



# SAN DIEGO BIRD FESTIVAL

## 2024 Meet You There Field Trips Driving Directions

This document contains the driving directions for all of the San Diego Bird Festival field trips that meet at a trip location other than Marina Village Conference Center. Please attend only the field trips for which you registered. Phone numbers given in descriptions are intended for your use if you are lost/unable to make it to the trip. For registration changes, please contact Jen Hajj at (801)671-9505. Bicycle trips, Digiscoping with Swarovski Optik and Pelagic trips meet at Marina Village Conference Center. 1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109

### Thursday

#### **La Jolla Photography with Alex Eisengart** 6:30 am to 10 am

We will meet at the Sea Watch at Stan's Bench. (Coordinates: 32.850981, -117.273476) Park along Coast Boulevard near the La Jolla Cove Hotel. Starting at 6:30am, we will be finding birds and taking photos along the coast between Coast Boulevard Park and Point La Jolla. Alex will arrive at La Jolla by 6:15, but the workshop will not officially start until 6:30. He'll be waving a sign around, and is hard to miss! We should be out by around 10am.

Contact Alex 216-339-8143

#### **Dancing with Grebes** 7 am to 10 am

The leader will contact you with directions to the meeting place.

**Tecolote Canyon** 8:00 am to 11:00 am

5180 Tecolote Rd, San Diego, CA 92110 Coming North on I-5 take exit 21 to Tecolote Road, turn right off the freeway onto Tecolote Road from the freeway, continue straight crossing Moreno Blvd, continue past the Rec Center. Pass the stop sign into a small access way into the nature center parking lot.

Coming South on 1-5 take exit 21 Sea World Dr/Tecolote Road, Turn left off the Freeway onto Tecolote Road, continue straight crossing Moreno Blvd, continue past the Rec Center. Pass the stop sign into a small access way into the nature center parking lot. Contact Anitra 6195171168

**Kayak Eco Tour** 8:00 am to 11:00 am

[Bayside Park, 999 Bayside Pkwy, Chula Vista, CA 91910, USA](#). Please be aware there is some construction in the area that you will need to drive around. Look for the popup tent with Chula Vista watersports on it. We suggest bringing a reusable water bottle, layers, sunscreen, a hat, and sandals that can get wet. Also, consider bringing a towel and a change of clothes for after kayaking. Do not bring valuables. Lastly, be sure to arrive on time (tours depart promptly). If you have any trouble finding the area please call or text [number based on guide]. Michael: (858) 334-9427 Ali: (951) 323-2000 Shailey: (714) 768-3158

**Beginning Birding** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

2800 Ingraham St, San Diego, CA 92109 Google maps: Model Yacht Pond. NE Corner of Model Yacht Pond, 5 min S of Convention Center. Text 858-735-5970

**Famosa Slough** 10 am to noon

We will meet just inside the trailhead about 40yds west of the intersection of W Point Loma Blvd and Famosa Blvd. The closest and easiest place to park is street parking on either W Point Loma Blvd or Famosa Blvd and the surrounding neighborhood. Street parking is free. The main street (W Point Loma) posts 3-hour time limits, but our trip is scheduled to be less than that. There is a dirt parking lot at the southern terminus of the property at the intersection of Valeta St and

Famosa Blvd. That lot is a 10 minute brisk walk to our meeting place on the trail.  
Contact Ian Swirka (978) 766-0494

**Santee Lakes Photography with Alex Eisengart 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

We will meet up between lakes 4 and 5 at the entrance to the general store (a map of Santee Lakes is attached). Coordinates: 32.857576, -117.006684

Simply park in the parking lot here, or park along Lake Canyon Road and walk via a connector trail. From here, we will use the seed that they sell at the general store to feed the ducks. I will arrive at Santee Lakes by 2:45, but the workshop will not officially start until 3:00. I'll be waving a sign around, I'm kinda hard to miss! We should be out by around 6pm. Contact Alex 216-339-8143

## **Friday**

**Mission Trails Photography with Alex Eisengart 6:30 am to 10 am**

We will meet at the entrance to the Kumeyaay Lake Campgrounds. You can either park at the parking lot across from the campgrounds, or along Father Junipero Serra Trail (don't worry, it's a road). From here, we will walk around the campgrounds to the lake, down Serra Trail, across Old Mission Dam, and hopefully to Oak Canyon. I will be right at the entrance to the campground at these coordinates: (32.839060, -117.033528). I will arrive at 6:15am, but we will not start hiking until 6:30am. We should be done with the workshop by 10am.  
Contact Alex 216-339-8143

**Dancing with Grebes (See Thursday) 7 am to 10 am**

**San Elijo Lagoon 7:00 am to 10:00 am**

2710 Manchester Ave, Cardiff, CA 92007 San Elijo is located just off the I-5 between Solana Beach (to the South) and Cardiff/Encinitas (to the North). The easiest route is to take the I-5 to Exit 39, Manchester Avenue, and head west toward the ocean. The Nature Center entrance is at a stop light on Manchester Ave. approximately 0.75 miles west of exit 39. If you are headed west on Manchester Ave, the Nature Center entrance is on the left, but parking there is

extremely limited, so we advise you park at the Water Treatment Plant (33.0142036, -117.2732836) just across the street and walk to the entrance. There is also some parking along Manchester Ave. Contact Geoff 858-306-9771 or Dave 858-243-0224

**Kayak Eco Tour** (See Thursday) 8:00 am to 11:00 am

**Tecolote Canyon** (See Thursday) 8:00 am to 11:00 am

**Slow Birding on the Birds and Bike Trail** 9:00 am to 11:00 am

495 10th St, Imperial Beach, CA 91932 Park and meet at the City of Imperial Beach Public Works Department parking lot at the end of 10th St. One van accessible space on a concrete pad is available in a gravel parking lot. Note that no bathrooms are available onsite; the closest ones are in local businesses or at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve, however the Visitor Center doesn't open until 10am.

**Famosa Slough** (see Thursday) 10 am to noon

**Beginning Birding** (see Thursday) 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Tijuana Estuary with Alex Eisengart** 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

We will meet at the very end of Seacoast Drive at 3:00pm sharp. I will be waiting at 2:45. The drive curls into a cul de sac right before reaching the ocean. Connecting off of the cul de sac, there is a little boardwalk overlooking the marsh. This is where I will be, on the overlook off the North Beach Trail. My coordinates are, (32.566453, -117.131973). There is parking along Seacoast Drive. Try to park as far down as you can, there should be parking available. We will start by patrolling the marsh area along Seacoast Drive before heading into the dunes. We will walk a little over a mile down the beach, and we should be back to our cars by 6:00 or 6:15pm. Contact Alex 216-339-8143

## **Saturday**

### **Rocky Shores** 7:00 am to 11:00 am

From I-5 northbound, exit on La Jolla Parkway, proceed into La Jolla, turn right on Prospect. At the split in the road, fork right to Coast Blvd., go down the hill to the Cove area. Park anywhere you can (this can be a challenge!) and meet just to the north of the Bridge Club at "Stan's Bench" at the point. From I-5 southbound, exit on La Jolla Village Dr., turn right (west). Left on Torrey Pines Rd., proceed to Prospect, and follow above directions.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/LE7xH4zz3QV7sJR5A>

### **Dancing with Grebes** (See Thursday) 7 am to 10 am

### **The Big Sit** Drop in between 8 am and 5 pm

Join Dan Jehl in an attempt to see all of the birds at the San Diego River Estuary. Along the San Diego River across Quivira Way from Dock H of Mission Village Marina Look for the pop-up along the bike path. Come and stay as long as you like!

Coordinates: 32.7589, -117.2369 Contact Dan Jehl 619-972-1655

### **Kayak Eco Tour** (See Thursday) 8:00 am to 11:00 am

**Photo Stroll** 8-10 am The parking lot to the Lagoon will not be open at 8 am so we will be parking across the street (North side) in the San Elijo Water Campus parking lot. 2677 Manchester Ave. The address noted is approximate. If you are using Google Maps or the equivalent, just enter "San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center" to get directions. We will share some light refreshments, coffee, and introductions in the parking lot up until 8:15 am before heading across the street to the Lagoon. Feel free to call or text if you're lost or running late. 858-472-2027

### **Behind the Scenes at the Nat** 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Meet in the parking lot East of the Natural History Museum

**Tecolote Canyon** (See Thursday) 8:00 am to 11:00 am

**Santee Lakes Family Birding and Photography** 9:00 am to 10:30 am

We will meet up between lakes 4 and 5 at the entrance to the general store (a map of Santee Lakes is attached). Coordinates: 32.857576, -117.006684

Simply park in the parking lot here, or park along Lake Canyon Road and walk via a connector trail.

**Kayak Trip on Mission Bay** 9:00 am to noon

Please note that there are two kayak trips (Mission bay and Eco Tour), and make sure you know which one you have registered for! Mission Bay Resort 1775 E Mission Bay Dr., San Diego, CA 92109 - Action Sport Rentals. Parking is available in the parking lot North of the resort at 1093 E Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109. If you park here, you will need to walk South down the boardwalk towards San Diego Mission Bay Resort. You can also park on E. Mission Bay Dr. in front of the resort, and you will need to walk straight through until you see the boardwalk and Action Sport Rentals. We suggest bringing a reusable water bottle, layers, sunscreen, a hat, and sandals that can get wet. Also, consider bringing a towel and a change of clothes for after kayaking. Do not bring valuables. Lastly, be sure to arrive on time (tours depart promptly). Contact 858-334-9427

**Famosa Slough** (see Thursday) 10 am to noon

**Canyon Walk with Canyonlands** 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

2360 Del Mar Scenic Pkwy, Del Mar, 92014 From I-5 go west on Carmel Valley Road. Turn right at the stop light at Del Mar Scenic. Follow Del Mar scenic until it ends and park on the street. You should see a trail entrance and tennis courts. Meet near the trail entrance. During the festival participants can contact Melissa Tu by phone 760-822-6175. If we get a lot of rain, the meeting location may need to be changed.

## **Sunday**

**Tecolote Canyon** (See Thursday) 8:00 am to 11:00 am

**Kayak Eco Tour** (See Thursday) 8:00 am to 11:00 am

**Kayak Trip on Mission Bay** (See Saturday) 9:00 am to noon

**Famosa Slough** (see Thursday) 10 am to noon