

REWEAVING THE WORLD:

Healing and Renewal in Troubled Times

PREPARATION & DIRECTIONS

Arrival/Welcoming

Arrival is Friday afternoon from 4-6pm to set up camp. We will gather at 6pm for our evening welcoming. Official opening will be on Saturday morning so if you are unable to make it on Friday evening you are welcome to arrive on Saturday morning by 9.30am for our opening circle at 10am.

Parking/Camping

Loving Earth Sanctuary is located on the end of a long, winding road through the mountains from Jolon Rd nr. Lockwood, CA. Directions will be sent on registration. There is plenty of parking on the property and there will be designated areas for tent camping, vehicle camping and parking. There are no hook ups and no generators. The property is off grid and we like it that way :) We want to hear the birds and see the stars.

Carpooling

We aim to set up opportunities for participants to carpool with each other. We are expecting people to travel south from the Bay Area/Santa Cruz and north from the Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo area. Please contact Lara on lara@wholeheartedpath.com to be informed of ride-share options.

Weather

We expect the days to be warm to hot during early May with light breezes, and evenings will be cool to cold. Come prepared with plenty of layers. We are not expecting rain at this time of year but if we are so blessed there is a barn on the property to stay dry in. This gathering is rain or shine!

Meals

We will provide breakfast and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday made from simple ingredients grown on the land, and/or locally sourced. We ask that

you bring your own picnic lunches for both days along with any contributions you might like to make to our communal dinners. Water will be provided. Please bring your own coffee or tea for beverages in the mornings and evenings.

Items To Bring

- *Personal camping gear (for tent or car camping)
- *Suitable clothing for sunshine, rain, and cool weather - bring layers
- *Bathing suit/towel (there is a freshwater pond on the property)
- *Sun hat/sun protection/sunglasses
- *Box lunches and snacks for both days (water will be provided)
- *Bowl/plate, cup/mug, utensils for all meals
- *Camp chair/back jack/yoga mat/cushion to sit on
- *Blankets for laying on the ground and keeping warm
- *Flashlight (we will be gathering at the New Moon)
- *Musical instruments to play around the campfire
- *Personal items (toiletries, medications, first aid items, etc.)
- *Journal/pen/pencil for taking notes during the weekend
- *Cash for extra donations for instructors/materials

Amenities

There are composting toilets and solar showers on the property. There is an outdoor kitchen with facilities to clean dishes and utensils. Throughout the gathering, we ask that you be aware of your personal hygiene. Please wash your hands after using the bathroom and before every meal.

Volunteering

Throughout this gathering we may invite your help with various tasks including preparing meals, setting up camp, fire-tending, clean-up, etc. While volunteering is not obligatory, your participation will enable our "sudden village" to come together as a true community.

Substances

This is a substance-free space. We ask that you do not bring alcohol or non-prescription drugs of any sort. If you rely upon marijuana for medicinal reasons, please let us know in advance so that arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.

Electronics

We ask that all participants abstain from using cell-phones and other electronics (except in an emergency) during this gathering. Our intention is for this gathering to be an opportunity to deepen into our ancient ways of being together and with the land. There will be some time set aside for taking photographs of our creative efforts though we ask that you do not take photographs during these times of other participants.

Liability

We will be asking all participants to sign a waiver upon arrival to Loving Earth Sanctuary to release the facilitator and hosts from any liability in case of any injury, sickness, or death experienced at this event. Please be prepared to agree to this prior to attending.

Donations

This retreat is being offered on a suggested sliding scale in the spirit of the gift economy which means that we are asking participants to offer what they are able to and from a place of natural reciprocity. This takes a great deal of trust on the part of the facilitator, the host, and the guest teachers as we have material costs and other expenses to cover. Please consider bringing some extra cash or a check to offer more if you are able to.

Directions to Loving Earth Sanctuary

From King City and places farther north:

- Take 101 South.

- Just before reaching King City, you'll see a sign that says "Jolon Road Exit." It also says "To Fort Hunter Liggett." Turn Right at that exit. If you get all the way into King City, you've missed the exit and gone too far.

- The Jolon Road exit will take you down Jolon Road. Drive for 23.7 miles along this rural road. When you pass the entrance of Fort Hunter Liggett on your right, you're getting close. At 23.7 miles, you'll see the Lockwood General Store on your left. Turn right here onto Interlake Road with the Lockwood Store on your left.

- Drive 8.4 miles on Interlake Road. Then turn right on Bryson Hesperia Rd which will be on your right after you go down a hill. You will see a big red barn and a white house on the right before you reach the road sign that says Bryson Hesperia Rd. (If you start seeing some trailers and houses, you've gone too far and will need to turn back)
- Drive about half a mile on Bryson Hesperia Rd until you come to the FIRST turning on the right which is a dirt road right with a row mail boxes. There is a sign at the entrance of this road that says "Impassable in Wet Weather" There might not be any other road signs or there might be a home-made wooden sign that says "Copperhead."
- Continue along this road for approximately 4.5 miles. This is a long winding mountain road with many twists and turns and some wonderful views. Don't worry about the "No Trespassing" signs at the cattle guard at the entrance of Hidden Valley Ranch... Just keep driving through.
- You will come to Loving Earth Sanctuary at the bottom of a hill on the right hand side with a green metal gate, a couple of small flags and the address 73810 on the fence. To spot the property ahead of time look for a little blue cabin with a red brick chimney set back from the road on the right hand side, and a circular garden fence in the field.

From Paso Robles and places farther south:

Option 1:

The Lake Nacimiento Way

This option has more curvy roads and is more wooded. It takes about 1 hour.

- From Spring St. in Paso Robles, go north on 24th St., which becomes more rural and is then called Nacimiento Lake Drive. Continue 7.9 miles.
- When you see a sign that says Nacimiento Lake and signs warning about wild-fire, you're close to the turn.
- Turn R to stay on Nacimiento Lake Drive and continue to the lake. You'll pass the turn-off to Heritage Ranch, and the Oak Hill Market (where you can stop for gas/

groceries if needed). Shortly thereafter you'll cross the dam over Lake Nacimiento, and will continue up a steep winding hill. At the top of the hill (about 1 mile), turn left onto Interlake Rd, also called G14. There's a probably a sign that says "to Lake San Antonio."

- Continue for 12 miles. When you see metal quanset huts (cylindrical sheds) on the right, you're getting close to the turn. You'll go down a big hill, and then Bryson Hesperia Rd. will be on the left. There's an equestrian center with a white house and a barn, and some wooden signs saying "Whisper Canyon" and other things. Keep your eye out for this turn! Go left on Bryson Hesperia Rd.
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Option Two:

The Lockwood Way

This is an easier drive with more fields and wildflowers. It takes about 1 hour.

- Heading North on 101, you will pass by Paso Robles, San Miguel, and Camp Roberts Military base. Look for the Jolon rd. Exit. Once you get off the exit, you will loop underneath the freeway and come out onto Jolon rd. Continue for 15 miles.

- You will pass the old town of Pleyto, and the turnoff to San Antonio North Shore. When you reach the TINY town of Lockwood and the Lockwood Store (on your right: keep a careful eye out because it's easy to miss!), turn left onto Interlake rd (G14).
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Please reach out and ask if you have any other questions!