

Field Practicum

California Tiger Salamander Workshop

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is very important that you arrive on time! Please leave enough time for traffic, for getting lost, and so forth. We will begin promptly and depart very shortly thereafter to places where you cannot meet us. In an emergency only, call organizer Grey Hayes at (831) 728-8050.

Supplies and equipment

Waders or waterproof boots are required for the field sessions. Boots will be adequate if participants do not wish to venture into the water, but waders would provide the ability to conduct a thorough field investigation and to more thoroughly benefit from the hands-on elements of the training.

Carpooling

See the workshop web page 2 weeks prior to download and view a contact list of those registered for the workshop. You can contact others registered if you would like to ride share to the event.

Restrooms

There are no restroom facilities at the field location.

Comfort and Safety

Please be prepared for our sometimes very chilly conditions. Participants have been ill prepared in the past for the cold, windy, foggy, and moist conditions that are typical here on the coast. There is a possibility that it will rain, and fog can sometimes precipitate as if it were rain. The field locations contain bodies of water within which participants will be surveying. The sides of these pools are slippery, there is mud, and there are no trained lifeguards as part of the training. If you are concerned about your ability to swim, manage slippery aquatic conditions in field equipment, etc., please let the instructors or workshop organizers know.

We will not be providing food or beverage as part of the field training session. If you are concerned about these items, please be sure to bring them yourself.

The sites may also present the following hazards: ticks, leaches, fleas, mosquitoes, other biting insects, poison oak, and rattlesnakes. Difficult to penetrate shrub communities surround the sites; the field session includes opportunity to assess upland habitat and some participants may wish to explore this typically difficult territory. The sites have uneven ground and travel to and from the vehicles may include uneven surfaces and short, moderately difficult hikes.