

4 August 2012

The LHSCG trip to [Big Springs Gardens](#) is on August 4th.

You will be given trip instructions the morning we leave, no need to print this.

We will meet at the Orchard Creek Lodge Parking lot on August 4th at 8:45 AM for a 9:00 AM departure. There are 20 cars so we will split into two groups. Michelle and I will lead one (gold Lexus SC430), and Tony and Kathy Mason will lead the 2<sup>nd</sup> group (red Corvette). The groups will leave a couple of minutes apart to avoid congestion.

Set your radios to channel 6.

If you want detailed maps of the areas we will be driving, you can get AAA's "Gold Country" and "Sierra Nevada-Lake Tahoe Area" maps. These do a good job of covering the roads we will be driving.

We will take a scenic but paved route to the north side of Auburn via Baxter Grade where we will get on Highway 49 at Dry Creek Road. The remainder of the trip is via Highway 49 and approximately 100 miles one way.

Our one pit stop will be for 30 minutes at the Starbucks or other places near the Raley's parking lot on Freeman Lane in Grass Valley at about 10:00 AM. The Grass valley Starbucks is across the street from Raleys. Raleys serves coffee at their bakery counter. They also have restrooms. There is also a Subway and Jamba Juice in the same shopping center.

**We will not be able to park all of our cars together in the large shopping center parking lot. We will regroup on Freeman Lane after exiting back in the direction that we came. There is plenty of room to line up in a single row with some space between groups. Please be lined up and ready to go at 10:30 AM. We should depart at 10:30 AM to get to Big Springs at noon.**

From the coffee stop, it is about 90 minutes to Big Springs Gardens. It's Highway 49 all the way to Big Springs Road. About an hour after Starbucks there will be an opportunity to make an unplanned pit stop in Downieville, but we will not stop as group. Parking is typically too limited in Downieville in the summer and it is less than 30 minutes from Downieville to Big Springs Gardens, our destination. The route instructions are on the next page if you need to stop and catch up later.

We will arrive at Big Springs Gardens at about noon. We will have our own parking area with someone there to direct us to it.

From the parking lot to the eating area is about a 1/4 mile walk over a trail. If anyone in your car has difficulty walking, you may drive them up to the eating area, and then take your car to the parking lot. As you enter the property, there will be a Y in the road with the left road going to the eating area; regular parking is up the right hand road.

Hors d'oeuvre will be served at 12:00 Noon and the main meal at 1:00. Plan to stay a while after lunch and enjoy the trails around the property. Trail maps are available in the lunch area, which is central to everything.

The trip home is on your own. Good luck and drive safe.

**Orchard Creek to Big Springs Gardens  
32613 California 49  
Sierra City, CA 96125**

Totl Dist	Dist	Turn		Road	
0	0	Meet	at	Orchard Creek Lodge	8:45
0	0	Depart	at	Orchard Creek Lodge	9:00
0.1	0.1	Turn right (E)	on to	Del Webb Blvd	
0.2	0.1	Turn left (NNW)	on to	Sun City Blvd	
1.6	1.4	Turn right (NNE)	on to	Ferrari Ranch Rd	
2	0.4	Turn right (E)	on to	SR 193 (No sign)	
7.7	5.7	Turn left (N)	on to	Gold Hill Rd (Easy to miss)	
8.5	0.8	Bear Left	continue	Gold Hill Rd	
9.9	1.4	Turn right (E)	on to	Wise Rd	
10.8	0.9	Turn left (NE)	on to	Baxter Grade Rd	
12.7	1.9	Turn right (E)	on to	Mount Vernon Rd	
13.4	0.7	Keep left (NNE)	on to	Joeger Rd (Straight at stop sign)	
15.1	1.7	Turn right (E)	on to	Dry Creek Rd (Easy to miss)	
15.9	0.8	Turn left (N)	on to	Highway 49 (No sign) Arco AM/PM on the left Dutch Bros Coffee on the right	
33.1	17.2	Off ramp	on to	McNight Way offramp	
33.3	0.2	Turn Left	on to	McNight Way, at overpass, there is no street sign	
33.5	0.2	Turn right (N)	on to	Freeman Ln	
33.6	0.1	Stop	to parking lot	Best parking is 2nd entrance to lot on the left. Park near the street. Starbucks has moved to across the street, we will walk there. 30 Minute stop. Next section is 90 minutes without a scheduled restroom stop	10:00
33.7	0.1	Turn Right & Regroup	on to	Regroup on Freeman Ln	10:30
33.8	0.1	Turn left (ENE)	on to	McKnight Way	
34	0.2	Turn left (NW)	on to	Highway 49	
39.6	5.6	Turn left (NNE)	on to	Continue on Highway 49	
81.9	42.3	The group isn't going to stop because of parking congestion. Potential Individual Emergency Stop.	at	Entering Downieville there is a parking lot on the right with small shops. There are public restrooms there and private ones in the general store across the street. If you need to stop here, catch up with us at Big Springs.	11:30
82.1	0.2	Right turn	on	Highway 49 makes a 90 degree turn onto a small bridge in the middle of town.	
82.3	0.2	Left turn	on	Continue highway 49	

97.8	15.5	Left turn	on to	Big Springs. About 1/4 mile past the 5000 foot elevation sign. At the 32.60 milepost. (small white vertical signs)	
97.8	0	Left turn	towards	Big Springs Gardens and into parking area.	12:00

