



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

Dear Siskiyou Field Institute Participant:

You are registered to participate in **Native Ferns** with Linda Vorobik on **Wednesday and Thursday, May 15-16**. Please arrive to sign in and meet your instructor by **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15**. **Class will conclude around 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16**.

Your balance due is \$ _____

Tentative Course Schedule:

Wednesday, May 15

9:00 a.m. Meet at SFI for introductions and a classroom presentation on fern terminology, structure and reproduction.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Field trip to local sites to observe ferns in rock, forest and riparian habitats and practice keying.

Thursday, May 16

9:00 a.m. Meet at SFI to arrange carpool and meet our foray guide, Lee Webb. We will be traveling to a secret high-elevation site where we will not only see several ferns but also some rare wildflowers (hopefully in bloom). Bring a sack lunch, plenty of water and a hat and rain jacket.

5:00 p.m. Return to SFI. Class concludes.

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

Appropriate attire and supplies:

Sturdy shoes	Hand lens, magnifying glass or similar
Sack lunch	Water
Field clothes/Light jacket	Binoculars and birding guide
Hat	Daypack
Camera	Sunscreen

Background reading and field guides: Bring the Jepson Manual, 2nd edition if you have it. SFI has a few copies of the 1st edition. There are also some good fern guides available either new or used, including the *Pacific Coast Fern Finder* by Glenn Keator and Ruth M. Heady and *Mosses, Lichens & Ferns of Northwest North America* by Dale H. Vitt, Janet E. Marsh and Robin B. Bovey.

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:

SFI/Deer Creek Center (DCC) is located at **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 at DCC 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 at Deer Creek Center 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 DCC is sketchy). Lillie’s number is also posted on the doors of Kendeda House.

- **Camping:** \$12/night double occupancy
- **Yurt #1:** (bunk bed in a shared room w/electricity) \$18/night per person
- **Yurt #2:** (bunk bed in a shared room, no electricity) \$16/night per person
- **Dorm:** (bunk bed in a shared room in house) \$24/night per person
- **Private room with bath:** \$55/night for one, \$13 for each additional person.

Deer Creek Center 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 DCC’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**.

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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