

Directions from the Bay Area (FYI, it takes about 2.5 hours with light traffic to get to the Reserve from Oakland). 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.

We have supplied two potential routes for your consideration.

Main-roads way through the Napa Valley:

- Take I-80 north to Vallejo, cross the Carquinez bridge (4\$ toll). Alternately, if you come in on I-680, once you cross the Benecia bridge (4\$ toll) immediately get onto I-780 west to Vallejo, then go north on I-80.
- About three miles after I-780 and I-80 merge, you'll see the exit for Napa. Take that exit, and follow signs to Napa and Hwy 29 (the signs aren't the greatest, so keep a look-out for them).
- Stay on Hwy 29 to Lower Lake (you'll go through several Napa Valley towns, then a winding road takes you over Mt. St. Helena, then you'll pass through Middletown, after which it's about another 15 miles to Lower Lake)
- At the traffic light at Lower Lake, turn Right onto Main Street, which becomes 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.

Scenic Back-woods way (only to be taken if it has not rained heavily in the last 3 days – 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):

- Take I-80 or I-680 north to Vallejo/Fairfield, cross the Bay (remember, bridge toll 4\$), keep heading towards Sacramento and keeping your eyes open for the location where I-680 merges with I-80.
- IMMEDIATELY after the junction of I-80 with I-680, watch for and take the Suisun Valley Rd. exit
- Left onto Suisun Valley Rd.
- Keep on Suisun (changes name to Wooden Valley Rd.) until you reach a T-intersection with Hwy 121 (about 9 miles)
- Turn Right onto 121
- In about 4.5 miles, when you encounter the intersection with Hwy 128, turn left.

- In about 4-5 miles, you'll see signs for Lake Beryessa/Spanish Flat to the right. Turn Right onto that road (it's easy to drive past that intersection, so watch for a small store, the right turn is immediately past that small store). I'm not sure it's signed, but that road is Knoxville-Berryessa Rd.
- Now you just drive for about 38 miles to get to the main gate of the Reserve.
Don't take any turns, just keep going straight.
- During that 38 mile stretch, this is what you will experience:
The road will follow the lakeshore for about 10 miles, then it will leave the lakeshore, then it will become one lane and follow along a small canyon for about 14 miles (you'll go over small cement stream crossings that might have significant water in them during the rainy season, but are quite "crossable with care" by a low-clearance vehicle unless recent heavy rains have caused the creeks to swell and flood), then the one lane road leaves the canyon and starts to climb uphill for a few miles (and you'll start to see the orange Ecological Study Area signs, which denote the eastern reaches of the Reserve), after which the one lane road will come up to the top of the hill and become two-lane again. At this point, you'll pass through a short tunnel, then watch for a large white NAPA painted on the road in about 3 miles. 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". That's where the main gate is.
- At the "26775 Morgan Valley Rd", turn left onto the paved road on the left, drive through the gate, up the hill, park in front of first building on your left, which is the Reserve field station and headquarters.