

Activities and Fieldtrips

On Saturday, February 17th the Cal Poly Plant Conservatory, Leaning Pine Arboretum, and Robert F. Hoover Herbarium will be open all day for California Botanical Society visitors. The conservatory and herbarium are less than 100 yards from the meeting and banquet locations and would make a nice visit during the graduate student symposium lunch break. The Leaning Pine Arboretum is a short drive or long walk from the meeting location. Please see the campus map on the previous page and the websites below for directions and more information. Below is also a list of possible field trip sites in the San Luis Obispo area for before or after the meeting.

Cal Poly Plant Conservatory

The Cal Poly Plant Conservatory is a large glasshouse facility located in the center of the Cal Poly campus. The primary mission of the Cal Poly Plant Conservatory is to maintain a diverse, well-documented, and accurately labeled living plant collection supporting and enhancing teaching and research for the faculty and students of Cal Poly. A secondary goal of the Conservatory is to help foster education about plant biology and conservation of rare species through support of community outreach programs.

<http://www.plantconservatory.calpoly.edu/>

Robert F. Hoover Herbarium

The Robert F. Hoover Herbarium is a museum containing about 57,000 mounted plant specimens representing the diverse flora of western North America and other regions. In addition, the herbarium contains several thousand more unmounted specimens that are a part of ongoing research projects plus an extensive seed collection. The herbarium's collections, library, and laboratory facilities are a fundamental resource for student and faculty research in plant systematics.

<http://www.calpoly.edu/~bio/Herbarium.html>

Leaning Pine Arboretum

Located on the Cal Poly campus, the arboretum occupies five acres overlooking the campus with dramatic views of the nearby coastal mountains. Collections are arranged primarily by nativity and feature a diverse array of trees, shrubs, and other landscape plants appropriate for California's Central Coast area. The gardens display hundreds of unique and intriguing plants primarily from the world's five Mediterranean climate regions.

<http://www.leaningpinearboretum.calpoly.edu>

Local Field Trip Sites:

Elfin Forest in Morro Bay - <http://www.morrobay.com/index/elfin/home.htm>

Oso Flaco Lake, Guadalupe Nipomo Dunes - <http://santalucia.sierraclub.org/osoflaco.html>

Sweet Springs Nature Preserve in Los Osos - <http://www.morrocoastaudubon.org/sweet.htm>

Natural areas around Cal Poly - <http://polyland.calpoly.edu/PLACES/index.html>

Montana De Oro State Park - http://www.stateparks.com/montana_de_oro.html

Santa Barbara Botanical Garden - <http://www.sbbg.org/>

