

Wildlife, Wildflowers and Condors at the Pinnacles

WEST Pinnacles National Park

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Thank you for your interest in the Pinnacles National Monument-West class with Cabrillo Extension!

Our Pinnacles program will begin on the **western** side of the park. This side is accessed down Hwy 101 to the community of Soledad, from which there are numerous road signs through the town to guide you to the access road up to the park. Once through the entrance gate into the park, proceed beyond the large Visitor's Center and go a bit further to the **Chaparral Creek Parking area** at the end of the road. We will gather here promptly at the posted start time. There are well-maintained restrooms here, and this is the location where we will take lunch, so you will not need to carry your mid-day meal with you during our field experience. Please arrive promptly – your instructor will begin the day's activities at the posted start time, so leave time to find parking, use the restroom, and pay any applicable park fees.

Participants should be properly prepared for comfort. This includes clothing suitable for variable weather (it can be quite warm by mid-afternoon), a bag lunch and beverage (there are no food services within the park), and both snacks and a trail beverage or canteen with water.

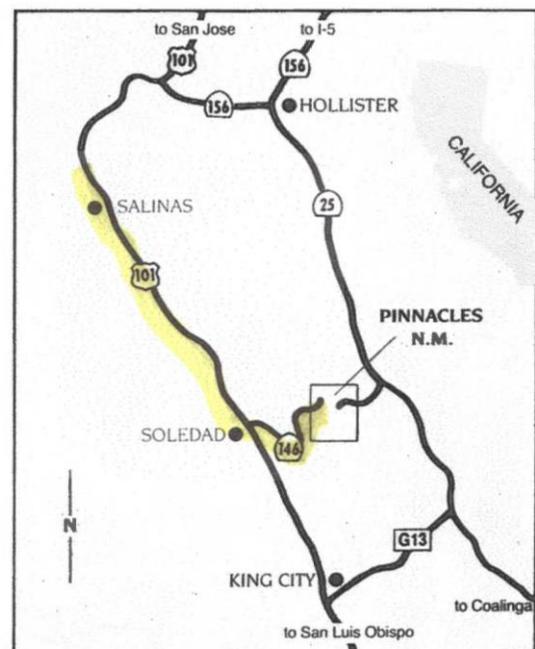
Comfortable footwear well broken in for rugged terrain is a must, and preferably something you wouldn't mind getting wet.

A brimmed hat or cap to protect against strong sun glare will be useful and a binocular will greatly enhance your enjoyment of the wildlife. If it is a good rainfall year, the wildflower display should be excellent at this time.

Please leave your dog or other pets at home! This class may occur in sensitive wildlife areas, and is subject to applicable national or state park or wildlife preserve regulations.

Entrance and parking fees of up to \$25.00 may apply. If you have an annual National Parks pass or a Golden Eagle pass, you are encouraged to bring it. We make every effort to keep you posted about changes regarding off-site locations, but please check with the site for the most up-to-date information.

From the Monterey Bay area to Soledad, the drive is about 1 hour. Allow an additional 45 minutes for the attractive, but windy access road through Shirttail Canyon beyond Soledad (see map) to the parking lot.



See the link for additional directions to your class location: <https://goo.gl/maps/9ZzqPaE7RCF2>

Please call the Cabrillo Extension office at 831-479-6331 if you have any questions.