinginbigsur.com/hikes_pacval.html
10. Drive *north* on Hwy 1 to Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park (21 miles)
Be sure to park in the turnouts along the side of the road
11. **STOP** here and short walk into the park and down the trail to view McWay waterfall and short lecture/discussion
http://www.hikinginbigsur.com/hikes_mcwayfalls.html
12. Drive *south* on Hwy 1 for 17 miles, turn left onto Nacimiento-Fergusson Rd and continue for 14 miles to Ponderosa camp
13. **STOP** here and set up camp, dinner to follow

Day 2 (7/23/2016)

1. Wake up at 8AM, breakfast to follow, prepare lunch for later in the day
2. Start day with short hike around the campground area and lecture discussion about the flora and fauna of the surrounding area
3. Drive *west* on Nacimiento-Fergusson Rd to Coast Ridge Road (6 Miles)
4. **STOP** here and short walk down the ridge road and short lecture/discussion
5. Drive east on Nacimiento-Fergusson Rd to turnout near Mill Creek trailhead (7 miles)

6. **STOP** and hike Mill Creek Trail into the redwood forest, lunch at good stopping point along trail
http://www.hikinginbigsur.com/hikes_millcreek.html
7. Depending on time, weather, and crowds, drive *south* on Hwy 1 to Sand Dollar Beach or Jade Cove (10 miles), or Mill Creek Picnic area (0.5 mile drive)
8. Evening hike in area around campground to observe crepuscular fauna, followed by dinner

Day 3 (7/24/2016)

1. Pack up and head out east to Hwy 101 via Fort Hunter Liggett or back to Hwy 1 and back to UCSB at own pace
{closest gas is in Gorda out to Hwy 1 then south (23 miles; expensive) or in San Miguel (48 miles; cheaper)}