

# Wilderness Torah

## Reconnect to Your Roots

### Everything You Need to Know about the Sukkot on the Farm Festival 2011!

**Festival Schedule:** The Festival starts at 5PM on Thursday, September October 13, and ends at noon on Sunday, September October 16. Dinner will be served until 8:30 on Thursday. Please email [info@wildernesstorah.org](mailto:info@wildernesstorah.org) as soon as possible if you will be missing any meals, so we know how much to cook! Last year's schedule of events is up on [www.wildernesstorah.org](http://www.wildernesstorah.org). We truly hope you'll attend the entire festival, as we create a sacred community together. If you are unable to come Thursday night, please try to come by Friday morning at 10AM for the Opening Circle.

**Getting There:** We highly encourage everyone to carpool to the farm. When registration closes, we will post an online carpool board so you can find driving partners. Driving directions are below.

**Tribes:** Tribes are small groups of about 12 people that help us get to know each other. Tribes have a check-in circle each day, and the tribe will also be your meal prep/clean team. Each tribe has a *Rosh* (head) as its leader and facilitator. You'll be assigned to a tribe once you arrive at the farm.

**What to Bring:** Be prepared for a range of weather, from warm and sunny to rainy and chilly. And don't forget to bring beautiful things to decorate our communal sukkah!

#### Important Items You Might Forget:

- Your own plate, bowl, mug, cup, and utensils  
– *Please label these!*
- Your wooden name tag from previous festivals

#### Optional Items:

- Something you've harvested (figuratively or literally) for the *mizbeach* (holy table)
- Songs, stories, & jokes for Thursday talent night and campfire
- A jar of water from your home area for our water drawing ceremony
- Massage oils, hydrosols, healing ointments, etc for the healing space (see requests in email)
- Something to read
- A journal to write or draw in
- Camera
- A camping chair or cushion to sit on
- Yoga mat
- Your siddur if you use one
- Musical instruments/drums
- Dry foods for our food drive for Coastal residents

#### Communal Items:

- Decorations for the sukkah- tapestries, rugs, pillows, pretty things that hang, flags, etc.
- Food from your fruit tree or garden (*let us know in advance if you have a large quantity of something*)

#### Personal and Camping Gear:

- Raingear
- Warm Jacket
- Warm and comfortable clothes/layers
- Comfortable socks and shoes
- Long pants
- Comfy, warm clothes to sleep in
- Comfy clothes to lounge and play in
- Festive attire for Shabbat if you wish
- Sunglasses and Sunhat
- Underwear
- Hat, scarf, gloves
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- A pillow
- Tent, ground cover, rain fly, stakes, hammer
- A water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries
- Flashlight and batteries
- Any medications you need

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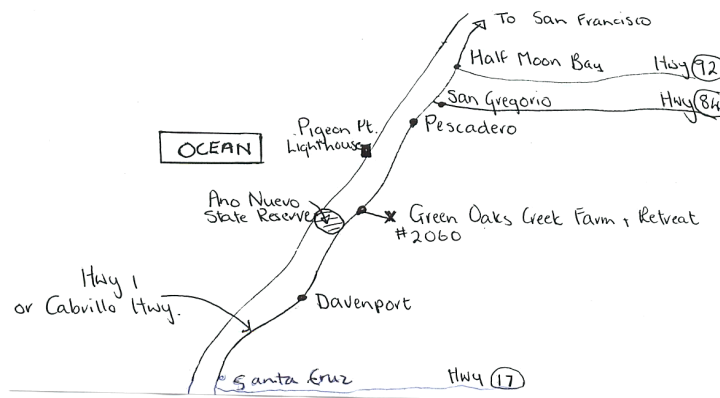
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**\*\* Please be aware that Sunday is the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival, which will you are welcome to stop by on your way home, and will cause some congestion on Hwy 1. See Page 3 for alternative routes back.**

**How to Get There:** Here are directions to Green Oaks Creek Farm & Retreat (you can look at the farm's website for additional info directions from San Francisco). Green Oaks is located off of Hwy. 1, approximately ½ an hour south of Half Moon Bay and ½ an hour north of Santa Cruz. **Do not use Google or Mapquest beyond Highway 1, use the directions below:**

**From the East Bay:** Take either 92 to Half Moon Bay or 84 to San Gregorio, both of which connect to Hwy. 1. **If you are taking 92, start your odometer at the junction of Hwy 1. Drive south on Hwy 1, past the turn off to the town of Pescadero (Pescadero Creek Rd), 15.5 miles.** After you pass Costanoa on your left and the sign for Rossi Road, there will be a passing lane. As this passing lane narrows into one lane again, slow down and look for a sandwich board that says "Pie Ranch" and a small brown sign that says "Green Oaks Creek Farm" which are on your left, **another 11.3 miles, or 26.8 miles total.** (If you get to Año Nuevo State Reserve you've gone too far.). This sign is placed between two parallel dirt driveways: take the southern of the two driveways. **See directions below.**

**From Points South:** Drive north on Hwy. 1. You will pass the town of Davenport, Wadell State Beach, and Año Nuevo State Reserve. After you pass the Reserve (approx. ½ a mile), our dirt driveway is the first right after the highway opens to two lanes. You will see a small sign on your right that says "Green Oaks Creek Farm". This sign is placed between two parallel dirt driveways: take the southern of the two driveways. **See directions below.**



**From the driveway:** Soon after you turn onto the dirt road there is a turn off to the left – stay to the right. Proceed 4/10th of a mile (you will pass through a stand of eucalyptus trees) until you reach a distinct Y in the road. Take the left fork of the Y (there is another sign here that says "Green Oaks Creek Farm"), drive through the deer fence gate (please shut it behind you) and drive 3/10th of a mile until you see a parking sign on your right. Please park in the designated parking area.

### Farm Rules, from Paul and Stephanie, the farmers:

Greetings and welcome.. Since we are welcoming you to the land where we dwell, we ask that you in turn remain mindful of our rules during your stay.

- 1) Cars - a) Carpool whenever possible, b) Shut deer-fence gate behind you on our driveway, c) Please drive SLOWLY on our dirt road to help minimize dust and road maintenance, d) Remain parked in parking lot: do not drive around on property.
- 2) No pets.
- 3) No mountain bikes.
- 4) Respect privacy of the 4 dwellings on the property.
- 5) Do not wander onto neighbors' properties.

- 6) Camp in designated camping area only.
- 7) Fire – a) Always have water present, b) NEVER leave fires unattended – designate someone as fire keeper, c) Put out fire with water when done, d) Don't leave burning candles unattended
- 8) Be aware that mowed areas and trails have significantly less ticks.
- 9) If you come across a shut gate when walking around, shut it behind you. If you don't, deer and/or our farm animals can potentially devastate our crops.
- 10) Do not enter animal paddocks or feed the animals. Much of the fencing around the animals is electric.
- 11) Quiet time – 11:00 p.m.

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## The Local Pumpkin Festival may affect travel on Sunday:

A note for all journeyers returning home on Sunday at the end of the festival: The Half Moon Bay Annual Art & Pumpkin Festival is October 15-16 from 9am-5pm. This festival creates extreme traffic on Hwys. 1 and 92. You can sit back and enjoy the slow ride, and you might even check out the festival, which features the country's giant pumpkin weigh-off, locally-made pumpkin ice cream and pumpkin pie, arts, crafts, face painting and games for kids of all ages, live music, and more!

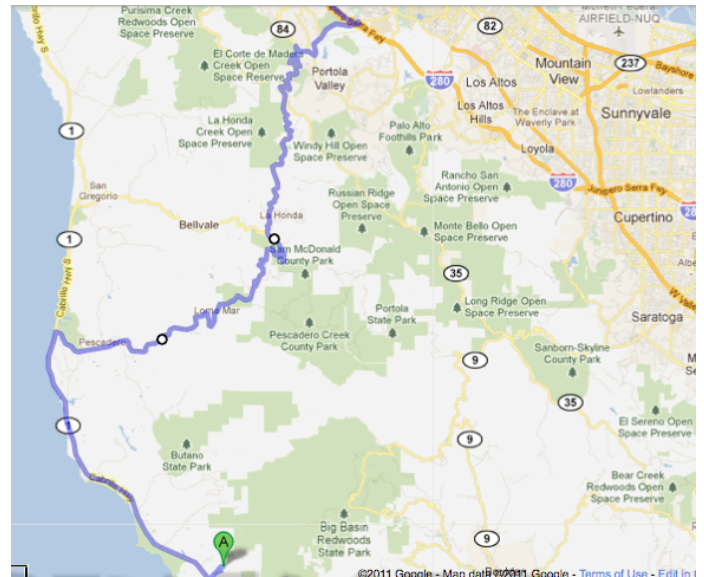
*To avoid traffic, try one of these two alternate routes:*

Hwy 1 north from the farm to Pescadero, and turning right onto Pescadero Road, which turns into Hwy. 84, a one-lane windy road that will take you through Loma Mar, up and over Skyline, and down into Woodside where you can catch Hwy. 280.

Alternatively, drive south on Hwy. 1 from the farm and take Hwy. 17 eastbound to Hwy. 85 to Hwy. 280 for all destinations in the peninsula, San Francisco and North Bay. To get to the East Bay, take Hwy. 17 to Hwy. 880 North. This route will take you into Santa Cruz, which can be a nice detour anyway!

### Alternate Route Rough Maps:

Alternate Route #1: Take Hwy. 1 North to Pescadero Road which turns into Hwy. 84 over the mountains to Hwy. 280 (note it is a windy road):



### Alternate Route #2 - Taking Hwy. 1 South to Hwy 17 East and around the bay back to Berkeley:

