



Field Trip Jalama Beach September 20th & 21st, 2014



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Field Trip Chairman

I have collected excellent material along the Santa Barbara County coast around Gaviota State Park and Jalama County Park is reported to have better material and is more isolated than the state beaches.

There is a lot to collect in the area, such as agate, jasper, chert, petrified whale bone, travertine onyx, marcasite, jade and other fossils. The agate comes in colors in shades of brown, honey, gold and clear, often displaying beautiful lace-like patterns. These can be found along the shoreline for as far as you care to walk, either north or south. There is a huge outcropping of travertine onyx about 1.5 miles north of the parking area. The best onyx is from the deposit itself, so you'll need to take the necessary tools with you.

The jade can probably be found on the shoreline nearer Jalama Creek. Fossils of fish and plant imprints can be found in the cliffs behind the campground, but be wary as the cliffs are not very stable, loosening the sandstone to retrieve the fossils could cause a larger slide of material.

Come for the day or for the weekend. For beach reservations call (805) 568-2460, Jalama Park office (805) 736-3504 and for recorded information (805) 736-6316. The Day Use Vehicle entry fee is \$10.00, camping fee is \$28.00.

For those who can't get reservations at Jalama Beach, but still want to go, I was able to find 4 motels in Lompoc that were under \$100 / night. They are Rodeway Inn (805) 735-3737, Comfort Inn & Suites (805) 735-8555, Motel 6 Lompoc (805) 735-7631 and Days Inn (805) 735-7744. In Buellton I found three motels that were under \$100 / night. They are Motel 6 Buellton (805) 688-7797, Days Inn Windmill (805) 688-8448 and Pea Soap Andersen's Inn (805) 688-3216.

As usual, please confirm with me if you are planning to attend so that I can keep you updated on the trip or notify you if it changes in any way. (626) 914-5030.

Somewhere in California,
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