

Invitation to all SCLH Photography Club Members
Re: SCLH Photography Club – Field Trip Adventure

Trip Dates: Tuesday, December 6, 2022

What: Photography Club Field Trip & Great Adventure – Day trip to **Gray Lodge Wildlife Area** in Gridley, CA. Here is a website for Gray Lodge that has descriptions, directions and maps. <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Gray-Lodge-WA>

Why: Gray Lodge is a winter stop over for thousands of migrating birds that use the Pacific Flyway. Not only birds are a photo op. Along the way to Gray Lodge there are pull-over vistas of farmlands with old barns and livestock and the Sutter Buttes (the smallest mountain range in the world) and especially along Clark and Township Rds. December is a great time to view the Buttes through the “skeletoned” orchards or even from the visitors’ parking lot at Gray Lodge.

Who: Everyone from beginners to advanced. All cameras from Smartphones to the latest from the high-end brands. We will help you with your camera and composition in the field if you request. Members are welcome to bring guests. Larry White and Robin Immen will be the leaders on this fun trip.

When: Tuesday, December 6: This is the prime time to see many winter-only birds of the water, land and sky. Also, the fields and mountainsides are finally green (hopefully) for landscape photographs and there will be water in the rice fields for reflections. The dormant orchards make for interesting patterns and shapes. There are old barns, horses and cattle dotting the fields along the route.

How to Travel: Individuals are responsible to find or provide their own transportation. Meet at Orchard Creek Sports’ Center parking lot at 8am. Although it is about 1 ½ hour straight drive, we plan to be at Gray Lodge around 10:00-10:30 due to stopping at vista points along the way. There are hiking trails and a Car Tour Loop at the Lodge. The length of time you spend there will depend on how long you want to hike and/or picnic along with the driving the loop.

Plan your own activities

Walking: There are several nice, flat trails that take you out to various ponds, observation decks and vistas.

Photographic Scenes: **Birds** - water fowl, predators, land fowl; **Landscape:** Farms, Sutter Butte mountains, watery rice fields.

Cost: Gray Lodge requires a Land Pass at \$4.89 per person/per day. There is a kiosk in the visitors’ parking lot to buy passes – Cash or check only.

Meals: Each person is on their own to plan snacks/lunch. Gray Lodge has picnic tables. We drive through Yuba City, both ways, which has many different kinds of restaurants.

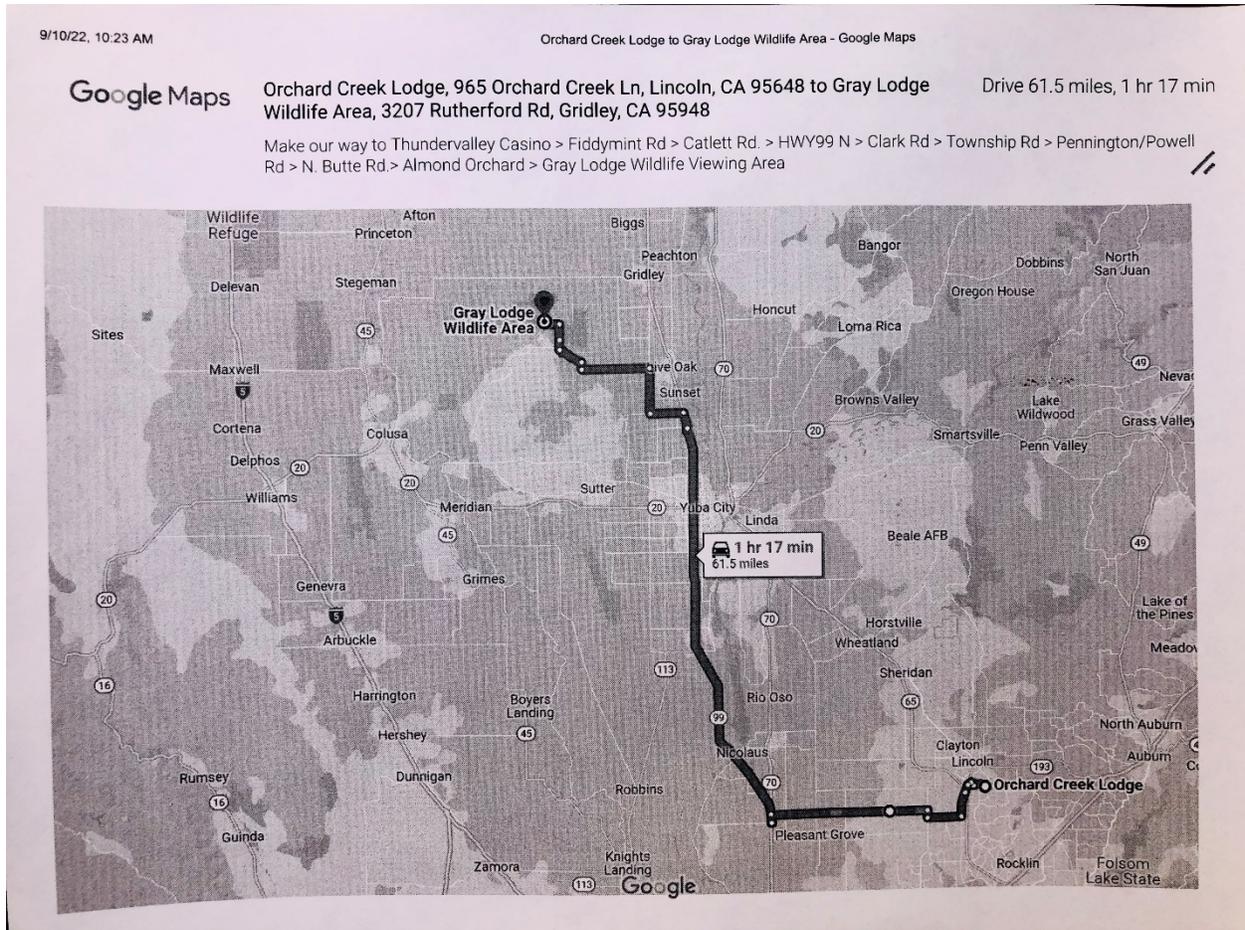
Sign Up: No need to sign up for this easy-going day trip, just join in where you wish.

Larry and Robin's itinerary:

8am - Meet at Orchard Creek

10:00/10:30 – Gray Lodge Visitors' Parking lot

12:30/1:00 – Return to Lincoln



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Live life to the fullest while you are able

This is an opportunity to have a life enhancing adventure