Field Trip Ideas

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Topics of interest

- Night photography, Shooting in the dusk, Wildlife, Star & Galaxy photography, Cycling, Nature, PhotoJournalism

Event Web Sites - useful to see what events are happening in the area

- EventCrazy - Click in 'no sports' to eliminate sporting events from appearing.
- Zvents - At this site you can narrow searches in select events of interest to the club such as 'parades'.

Places

San Jose

- Velodrome (cycling) - Hellyer Country Park charges small entry fee. Seasonal racing (March-June)

Santa Cruz

San Francisco

- Barbary Coast Trail - San Francisco - 3.8 mile walking tour of historic SF.
- Chinatown
- Painted Ladies (Victorian Homes)
- North Beach
- Presidio National Park
- Fort Point - San Francisco
- Golden Gate Park (Arboretum, De Young, Academy of Sciences)
- Golden Gate Bridge - World famous bridge in San Francisco
- Crissy Field - Views of the SF Bay near Golden Gate Bridge
- Palace of Fine Arts
- San Francisco Orchid Society - has shows at Fort Mason

Parks & Wildlife

- Ano Nuevo State Park - Sea lions, between Half Moon Bay and Santa Cruz, Hwy 1.
- Big Basin Redwood State Park - California's oldest state park, Santa Cruz Mountains
- Bay Area Trails website - volunteer org with maps of trails around entire Bay Area
- Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge - San Francisco Bay Area
- Elkhorn Slough - Birding & Wildlife
- Garrapata State Park - Monterey
- San Antonio Preserve - Palo Alto
- Mt. Diablo State Park - Alamo, CA
- Moss Landing - State Park for sea otters and other wildlife; near Elk Horn Slough
- Muir Woods - Redwoods in Marin
- Pinnacles - Remains of an old volcano, Central California
- Pt Bonita Lighthouse - Marin
- Pt Lobos - Carmel
- Point Reyes - Dramatic coastline, Marin
- Pt Sur State Park - Big Sur
- Shoreline bird sanctuary - Palo Alto

Other

Filoli - Woodside, CA
Local Wineries, Vineyards - More than 150 wineries within an hour's drive!
Hakone Gardens - Saratoga Japanese Gardens

Villa Montalvo - Saratoga Historic Residence and grounds
2-3 day trips to: Big Sur, Mojave Desert, Death Valley.
Calif. Mission Trail
Lake Tahoe
Reno Balloon race
Gold Country
Santa Cruz Mtns.
Sierra Mountains.
Radio Road
Fall colors in Eastern Sierra.
Yosemite in Spring/Winter.
Elephant Seals in Ano Nuevo.
San Simeon.

Events - As these often change dates and even months, they are put here to give ideas for trips and generally when the event is held. Please search for the event on the Internet to find out specifics.

January

February

Chinese New Year Parade - San Francisco
Vietnamese New Year Parade

March

Velodrome

April

Velodrome
Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival (San Francisco)

May

Velodrome

June

Velodrome

July

August

September

October

November

December

- Downtown San Jose Festivities
- Whale Watching Monterey Bay - December/April

End.