

PISMO BEACH SAND DUNES TRIP NOTES
February 26th – 28th 2010



Hello all, let's kick up some sand! Join us for a fun filled weekend on the Dunes of Pismo Beach. The sea of sand nestled next to the beauty that is our pacific coast leaves one feeling cradled by Mother Nature while the fluttering wing of earth's angels, the monarch butterflies, in their annual migration makes the experience surreal.

The closely packed sands of Pismo Beach offer themselves to the perfect rugged off-roading adventure with rolling dunes to satisfy the adventurer in



us all. Come enjoy the last remaining coastal sand dunes open to Off-Highway Vehicles formerly known as Pismo Beach. There are about 3,500 acres in the SVRA, with 2,000 set aside as buffer/preserve. The prevailing winds that blow in from the ocean push sand particles up into wave-like crests that run north-south creating the perfect off-road adventure.

The "Butterfly Trees" of Pismo Beach are one of

our most beloved attractions from late October through February; thousands of colorful Monarch butterflies cluster in the limbs of Eucalyptus and Monterey Pines in the area, giving the appearance of yellow and orange leaves. They travel over the Sierra Mountains and west of the Rockies. Some come from as far away as Canada to escape the colder temperatures of the north.



Our adventure begins:

- Friday campers arrive at the Pismo Beach Oceano camp grounds for check-in after 2pm. If you plan to arrive later than 8pm please contact a trip leader.

Refreshments and a "Get to know your Neighbor" talent show will commence at 6:30pm, talent is not required but encouraged as fun ice breaker!

- Saturday campers will be responsible for their own breakfast. At 10am participants meet at host campsite to assemble for *ATV rentals. Rental fees are not included in the trip price. After the mandatory safety training the fun begins! Please bring a snack; we plan to have a late lunch around 2pm at one of the surrounding Beach restaurants. Campers are encouraged to explore Pismo Beach and the surrounding area meeting back at our campsites at 5pm to prepare for the GO potluck which starts at 6pm.

- Sunday we'll visit the Pismo Beach Monarch Grove butterfly park located at the North camp grounds after campers have enjoyed their prepare your own breakfast. Goodbyes and checkout at 12pm.

A grand time it will be!

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Trip Cost and fees:

Members \$35.00 Non-members \$55.00 this amount includes a one year GO membership. Day Trip fee \$10 *ATV rentals provided by Angello's ATV Inc. within walking distance from the camp grounds at 307 Pier Ave. Participants are responsible for all applicable fees (a refundable cash deposit is required). Angello's is offering **2 for 1 rental rates** so participants are encouraged to bring a friend or your trip leaders will help you find a partner. Beginners 250 Ex Sport Quads \$55.00 an hour with 2hr min. \$100 dep. Experienced 400 Ex Sport Quads \$65.00 an hour with 2hr min. \$200 dep. Gas charge of \$5.00 per vehicle

Equipment List:

Don't forget your Camera and extra batteries/film. Campers should bring an assortment of plastic (trash) bags and zip-lock bags to keep from getting sandy.

Cancellations must be made in advance. To receive a 50% refund you must cancel no later than February 15, 2010 no refund will be given after this date.

Additional items and FYI: Sites are limited to 8 people and 3 vehicles depending on length (max. 24ft), carpooling is highly recommended, no RV hookup's and no beach camping. There is NO overflow parking available. Contact a trip leader to help you find a carpool group from your area. Day-trippers will be responsible for parking outside of park.

Pets are welcome but must be kept on leashes no longer than 6' and in a tent or enclosed vehicle at night. Except for guide dogs, pets are not allowed in park buildings, on trails, or on most beaches.

Weather: 55.5 is the avg. temp. in February- High 65.8 Low 44.1 Pismo Beach, CA climate is mild during summer when temperatures tend to be in the 60's and cool during winter when temperatures tend to be in the 50's. The annual average precipitation at Pismo Beach is 17.79 Inches. Winter months tend to be wetter than summer months. The wettest month of the year is February with an average rainfall of 3.87 Inches. Please be prepared.

Gear:

Sleeping bag (rated to at least 35° F) and sleeping pad
Tent with rain gear
Duffel bag/backpack
Personal hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, biodegradable soap (e.g. Ivory or castile soap)
Sunscreen/lip balm
Water bottles (2 liters)
Pocket knife

Clothing:

Sunglasses and sun hat or bandana
Flashlight/ headlamp
Hiking or walking shoes
Socks
Gloves/mittens
Shorts and long pants
T-shirts and long sleeve shirts
Coat, Jacket/ fleece pullover
Warm (wool) cap
Warm jacket and warm pants

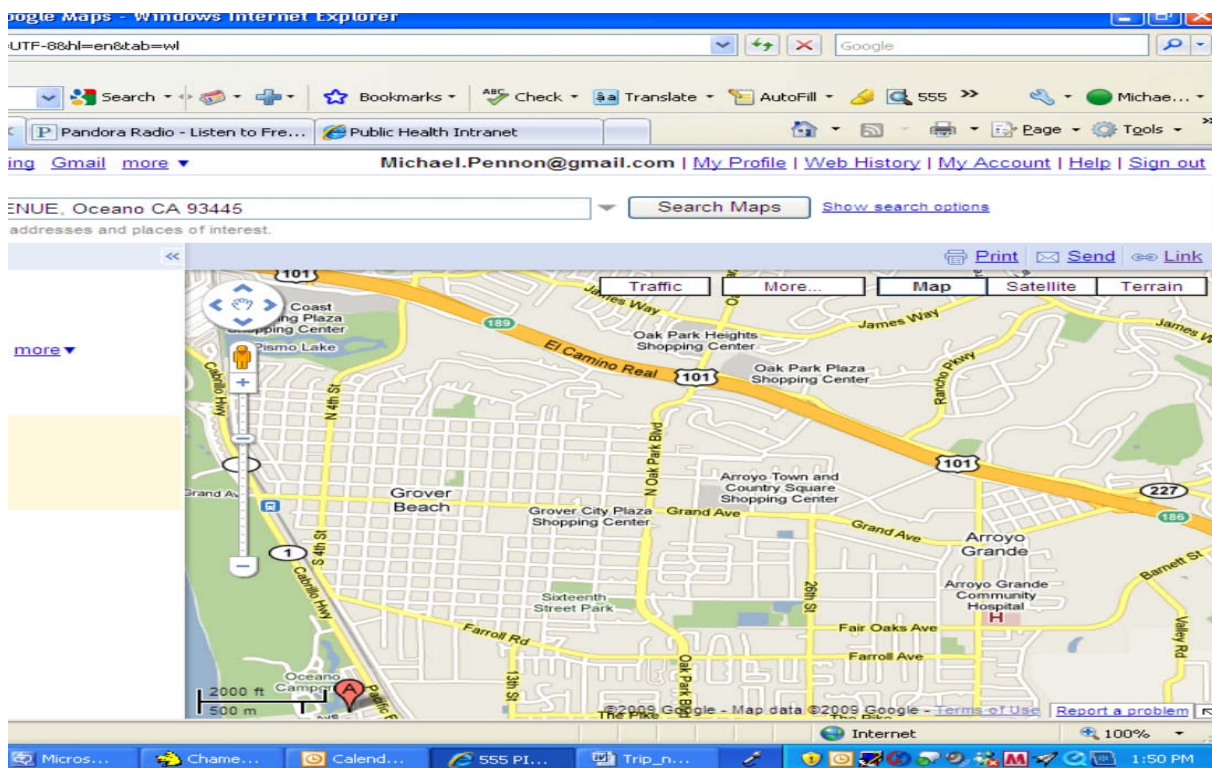
Food:

2 Breakfasts
2 Lunches
1 Dinner
Snack items
Eating Utensils
We have a tea party planned for Friday evening.
The surrounding area has plenty of restaurants for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Directions:

Reservations are not site specific, so please see Trip leader for assigned location at arrival. If special accommodations are needed please contact a Tripler at least one week in advance.

Pismo Beach 555
PIER AVENUE
Oceano CA 93445



From LA it's 178 mi (about 3 hours and 21 mins) and Santa Barbara it's 83.8 mi (about 1 hour 55 mins). Take the 101 north to exit 189 for 4th street. Turn left at 4th St and drive 1.1 miles to Grand Ave. Turn right at Grand Ave. and drive .2 miles and take 2nd left onto CA-1 S/Pacific Blvd. Drive .7 miles and take the first right onto Pismo State Beach. You are here!



Pismo Beach, Car Camp ATV and Butterfly Adventure

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Make check payable to **Great Outdoors** and mail to:
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Name (*please print*) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

GO Member # _____ Chapter: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone #: _____

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____

Group/Policy # _____

Physician: _____

Physician's Phone #: _____

I am carpooling with _____

I need a ride? Yes or No I Can offer a ride? Yes or No

Registration Fee

Member **\$35.00**

Non-Member **\$55.00**

(includes e-membership)

Day Visitor **\$10.00**

Total Enclosed _____

Please note: There are no cancellations unless approved on a per-case-basis by the primary trip leader.

For trip leader's use

Date: _____

Check#: _____

Amount: _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY, MEDICAL RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT

I am aware that my participation in this GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. trip may include potentially hazardous activities, and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with the knowledge and understanding that I will use my best judgment to avoid injury to others and myself.

I agree to follow the directions of the trip leader and abide by the rules of the facility I am using. I hereby release GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. including its officers, trail or trip leaders, agents or other persons working with GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. from any liability for injuries, physical or mental, which I may suffer by reason of participation in these activities.

I recognize in waiving this liability that I assume sole responsibility for my actions and cannot blame any injuries or losses on any other persons connected with GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. Our registration & cancellation deadline is one week prior to the first day of each outing.

I hereby agree to assume full financial responsibility for any bills incurred by me for medical treatment as a result of my participation this GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. activity. In the event that I am unable to consent to medical care, I hereby authorize the trip leader to consent to emergency medical treatment for me, including hospitalizations and surgery, as may be determined under the circumstances.

Health problems/allergies: It is the responsibility of participants to carry on their person a record of significant allergies, medications, and medical history in the event of a medical emergency.

Signature _____ Date _____