



MAY PICNIC

At Santa Margarita Lake

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

Plan to attend this third collaborative **Morro Coast Audubon Society** and **California Native Plant Society** Picnic. Enjoy field trips, a day at the lake, good company, and plenty of food. Both members and the general public are welcome! Day use fees will be waived for all picnic participants.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

RIVER ROAD ACCESS

8:00-11:00 AM BIRDING with Roger Zachary at RIVER ROAD. An easy 3 mile walk along the Salinas River before it flows into the lake. Appropriate for all experience levels.

WHITE OAK PICNIC AREA (handicap accessible)

9:00 AM BIRDING with Mike Stiles and Alan Schmierer

9:00 AM DESTINATION HIKE with Ken Klis

10:00 AM KAYAK / CANOE with Joe & Ann Dickerson. Bring PFDs sunscreen, binoculars.

10:00 AM PLANT & GEOLOGY WALK with David Chipping and other CNPS leaders

10:30 AM BEGINNER'S WATERFOWL WATCH with Rouvaishyana and Christy Holmes. Kids and beginning birders; learn to use binoculars and field guides (provided).

11:00 AM MOUNTAIN BIKING with Ken Klis. Participants must be at least 10 years of age and wear a helmet.

11:30-1:30 PACIFIC WILDLIFE CARE Enjoy up close encounters with live birds.

NOON PICNIC Join the PICNIC FEAST. Bring your own sandwich (or something to grill) a side dish, snack, or dessert to share and your own reusable place setting and cup. Throw in your picnic tablecloth if possible. Assorted drinks provided by MCAS.

1:00-2:00 PM WATERCOLORING WILDFLOWERS with Janine Kirkpatrick. Bring a "sit upon". Materials provided.

1:00-2:00 PM DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP with Kevin Cole. Hot weather may cancel, beginning nature photographers welcome.

ONGOING (throughout the day)

WATERFOWL AND WOODPECKER WATCH: Birdwatching around the picnic area

FISHING: Kid's Cove (for kid's only) and shore fishing around picnic area

HIKING: Grey Pine Trailhead located at picnic area

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM: Self-directed activities for school-age children

DIRECTIONS to Santa Margarita Lake White Oak Picnic area: Hwy. 101 to Santa Margarita (Highway 58) exit. Drive through Santa Margarita. Turn right on Highway 58. At the junction with Pozo Road (approx. 2 miles), stay on Pozo Road for approximately 7 miles and follow the signs to the Santa Margarita Lake turnoff. Turn left and drive one mile to the park entrance. Turn right after entering the gate and follow the road for one mile to the White Oak Picnic area. Allow 30-40 minutes from SLO.

DIRECTIONS to RIVER ROAD ACCESS: Follow the above directions until the Santa Margarita Lake turnoff. Instead of turning, continue driving straight on Pozo Road for approximately 7.8 miles. Immediately after the bridge, turn left on RIVER ROAD and continue another 2.2 miles to the staging area on the left side of the road. Allow 45-50 minutes from SLO .

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