

It generally takes just over 2 hours to get to the Reserve from the Davis/Sacramento area. The directions are to the Reserve headquarters, and we'll make sure the gate is open prior to the agreed upon meeting time. Remember to ask us for the combinations to the gate lock and the field station key box if you will be needing these in the future.

Please find below three different possible routes to McLaughlin.

(1) THE LEAST SCENIC BUT EASIEST DRIVING HIGHWAY ROUTE (also takes about 10 minutes more than the other two routes detailed below):

- **From Davis, drive north on Freeway 113 to Interstate 5**
- **Once on Interstate 5, keep going north to Williams.**
- **At Williams, turn west onto Highway 20** and drive west for about 33 miles.
- **Watch out for the left-side turnoff for Hwy 53** (sign says "south shore".) This takes you to Clearlake and Lower Lake.
- **Turn left** on Hwy 53, drive roughly 10 miles to Lower Lake.
- **At the traffic light in Lower Lake, turn left** (this is the fourth traffic light you will have encountered since turning onto Hwy 53). Main Street Lower Lake turns into Morgan Valley Rd.
- **The turnoff to the reserve headquarters is about 13 miles from Lower Lake on Morgan Valley Road.** Watch the road reflectors on the right side of the road, they count the mileage as you drive away from Lower Lake. At about 12.75 miles as per the road marker mileage, you will see a two-lane paved road coming in from the right, and a sign with the address "26775 Morgan Valley Rd".
- **Turn right at the paved road/sign, drive through the gate, up the hill, park in front of first building on your left, which is the Reserve field station and headquarters.**

(2) THE SCENIC BUT NOT PARTICULARLY SECLUDED ROUTE.
If you want to take this route, and it has rained heavily recently, call 1-800-427-7623 to make sure Hwy 16 is open

- **Leave Davis going east on Covell.** Just before Winters, take Hwy 505 north, then take the Hwy 16/Esparto off-ramp , turn left onto Hwy 16. Follow Hwy 16 to Hwy 20 (about 45 miles, it'll take you through the small towns of Esparto, Capay, Rumsey, etc.)
- When you meet Hwy 20, turn left.
- Continue for about 18 miles. Watch out for a sign indicating a left-side turnoff for **Hwy 53** (sign says "south shore".) This takes you to Clearlake and Lower Lake.
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(3) THE SHORTEST, MOST REMOTE, AND SCENIC ROUTE.
(Take this route only if it has not rained heavily sometime within the past 3 day – there are some stream crossings which will have high water but which are otherwise completely manageable by a low-clearance vehicle when the creeks are not swollen. Also, heavy rain may bring down trees, which may block the

route. If you have any questions about this route, call the Reserve (707) 995 9005 or email mclaughlin@ucdavis.edu before coming up this way to see if we know about the condition of this route)

- From UC Davis, take **Freeway 113 north**.
- **Get off on the "Covell" exit** and turn left (west) at the intersection. Covell becomes Highway 128 as you drive west.
- Drive west for about **12 miles**, and you'll encounter the town of **Winters**. Drive straight west through Winters. Make sure you have at least half a tank of gas – if not, tank up at the Chevron just as you enter Winters.
- Continue driving for about another **20 miles**. You will encounter **an intersection** coming in from the right. Straight ahead takes you to Napa. Turning Right takes you towards Lake Berryessa and Rutherford on the 128. **Turn Right**.
- In about **4.5 miles, watch for the sign for the upcoming intersection** to "Lake Berryessa" and "Spanish Flat". The intersection comes in from the right, and there is a small store there called Turtle Rock. At the intersection **turn Right**, toward Lake Berryessa / Spanish Flat.
- Now you just drive. **Don't take any turns; just keep going straight**. The road will follow the lakeshore, then it will leave the lakeshore, then it will become one lane, and follow along a small canyon with small cement stream crossings that are almost dry in the summer and fall. **The road is one-lane for about 14 miles, after which it becomes two-lane again and passes through a short tunnel**.
- Drive **another 4-5 miles past the tunnel**, and keep your eyes open for a NAPA painted on the road. 1.25 miles past that NAPA, you will see a two-lane paved road coming in from the left, and a sign with the address "26775 Morgan Valley Rd".
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