

**2020 Los Padres Wilderness Basics Course
Car Camp at Sage Hill Group Camp
March 7-8 2020**

Camping Notes

1. **Who:** WBC students and staff only, please no extra friends, family members or pets.
2. **Where:** Sage Hill Group Camp, north of Santa Barbara, Live Oak Loop. If the road to Sage Hill is not passable due to high water, our back-up camp is Paradise Campground, in the same area.
3. **Arrival:** Saturday morning, 8-8:30 a.m., or Friday after 2 p.m. (Friday arrival optional.) Car Camp will conclude Sunday afternoon, after our day hikes.
4. **Carpools and Parking:** Please arrange carpools if you can. Parking is limited. The first 26 cars are included with the reservation. WBC will cover the \$10 charge for cars after those, but the fee adds up quickly, so carpools really help.
5. **Directions to Sage Hill Group Camp:**
Take Hwy 101 north through Santa Barbara, turn right on Hwy 154. Go north on Hwy 154 10.5 miles to Paradise Rd. Turn right, and go 5 miles to Forest Rd. 28W05, at the Los Prietos Ranger Station. Turn left and go ½ mile to Sage Hill Group Camp (across the riverbed), then turn left at the Live Oak Loop.
Directions to Paradise Campground (back-up): Same as above, but when you turn right onto Paradise Rd, go about 3 miles to the campground, on the right.
6. **Gear:** Refer to your “Backpack Checklist” and “Basic Car Camping Equipment”. You’ll need a tent and rain fly, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, camp chair (if you have one), 10 Essentials and day hiking pack. For map and compass practice, bring your map, compass, ruler and pencil.
7. **Clothing:** Prepare for warm temps during the day and cold at night. Dress in layers, and you should bring a warm jacket, gloves, and a warm hat. In case of rain, you will need a rain jacket with a hood or a rain hat, or a large trash bag.
8. **Food:** Bring lunch & dinner for Saturday, & breakfast, lunch, & hiking snacks for Sunday. For dinner on Saturday, bring your food & a small pot (we’ll have stoves). Bring a pre-dinner snack or small dessert to share or marshmallows to toast. If you don’t want to cook, bring something like a sandwich or a burrito. Wine or beer OK.
Bring utensils, a plate or bowl, and a cup. We’ll have a couple of ice chests to share for small items or you can bring one if you like. There is potable water at the campground.
9. **Firewood:** Available from the campground host. We’re not supposed to import wood.
10. **Trailhead parking:** Checkout time is 2 p.m. Sunday, so we need to move all our cars to the trailheads or the ranger station parking lot before the day hikes.
11. **Ranger Station:** The Los Prietos Ranger Station opens at about 8 a.m. Saturday only. They have some interesting wildlife displays, and also sell books and maps.

Come join us and have a great time!!