

Annual MARS Picnic. Sunday 25 September. 11 AM.

This is an RSVP event. Entrance fee is prepaid. Please email or call Marilyn, N6VAW, marilyn@mediatunnel.com, 415.479.3704

RSVP by Wednesday Sept. 21.

Due to the uncertainty of availability of our State Parks, we had been unable to find a group site until recently. We have reserved **Miwok Meadows at China Camp** for Sunday, September 25, 2011. It's a sunnier location than Sam Taylor Park, which can be cool, but there's plenty of shade under the trees.

Start time is 11:00 AM, but you can come earlier to hike around and look for stuff, maybe bones of missing hikers. For history buffs: The area used to have a flat track for motorcycles. The bodies of a murdered Terra Linda couple who lived at xxx Esmeyer were partially incinerated nearby in the summer of 1975. The whole story is covered in the book "Bad Blood" by Richard M. Levine.

FRIENDLY DOGS ON SHORT LEASH ONLY are OK. Bikes, hiking boots, games, etc. Kites were suggested for those not afflicted with the Charlie Brown syndrome. Folding chaise lounges for Elderfahrten naps.

Bring an entree (BYOMeat) of your choice to grill and maybe a side dish to share: snacks, salads, desserts. Drinks, a charcoal fire or two, burger flippers and weenie grabbers will be provided by the club. Paper plates, plastic cups and a few condiments: mustard, ketchup, relish, salt & pepper. Like last year, whatever we can find in the clubhouse reefer that hasn't turned green/gray with a fuzzy indistinct outline.

Weather is changeable near the Bay, so dress in layers. Questions, please email or call Marilyn, N6VAW, marilyn@mediatunnel.com, 415.479.3704.

Directions to Miwok Meadows, China Camp

Take hwy 101, north or south, to the Civic Center turnoffs. Follow the signs. That'll put you on N San Pedro Rd headed East. Stay on it for about three miles to the Miwok Meadows sign on the right. The gate will be open. Drive right in and go to the large parking area by the picnic tables.

The more adventurous can take the curvy San Pedro Rd. out of San Rafael and get there, too. However, with the probability of Sunday drivers on that route, you may be putting your vehicle's appearance at risk. Watch out for the inept clowns who can't stay on their own side of the center line on left curves. .

There is no official talk-in freq but someone on site or on the way should be monitoring Big Rock or Mt. Tam repeaters.

You could bring along a spare 706 or reasonable facsimile, a 12 volt battery, string up a dipole and work a little HF. That didn't work well from Sam Taylor Park but Miwok Meadows is open to the East, at least. Maybe you have a mobile HF rig?

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Private road and plenty of easy parking.



Miwok Meadows picnic site.

Plenty of tables. Two grills.

Pix by Marylyn N6VAW.

Except this one >>>
from a former Field Day.
Guess who.

