

# Field Trip California Native Plant Society

## Sierra Foothills Chapter

### 2014 Field Trip Schedule

General Info: For all field trips bring lunch, sufficient water, appropriate clothing and footwear. Hiking level will vary with the location and terrain. You are encouraged to bring field guides and magnifying lenses although these items are strictly optional. Our chapter's field trips are open to everyone so bring a friend or two. It is our chapter's policy that pets are not allowed on our field trips. We appreciate everyone's adherence to this policy.

If you would like to be included on our field trips alert email list, send an email with the subject line "Field trip email list" to Jennie Haas at [jhaas953@gmail.com](mailto:jhaas953@gmail.com). We'll use this list, plus Twitter and when time permits, Facebook and our website to provide timely information of any field trip changes and those impromptu "emergency field trips."

**March 29 – Calaveras Big Trees:** Leader – Steve Stocking. Hiking Level: Easy. We'll be looking for Stebbins' Lomatium (*Lomatium stebbinsi*) and other early bloomers. Meet at 9:00 AM inside the park at the Stanislaus Canyon overlook on the creek behind Jack Knight Hall. Remember, there is an entrance fee to enter the park and bring lunch/snacks as well as water. For more info, contact Steve at 209-754-9029 or [snlsox@earthlink.net](mailto:snlsox@earthlink.net).

**April 13 – Red Hills:** Leader – Lynn Robertson. Hiking Level: Easy. We will be hiking the Red Hills Interpretive Nature Trail where we will see five of the sensitive plants found in the Red Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Red Hills can be a wonderful wildflower area including many less common species. Some of the Poaceae species in this area will also be noted. If time allows, we will move to other parts of the ACEC that offer beautiful displays. We will meet at 9:30 AM at the unlabeled parking lot at the junction of Red Hill Rd & Serpentine Loop Road North which is about 1/4 mile south of the junction of Sims Road & Red Hill Road. You can take Sims Road off of Hwy 120 or Red Hill Road off of Hwy 49. (This is NOT the larger parking lot that has the trail map & restroom). I recommend that only higher clearance cars or trucks drive the final mile in to the trailhead. For more information, contact Lynn at [billielr@sti.net](mailto:billielr@sti.net) or 209-966-5316.

**May 10 – Anderson Flat:** Leaders – Barry and Judy Breckling. Hiking Level: Easy. This will be a discovery trip to see what plants we can find in the beautiful Anderson Flat area. Access is on a decent dirt road, but high-clearance vehicles are suggested. We'll meet at 9:00 AM at the Greeley Hill Market in Greeley Hill, seven miles east of Coulterville on Hwy 132. For more information, contact Barry/Judy at [breckling@garlic.com](mailto:breckling@garlic.com) or call them at 209-878-3041.

**June 1 – Calaveras Big Trees:** Leader – Steve Stocking. Hiking Level: Easy. We will be looking for *Trillium angustipetalum* and other spring flowers typical of mid elevation Sierran forests. As time allows, we will visit multiple sites. Meet at 10:00 AM inside the park at the picnic area adjacent to the meadow behind Jack Knight Hall. Remember, there is an entrance fee to enter the park and bring lunch/snacks as well as water. For more info, contact Steve at 209-754-9029 or [snlsox@earthlink.net](mailto:snlsox@earthlink.net).

**July 12 – Bell Meadow:** Leader – Bob Brown. Hiking Level: Moderate only because of elevation. Bell Meadow is located within the Bell Meadow Research Natural Area (RNA) near Pinecrest in the Stanislaus National Forest. We'll see a large number of species typical of mid-elevation mountain meadow habitats. In some years I've seen more than 100 species on a single outing. Meet at 9:00 AM at the back of the parking lot between the Sonora McDonalds and Kohl's in the Junction Shopping Center off of Mono Way in East Sonora. Bring lunch/snacks and plenty of water. For more info, contact Bob at 209-928-9281 or [rbrown4674@aol.com](mailto:rbrown4674@aol.com).

**August 2, 9 or 16 – Budd Lake:** Leader – Peggy Moore. Hiking Level: Difficult because of elevation starting at over 8500 ft then going to about 10000 ft. The exact date is to be determined by Peggy and will be announced in our newsletter when it has been decided. Located in Yosemite NP and accessed from the west end of Tuolumne meadow it is home to several hard to find plants. Bring lunch/snacks and plenty of water. Group size is limited to 8 on this cross-country hike, so please contact Peggy Moore for more info and to sign up at 209-966-5728 or [pemoore4@gmail.com](mailto:pemoore4@gmail.com).

**September 20 – MiWok Grove Pacific Yew:** Leader – Margaret Willits. Hiking Level: Moderate – short distances, but some steep slopes and a creek crossing. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Junction Shopping Center in Sonora at the back of the parking lot between the McDonalds and Kohl's. I welcome suggestions of where else to go in addition to the yews. For more info, contact Margaret at [mlwillits@gmail.com](mailto:mlwillits@gmail.com).

**October 18 – Fall Colors:** Leader – Jennie Haas. Hiking Level: Easy. Our annual fall colors field trip will take us along Highway 120 through Yosemite National Park over Tioga Pass then south through the June Lake Loop where there are a number of lakes and beautiful views of the Sierran East Side. We'll have lunch along the way, probably at the Whoa Nellie Deli in Lee Vining. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Groveland Library and Museum parking lot next to Mary Lavaroni Park on Highway 120 in Groveland. For more info, contact Jennie at 209-962-4759 or [jhaas953@gmail.com](mailto:jhaas953@gmail.com).