

High Hand Nursery & Café
3750 Taylor Rd, Loomis, CA 95650
Friday Morning, April 7, 2017

What: Photography/videography Field Trip – Day Trip to local icon High Hand Nursery & Café in nearby Loomis. Lunch in small groups can follow at the Café.

Why: A local trip with many image subjects including flowers, colorful plants (at the height of the nursery spring color presentations), the old packing house, koi ponds, small waterfalls, art and antique objects, landscape statuary and much more. This a great place for macro photography, silky water, patterns, curves, textures and other compositional opportunities all within a walkable area.

Several years ago our club visited this site on a learning exercise led by a Canon Master of Light, Jennifer Wu. After she perfected her techniques with our challenging group, she has become an accomplished author of photography books and leads photo field trips, some costing more than \$15,000 plus transportation and lodging. Our trip will be free of course, except for lunch.

Who: Everyone who enjoys natural beauty and a new adventure.

When: **Friday Morning , April 7, 2017.** The manager of High Hand, Lynn, has approved our group for photography/videography. She requests that we give them a little time to open and get set up for the day. **We have agreed that we will not arrive before 9:20 A.M.** Please honor our commitment, don't arrive early. We will have plenty of time to shoot photos prior to lunch. You can also continue shooting after lunch or just skip lunch.

We will meet at the OC Lodge parking area near the Fitness Center (outside the indoor pool area of the FC). We can then carpool to save on the limited parking lot at High Hand. If you don't want to carpool and will be driving separately, feel free to arrange your own carpool.

Lunch planning. The **Café opens at 11:00 A.M.** It has an excellent reputation (even on the Yelp! reviews). See below for suggestions on planning your lunch reservations.

Where: Loomis, about a 20 minute drive from OC Lodge. At 3750 Taylor Rd, Loomis, CA 95650 for your Google search or GPS.

Walking: This is relatively easy walking, similar to the trails around SCLH. Be aware; however, that the ground may be uneven and nursery layouts can be hazardous so use caution. As always, your safety is foremost and don't overextend your abilities. We recommend good sturdy hiking or walking shoes.

Camera equipment: Bring whatever you need including tripod/monopod. Be mindful to not create a hazard or block the isles for others with your tripod or camera bags. High Hand is a business and many customers may be present. Also, "if you break it, you bought it" rules apply.

Clothing & Weather: Same as Lincoln. We recommend a hat or visor, sun lotion, lip balm, long sleeve shirt, jacket, etc. as we will be outdoors for several hours. Lunch is also, al fresco, and may be cool enough for a light jacket.

Restrooms: Yes.

Cost: None expected except for the damage you do to yourself at lunch or in the gift shop.

Meals/food: We suggest you plan on having lunch at the excellent Café.

As we are a fun-loving group and enjoy meeting new people and getting to know folks better in the photography club, it would be a nice gesture to try to have people share lunch tables.

When you "respond" and signup for this trip via email, we will send out the list of signups so you can contact others to set up reservations for lunch together in small groups of 4 or 5. Thus everyone can get to know each other better and this is an excellent way for newer members to easily integrate. This may also be how we can best set up "car pools" or ride sharing. (I do not have the time to set up lunch reservations, please make your own arrangements.)

High Hand **strongly recommends that we make reservations for lunch** as they do sell out on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

This is a real experiment but hopefully everyone will meet new friends and enjoy the time together.

We **do not** have a "group reservation" at High Hand for lunch, each person is on their own, so when you call for a reservation, don't mention our photo club or it will just cause confusion.

Guests: Yes, we encourage you to bring guests on this local field trip. Perhaps someone that may be interested in joining our photography club.

Advance Sign up requested: Send an email to me, Les Thomas at 7thomas33@gmail.com to register for this trip. You must do this via email, as at my age, if it's not in writing, it didn't happen!

If you register for this trip, I will then be able to let High Hand know how many of us will be in the nursery and I will be able to keep you informed of additional details and updates to this trip and invite you to the Show & Tell Party.

Carpooling: Yes, highly encouraged but not required. This may be done via our lunch table groups as described above as you will then all be finishing lunch at the same time.

We plan on meeting everyone at the OC Lodge parking lot nearest the in-door pool area near the little used south-east corner of the parking lot (which may have a construction project underway). **Time to meet is not later than 8:45 A.M., depart for High Hand at 9:00 A.M.**

Pre-Trip Planning Party and Post-Trip Show & Tell Party. There will be **no pre-trip party** for this local day trip. We do plan to have **a post-trip Show & Tell party** combined with other local field trips. The date will be in late April or early May, date to be announced later.

Questions?: Email Les Thomas as noted above or give me a call at 543-0203 but you can only sign up for this trip via email.

Website: Check our website: lhphotoclub.com for more information on this field trip as it gets posted including updates.

Cheers,
Les Thomas

Enjoy life, go on a photography/videography field trip and experience the wonders all around you.

Bring home images of great beauty and equally great memories of adventures enjoyed with friends.