

Field Session

Biology and Management of Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog Workshop

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is very important that you arrive on time! Please leave enough time for traffic, getting lost, and so forth. We will begin promptly and depart very shortly thereafter to places where it will be harder to meet us. In an emergency, call or text organizer Dan Brumbaugh at (831) 332 – 6933.

Driving/Carpooling

We will be meeting at the Sunol Visitor Center at 1895 Geary Road, Sunol, CA 94586. There is parking available at the Visitor Center. We always encourage folks to carpool when they can. We will meet in front of the Visitor Center and begin our field session there, and then we will head upstream to more field locations.

<https://goo.gl/maps/ENYobbKPyY4sPbSD9>

We also urge everyone not already vaccinated and boosted to do so if/as soon as possible, to reduce their risk of contracting and spreading the coronavirus.

Restroom

There will be restrooms available at the Sunol Visitor Center at the start of our field session. Once we depart the Visitor Center and head upstream, there will be no restrooms available.

Field Equipment

Waders or waterproof boots are recommended for the field sessions. We will not be venturing into the streams in frog breeding areas, but we will be walking along the banks where it can be wet and muddy, and possibly crossing shallow stream sections.

It is very important that all field gear be clean and disinfected prior to being brought to the field site to reduce the chances of spreading invasive organisms and/or pathogens. To clean and disinfect waders or boots, make sure all mud and debris is removed, then spray with a 4% bleach solution, wait three minutes, and rinse with water.

Comfort and Safety

Please consider bringing layers of clothing to be prepared for potentially wet, chilly and/or hot weather conditions. Sun hats are recommended. The field location contains streams along which participants will be walking. The sides of these bodies of water can be slippery, and there are no trained lifeguards as part of the training. If you are concerned about your ability to manage slippery aquatic conditions in field gear, please let the instructors or workshop organizers know.

We also encourage everyone to bring filled water bottles with them. We will not be providing food or beverages as part of the field training session, but there will be breaks when people can eat their own snacks, so please feel free to bring your own food and/or drinks.

The sites may also present the following hazards: ticks, leaches, fleas, mosquitoes, other biting and stinging insects, poison oak, and rattlesnakes. The sites have uneven ground and travel to and from the vehicles may include moderately difficult hike over these uneven surfaces.