



Field-based Natural History Courses In and About the Klamath Siskiyou

Dear Siskiyou Field Institute Participant:

You are registered to participate in “Exploring the Hidden World of Truffles” with **Scot Loring** on **November 17th through 19th, 2017**. Please arrive to sign in and meet your instructor Friday the 17th by **1:00 p.m. at the Deer Creek Center**. The class will conclude about 5:00 p.m. Sunday the 19th.

Your balance due is \$ _____

Tentative Course itinerary*:

Day 1: Classroom lectures on target truffle species. Periodic breaks to examine specimens, including under microscopes.

Day 2: Field foray to present and implement truffling techniques.

Day 3: Lab time to examine collections made during the field foray and those from the instructor’s personal collection.

Saturday and Sunday will run from 9 am until approximately 4 to 5pm. Instructor is more than willing to stay longer and assist students well into the evenings.

**Please note: Times are approximate and subject to change.*

Appropriate attire and supplies:

Sturdy shoes	Hand lens
Hat	Water
Lunch/snacks	Binoculars
Sun screen	First aid kit
Trekking poles	Field clothes
Small backpack	Tweezers/probe
Three to four tine garden rake	Knife for opening truffles

*Dissecting microscopes for class use will be provided by Siskiyou Field Institute. We also have a few compound microscopes available, but if you have your own compound scope, please feel free to bring it to the class.

Suggested texts: *Survey and Manage Fungi Handbooks*, General Technical Report numbers PNW-GTR-476 and PNW-GTR-572 (PDF versions available online at no cost)

Trappe, M., et al. 2007. *Field Guide to North American Truffles*. Ten Speed Press.

Trappe, J., et al. 2009. *Diversity, Ecology, and Conservation of Truffle Fungi in Forests of the Pacific Northwest*. PNW-GTR-772

The instructor will bring digital copies of all three GTRs. Please bring a thumbdrive to store them.

You are responsible for your own safety and should **bring necessary medications** (such as allergy medications, bee sting or insulin kits, sugar, etc.) you might need during this course. We suggest you tell other participants of a condition with which you might need their assistance (diabetes, allergic reaction, etc.).

Directions: Deer Creek Center (DCC) is located at Siskiyou Field Institute, 1241 Illinois River Road in Selma, OR.

From Grants Pass – Take Hwy 199 (Redwood Highway) south to Selma (approximately 20 miles). Turn right at the blinking light in Selma onto Illinois River Rd. There is a 76 gas station on the corner. DCC is on the left approximately 1.5 miles up Illinois River Rd.

From Cave Junction - Take Hwy 199 (Redwood Highway) north to Selma (approximately 9 miles). Turn left at the blinking light onto Illinois River Rd. There is a 76 gas station on the corner. DCC is on the left approximately 1.5 miles up Illinois River Rd.

Please note: Most SFI courses require at least some driving. Students often opt to carpool to course sites to minimize environmental impacts to the area. Please be aware, however, that there will be no liability on the on the part of Siskiyou Field Institute for carpooling activities. Carpooling is a voluntary action of the participants.

Accommodations: SFI invites you to stay with us during your course, and we offer discounted rates to those attending our classes. **To reserve your space, call us or visit www.thesfi.org.** Check-in time is 4pm; check-out time is 11am. If you arrive when the office is closed please call caretaker, Lillie Hazelton, at 541-787-5303 (you might want to call from the highway – cell phone reception at SFI is sketchy). Lillie's number is also posted on the doors of Kendeda House.

- **Camping:** \$8/night per person
- **Yurt #1:** (bunk bed in a shared room w/electricity) \$12/night per person
- **Yurt #2:** (bunk bed in a shared room, no electricity) \$10/night per person
- **Dorm:** (bunk bed in a shared room in house) \$20/night per person
- **Private room with bath:** \$50/night for one, \$10 for each additional person.

***SFI is a pet-free and smoke-free facility. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!**

Meals are *not* provided in the course tuition. Please arrange to supply food for yourself. There is a restaurant and a grocery store in Selma. If you are staying in SFI's ranch house (private room or dorm spaces) you will have access to the kitchen for food preparation. If you are camping (yurts or tent camping), there is a covered pavilion with picnic tables where you may set up your camp stove.

Environmental Precautions: To prevent the spread of **sudden oak death, Port Orford cedar disease** and **noxious weeds**, the Forest Service requests that participants **wash the undercarriage and wheels of their vehicles** before driving on public lands. Those coming from California (especially Marin, Sonoma, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties) should pay particular attention to such cleaning. Please tend to it before class time. Forest Service permit guidelines require that you **wash the soles of your boots/shoes**. We will have a boot washing station onsite at registration.

Payment Policy:

30 or more days before course	\$25 or 25% of tuition, whichever is greater, to reserve space
29-15 days before course	50% tuition due
14 days before course	Balance due* (or space not guaranteed)

**If full tuition is not received one week prior to the start of the course, we cannot guarantee your space in the class.*

Cancellation Policy:

30 or more days before course	Full refund minus \$25 administrative fee
29-15 days before course	50% refund
Less than 14 days before course	No refund

We look forward to seeing you. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns.

The Siskiyou Field Institute Staff

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