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Saturday, October 7, 2017

With Naturalist Janet Westbrook

- WHERE:** Owens Valley, Olancha to Bishop. Searching for fall color.
- 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.
- COST:** \$30 per person or \$50 for 2 people. Maturango Museum members receive an additional \$5 off per member. Families 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, bug spray
- Bring a picnic lunch and folding chair
- Water!!

TRIP DESCRIPTION:

Anyone can drive from Ridgecrest to Bishop in 2.5 hours, but do you know all the secret little places you're passing by and why they are what they are? Have you been out ON the lake?

We'll drive a bit of the DWP ring road out on the Owens Lake bed. There are lots of wintering and migrating birds, if no wind the reflections in the shallow flooding ponds are wonderful, and it's a whole new way to look at the Owens Valley from out there! Then Lubkin Canyon Road and Tuttle Creek Road - lovely fall colors. Lunch at Portagee Joe campground. Visit the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery. Check for Tule Elk. Visit either Black Rock Fish Hatchery or Fish Springs Hatchery. Then to the east side of the Valley, more colors, the Owens River, etc. We'll finish the day up Bishop Creek looking at wonderful gold and red leaves at Aspendell and Lake Sabrina and South Lake. Just a lovely place to be in the fall!!

Note: We'll be off Hwy 395 as much as possible!!

Bring a picnic lunch and a folding chair. We'll eat at a cute little campground. We plan to be in Bishop about 5 p.m., and it's a long way home from there - so you might want to consider having dinner somewhere on the way home - lots of choices!

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, for trips with limited spaces, 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.