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SPRING FIELD TRIP Saturday, April 15, 2017

WHERE: Foothill Flowers around Lake Isabella, With Naturalist Janet Westbrook

HOW: 8:00 a.m., meet at the Museum for check in; participants will be required to sign liability waiver. Car caravan will be organized and carpools encouraged. About 200 miles RT driving from Ridgecrest.

COST: \$25 members (\$40 for 2 members), \$30 nonmembers (\$50 for 2). The member price applies to members only, not nonmember guests. Family members encouraged.

NEEDED: Full tank of gas, car and tires in good running order. 4x4 not at all necessary, but there will be some dirt road driving short side roads.

Usual dress code for field trips applies: hat, sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes, layered clothing, water, camera, binoculars. Water!!

Trip Description:

The Kernville area is very green and holds promise for great wildflower displays. This is the day before Easter, a good time to be outdoors. We'll go over Walker Pass and take the south shore road and admire a very good looking Isabella Lake! Flower and water start at Mountain Mesa. We'll head down the freeway part of 178, but can't stop, just admire the green oaks and lupines, poppies, and popcorn flower covered hillsides. Then we turn back toward the lake on the "old Kern Canyon Road" where we can stop many places to admire flowers and the scenery above the Kern River. We come out at Bodfish, and continue north, cross the freeway to Hwy 155, and go into the Keysville area, full of water! and gold history. Then to Kernville and up the river to admire the flower-covered hillsides near the power plant, and farther north maybe. Return to Kernville - and Riverside Park to watch the North Fork carry so much snow melt water to the lake. Many, many places to stop and look at stuff!! *** Bring a picnic lunch and folding chair - not sure where we'll stop for lunch, but possible the "Tank Park" between Bodfish and Isabella town. Or Keysville - somewhere with a pit toilet. Bring water!!!!

You could do dinner at the Brewery in Kernville, or any place there, or come back over Walker Pass via the South Fork bridge crossing, now full of water and poppies, and get home before dark. Easy day in pretty places!

Cancellation policy: If the Museum cancels your trip, you will be given a full refund or you may transfer the money to a different trip. No cash refunds will be given if you cancel. However, if the trip is full and we can sell your space, your money will be refunded. If you must cancel, please notify the Museum as soon as possible so we don't wait for you. Thank you.