

Peninsula Geological Society Field Trip April 3, 2004
Panoche and Tumey Hills, NW San Joaquin Valley
Leader: Hilde Schwartz, U.C. Santa Cruz

The number of people should correspond to the number of seats available in reliable 4wd vehicles (and Hummers are excluded as we'll be using some rather narrow jeep trails). The trip will be focused on one drainage (Escarpado Canyon), so it will be kid-friendly and the steep slope stops will be optional. The more kids the better. The one critical unknown is the weather: if it is really muddy out there we won't be able to get to where we need to go, so if that weekend is really wet, we might have to cancel. Otherwise, Hilde's looking forward to seeing us out there and getting our feedback. See <http://www.diggles.com/pgs/2004/PGS04-01.html> for Hilde's presentation on this area.

Folks close to Stanford should meet at Geology Corner. Folks close to USGS meet at the flagpole outside Building 3 (topo map sales). The area is about 110 miles away so **meet about 7:00 AM**. Bring water, a lunch, hat, sunscreen, water, hammer, handlens, and, uh... water.

Directions To The Panoche Hills Field Site

From Palo Alto:

- Take Hwy. 101 south (past San Jose and Gilroy) ~ 50 miles to Hwy. 152 intersection. Turn left (east) on Hwy. 152.
- Take Hwy. 152 East ~45 miles (towards Los Banos, past San Luis Reservoir) to the Interstate 5 intersection. Turn right (south) on I-5.
- Take I-5 South ~34 miles. Exit at Panoche Rd./Firebaugh offramp*. Meet on the south side of McDonald's (near outside restrooms).

*This will be the SECOND (southernmost) Firebaugh offramp that you encounter on this stretch of Interstate 5.

From Santa Cruz:

- Take Hwy 1 south to Watsonville. Exit at Hwy. 129 offramp. Turn left (east) on Hwy. 129.
- Take Hwy. 129 east ~ 14 miles to Hwy. 101 intersection. Enter 101 N onramp.
- Take Hwy. 101 north ~5.6 miles to Hwy. 25 offramp. Exit. Turn right (east) on Hwy 25.
- Take Hwy. 25 East ~ 0.2 mile. Turn left on G7 (Bloomfield Road).
- Take G7 ~4 miles. It dead-ends at Hwy. 152. Turn right (east) onto Hwy. 152.
- Take Hwy. 152 East ~38 miles (towards Los Banos, past San Luis Reservoir) to the Interstate 5 intersection. Turn right (south) on I-5.
- Take I-5 South ~34 miles. Exit at Panoche Rd./Firebaugh offramp*. Meet on the south side of McDonald's (near outside restrooms).

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MEETING TIME: 9:45 AM