Directions to the McLaughlin Reserve from Marin County/south Sonoma County. Total driving time is about 2 hours from Novato, 1.5 hours from Santa Rosa. 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.

- Go north on US-101 to the north end of Santa Rosa
- Take the exit toward RIVER RD / GUERNEVILLE. 0.2 miles
- In about 0.2 miles, turn RIGHT onto MARK WEST SPRINGS RD. MARK WEST SPRINGS RD becomes PORTER CREEK RD.
- When you are stopped by a T-intersection, turn LEFT onto PETRIFIED FOREST RD.
- When you reach a traffic light near Callistoga, turn LEFT (north) onto FOOTHILL BLVD / CA-128.
- 0.7 miles up the road, turn RIGHT onto TUBBS LN.
- When Tubbs comes to an end at a T-intersection, turn LEFT onto CA-29 / CALISTOGA GRADE RD / LAKE COUNTY HWY. Continue to follow CA-29 for about 29 miles to Lower Lake.
- At the traffic light with a Shell Station on the left and parking lot on the right, you've reached Lower Lake. Turn Right onto Lower Lake's Main Street (which is also MORGAN VALLEY ROAD).
- 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.