

Field Trip: Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve

Please arrive by 2:20 pm

We will be done by 5 pm

Be prepared to get wet from at least your waist down & muddy from your knees down!

Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve is located just past the city of Carpinteria in southern Santa Barbara County, between the cities of Ventura and Santa Barbara. It is 70 miles from campus.

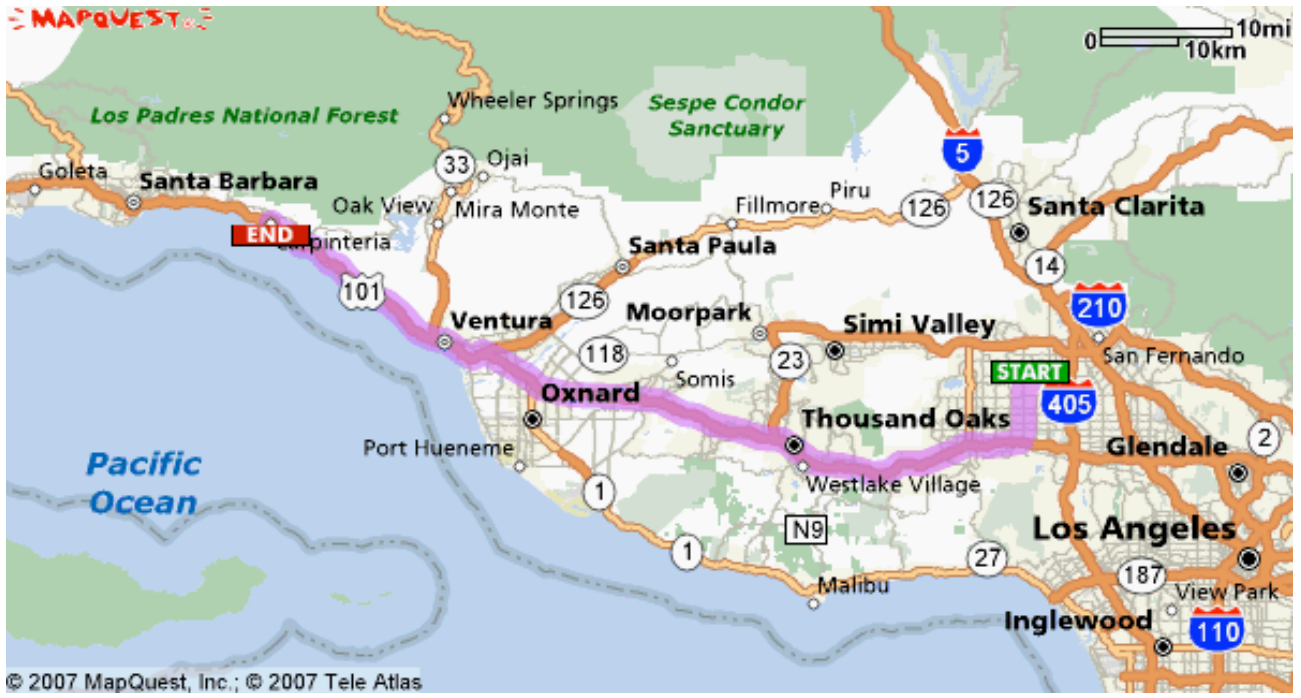
Driving time from CSUN without traffic is about 1 hour and 20 minutes. **Give yourself at least 90 minutes to get there.** On the return, with heavy traffic, it will take longer to get back.

Driving Directions:

- Take the **Ventura Freeway** (Hwy 101) North past Ventura to *Carpinteria*
- Take the **Santa Monica Road exit**
- After exiting, make a quick right onto **Via Real**
- Go about 0.1 mile and make another right on **Santa Ynez Ave** (you will now be going towards the ocean)
- Proceed over the freeway (Hwy 101) and turn right on **Carpinteria Ave**
- Drive about a half mile and make a left on the small, inconspicuous **Estero Way**
- Park along **Estero Way**
- We will meet by the Nature Information Board near the fence and the parking lot. From there, you can choose to drive into the reserve on the dirt road, or walk in.
- We will enter Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve through a locked gate. ***You must be on time, or you will be locked out!***

General Considerations:

- **Dress appropriately: plan on getting wet and muddy and there being a cold breeze.**
- **Bring a complete change of clothes & shoes and a towel.** You will want to change out of your muddy and wet clothes & shoes when we're done.
- **You must wear footwear** that cannot be sucked off your feet by mud, and that will protect your feet from cuts by clam shells. **Dive/surf booties are best, but old tennis shoes with laces are fine, too. Sandals or slip-on shoes are not acceptable** because they will come off your feet in the mud. Whatever your wear will get wet and muddy.
- Bring a wetsuit or waders if you have them.
- It is often quite cool and windy at Carpinteria. You should wear layered clothing with a windbreaker so you can deal with whatever the weather dishes out.
- Bring some tap water to rinse the mud off your feet.



Meet here

