

2010 SPRING FIELD TRIP

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 20

LOCATION: HOMER RANCH PRESERVE & LAKE KAWEAH

- East of Visalia in the Sierra foothills

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- The preserve is a sycamore/blue oak woodland with open grasslands known for its abundant spring wildflowers. In the morning we will have an opportunity to leisurely explore the rolling hillsides and wooded creek, and take a natural walk with a local biologist.
 - The area can be previewed at www.sequoiariverlands.org. Click on 'Newsroom' (then Photo Gallery) or 'Preserves.'

DIRECTIONS:

- Distances
 - Modesto – 160 miles (~2 ¾ hours)
 - Fresno - 66 miles (~1 ¼ hours)
 - Taft - 131 miles (~ 2 ½ hours)
- From Hwy 99, take Hwy 198 west toward Visalia. Drive about 24 miles then turn left on Hwy 216 toward Woodlake. After ½ mile, cross the Kaweah River and turn right on Dry Creek Drive. The preserve is 5.5 miles up the road on the right.

MORNING SCHEDULE*:

8:30 – 9:30 AM	Arrive at Homer Ranch Preserve
9:30	Nature walk (optional)
9:30 – 12:30	Shoot Homer Ranch
12:30	Travel to Lake Kaweah for picnic lunch
1:00	Horse Creek at Lake Kaweah for wildflowers
3:00	Afternoon options: vernal pools, Three Rivers, and/or Kaweah Oak Preserve (these depend upon the weather and the wildflowers blooming)

Directions will be available at Homer Ranch.

*Bathrooms are available at the turn off to Hwy 216 & in a barn near the preserve.

TO BRING (in addition to your camera gear):

- Lunch
- Dry socks & shoes
 - The native grass may be wet from morning dew or recent showers and some of the more adventurous may be tempted to work the creek banks.
- A \$10-15 donation to the Sequoia Riverlands Trust would be a nice courtesy as this area is not normally open to the public. Plus there will be Trust personnel there to help us.

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