



Field Trip Opportunities -- Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Blue Tour: Matilija Dam (Tour is limited to 50 people)

Itinerary:

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| 11:30am | Depart Westin Bonaventure Hotel |
| 11:30am-1:30pm | Travel to Matilija Dam and eat lunch on bus |
| 1:30pm-2:00pm | Restroom break at Malibu Lagoon |
| 2:00pm-3:15pm | Spend time at Dam |
| 3:15pm-3:30pm | Travel to Rice Road |
| 3:30pm-4:15pm | View Slurry Disposal site |
| 4:15pm-4:30pm | Travel to Ventura River Estuary at Pacific Ocean |
| 4:30pm-5:30pm | View Estuary and beach area |
| 6:00pm-8:00pm | Eat dinner on your own at Ventura Harbor |
| 8:00pm-9:30pm | Return to hotel by bus |

Description:

We'll stop just below the dam at Matilija Hot Springs. A short walk to the best view of Matilija Dam, is at the top of the left abutment. You can see what's left of the reservoir and the work completed on the eradication of the invasive giant reed (*Arundo donax*).

We will re-board the bus and head down the Ventura River Valley making a quick stop along Rice Road to discuss the slurry disposal sites and the high-flow sediment bypass at Robles Diversion Dam.

We end up at the Ventura River Estuary at the Pacific Ocean and spend about an hour in the area discussing the shoreline/beach and the estuary. There is a walking/biking path that allows for open access.

At 6:00, we will be at the City of Ventura, and the group can enjoy walking around by the ocean, in town, and eat dinner. We re-board the bus at 8:00 and return to the hotel by about 9:30.



What to Wear & Bring:

Make sure people know to bring comfortable shoes for walking in uneven terrain, sunscreen, light clothing, and a hat. Ventura weather link: www.wunderground.com/US/CA/Ventura.html

Food Offered:

Water and lunch will be provided. Following the tour, the group will head to Ventura Harbor for dinner options: www.vhvfood.notlong.com

Driving distance:

Distance is approximately 70 miles from downtown Los Angeles. www.lamapinfo3.notlong.com

Cost of Tour:

\$50.00 per person

(Fee includes lunch and transportation.)

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