



Field Trip Opportunities -- Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Purple Tour: Malibu Lagoon, Rindge Dam and Solstice Canyon (Tour is limited to 50 people)

Itinerary:

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| 11:30am | Depart Westin Bonaventure Hotel |
| 11:30am-12:45pm | Travel to Malibu Lagoon State Park |
| 12:45pm-1:15pm | Eat box lunch |
| 1:15pm-1:30pm | One-half to board a mini-bus and travel to Solstice Canyon and the other half will board a mini-bus and travel to Rindge Dam. |
| 1:30pm-2:30pm | One group to tour Solstice Canyon and One group to tour Rindge Dam |
| 2:30pm-2:45pm | Mini-buses return to Malibu Lagoon and switch groups |
| 2:45pm-3:45pm | Remaining group to tour Solstice Canyon and remaining group to tour Rindge Dam |
| 3:45pm-4:00pm | Travel back to Malibu Lagoon State Park |
| 4:00pm-5:30pm | Tour Malibu Lagoon State Park |
| 6:00pm-7:30pm | Dinner on own at Malibu Pier /local eateries |
| 7:30pm-8:30 pm | Travel back to hotel |

Description:

Malibu Lagoon State Park is located 45 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles where Malibu Creek meets the Pacific Ocean. The lagoon includes tidal-pools, saltwater marsh, and wetlands. The parking lot has been created utilizing bio-swales, with runoff during storms directed away from the lagoon. Everyone should take advantage of CA State Parks & Recreation staff led discussions of restoration on the work completed and what is planned in the 2nd phase of restoration. It may be a work in-progress by next summer. There are trails/walkways on-site for visitors to see the lagoon, and walk to the famous Malibu (Surfrider) Beach at the mouth of the lagoon. Two additional highlights of the site are the History Museum showcasing the local history from the Chumash Indians to the surf culture of the 1960's and the Adamson house, built in the 1920's preserving the lifestyle of one of the early local families. There is still a spigot that was part of the water pipeline from Rindge Dam to the house in the past.

Solstice Canyon is located off Pacific Coast Highway, approximately 45 minutes from downtown Los Angeles. Restoration includes a massive effort to control



Malibu Lagoon



Solstice Canyon

invasive weeds in order to encourage native re-sprouting following fire of 2007.

Rindge Dam was constructed by the Rindge family early in the last century for water storage as a water source to fight fires. Sheriff's Overlook is located immediately above the dam for a view of Rindge Dam, located several hundred feet below in a steep, narrow canyon. You get good views of the 100-ft high arch dam, built in 1926, a partial view of the spillway in the adjacent bedrock abutment, and the 750,000 cubic yards of impounded sediment. The feasibility of removing the dam is currently being studied by the US Army Corps of Engineers and local stakeholders.



Rindge Dam

What to Wear & Bring:

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

Food Offered:

Water and lunch will be provided. Dinner is on own – participants will be bused to Malibu Pier for dinner options: malibupierinfo.notlong.com

Driving distance:

Distance is approximately 40 miles from downtown Los Angeles. www.lamapinfo5.notlong.com

Cost of Tour:

\$50.00 per person

(Fee includes lunch and transportation.)

For Questions about the Tour Site, Contact:

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