



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

Dear Siskiyou Field Institute Participant:

You are registered to participate in **Estuarine Ecology: South Slough by Kayak on Sunday, May 19**. Our new instructors for this field course are Marty Giles and Joe Metzler. Please arrive to sign in and meet them by 9:30 a.m. at the Troller Rd. kayak launch (directions below). The class will conclude approximately 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. If you are interested in joining us for a group dinner afterward, please let Kathy Pyle know by email (programcoord@thesfi.org).

Your balance due is \$ _____

Tentative Course Schedule:

9:30 a.m.

The group meets at the kayak boat launch on Troller Road, off Cape Arago Highway, about a block south of the east end of the Charleston Bridge. There is a small blue kayak sign on Cape Arago Highway at the Troller Road intersection.

We'll spend about an hour on the introduction, talking about estuaries (with handouts), launching the boats, and doing a brief safety instruction.

It will be important that everyone take advantage of the "blue box" at the launch site before we launch since we won't have another opportunity before we return to the launch site.

10:30 a.m. - Start on the water, paddling mostly south, and stopping a time or two to raft up and talk about what we see—birds, primarily.

11:30 a.m. - Land on the south or southeast side of Valino Island for the land-based portion of the paddle and to eat lunch.

12:30 p.m. = Relaunch to continue paddling south, stopping two or three times to raft up and talk about what we see—birds, landscape interpretation, research/monitoring activities.

2:30-3 p.m. - Haul out at Hinch Bridge, arriving with the tide (just at or before slack water).

3-4 p.m. - Return to vehicles at launch site.

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

Appropriate attire and supplies

Water sandals or shoes for kayaking

Binoculars

Water

Closed-toe hiking shoes

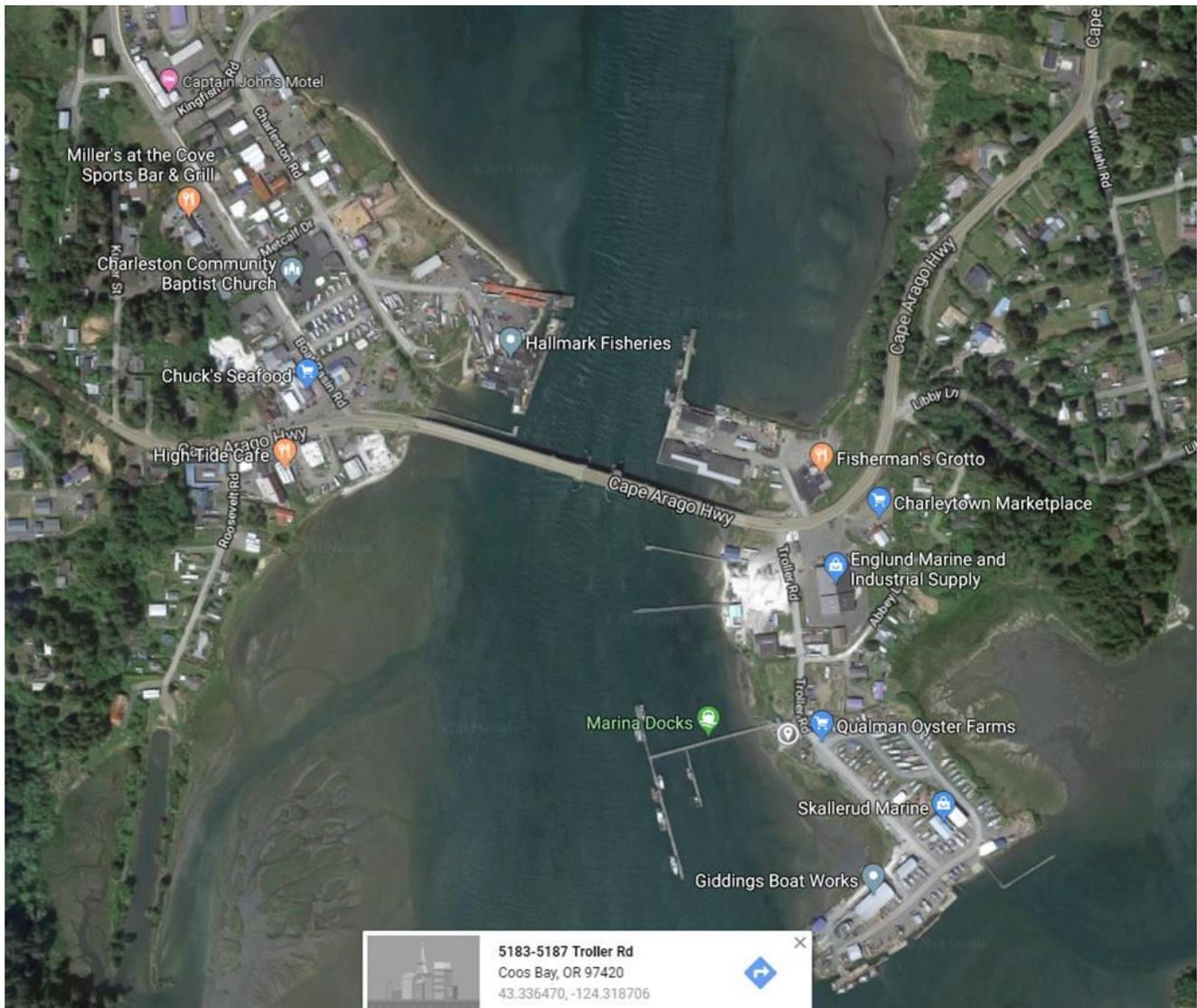
Water-repellent clothing for kayaking

Snacks

Reference books/field guides/apps: National Geographic Society or Sibley guides. SFI has extra copies of the Peterson Western Birds Field Guide.

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: [See Google Maps](#). The kayak launch is located on Troller Rd. right off Cape Arago Hwy. in Charleston. If you get lost or will be delayed, please call Kathy Pyle on her cell phone (541-324-3077).



Note about carpooling: 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: See attached list for Charleston-area lodging. Please note that Oregon Institute of Marine Biology will not have any lodging available the weekend of our trip.

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)

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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