

Wilderness Torah

Reconnect to Your Roots

Everything You Need to Know about the Sukkot on the Farm Festival 2010! Updated!

Festival Schedule: The Festival starts at 5PM on Thursday, September 23, and ends at noon on Sunday, September 26. Hot soup will be served all evening on Thursday. Please email info@wildernesstorah.org as soon as possible if you will be missing any meals, so we know how much to cook! Last year's schedule of events is up on www.wildernesstorah.org. We truly hope you'll attend the entire festival, as we create a sacred community together. If you are unable to come Thursday night, please try to come by Friday morning for the Opening Circle.

Getting There: We encourage everyone to carpool to the farm. When registration closes, we will post an online carpool board so you can find driving partners. There is also a biking option from San Francisco! Email us for more details.

Tribes: Tribes are small groups of about 10 people who come together for specific aspects of the festival. Tribes have a check-in circle each day, and the tribe will also be your meal prep team. Each tribe has a *Rosh* (head) as its leader and facilitator. You'll meet your tribe when you arrive onsite. It's a great way to get to know new people!

Co-Creation: This is a co-created, community celebration! If you're interested in making an offering, please fill out the form on our website by August 13. Some of you have volunteered to help the week before the festival, thank you! Our volunteer coordinator will contact you. On Friday during the festival, we will decorate our sukkah together and harvest the fields. You'll also help prep or clean up one meal with your tribe.

What to Bring: Be prepared for a range of weather, from warm and sunny to windy and chilly. And don't forget to bring beautiful things to decorate our communal sukkah!

Essential Items You Might Forget:

- Your own plate, bowl, mug, cup, and utensils
– *Please label these!*

Optional Items:

- Fruit for the communal fruit crisp
- Something you've harvested (figuratively or literally) or a symbol of it for the *mizbeach* (holy table)
- Your wooden name tag from Passover
- Your sukkah if you'd like to create an additional space
- Massage oils, hydrosols, healing ointments, etc for the healing space
- Something to read
- A journal to write or draw in
- Camera
- A camping chair or cushion to sit on
- Yoga mat
- Your siddur if you use one
- Musical instruments/drums

Communal Items:

- Decorations for the sukkah- tapestries, rugs, pillows, pretty things that hang, flags, etc.
- Food from your fruit tree or garden (*let us know in advance what you can bring*)
- Anything else you'd like to offer the group

Personal and Camping Gear:

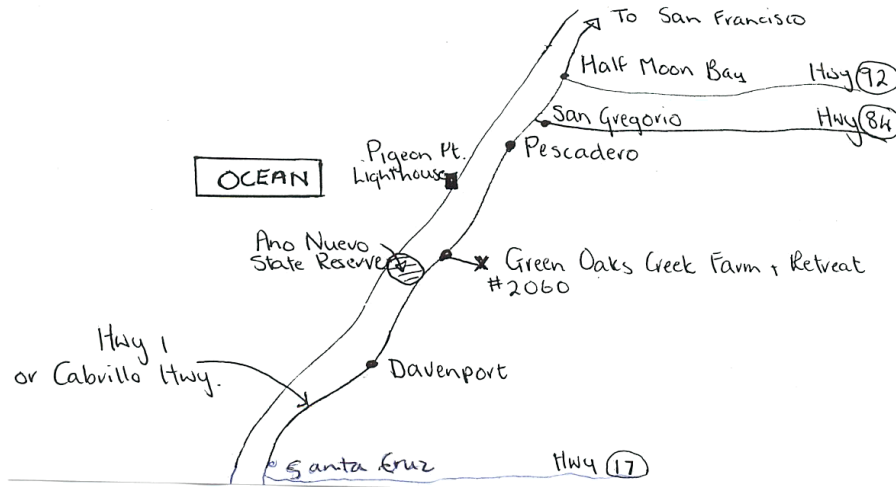
- Warm Jacket
- Warm and comfortable clothes/layers
- Comfortable socks and shoes
- Long pants
- Comfy, warm clothes to sleep in
- Comfy clothes to lounge and play in
- Sunglasses
- Sun hat
- Underwear
- Hat, scarf, gloves
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- A pillow
- Tent, ground cover, and rain fly
- Stakes and hammer to stake down your tent (trust us)
- A water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries
- Flashlight and batteries
- Any medications you need
- Personal first aid kit

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How to Get There: Here are directions to Green Oaks Creek Farm & Retreat (you can look at the farm's website for additional info and **directions from the south or the city** at www.greenoakscreek.com). Green Oaks is located off of Hwy. 1, approximately ½ an hour south of Half Moon Bay and ½ an hour north of Santa Cruz. **Do not use Google or Mapquest beyond Highway 1**, use the directions below:

From the East Bay: Take either 92 to Half Moon Bay or 84 to San Gregorio, both of which connect to Hwy. 1. **If you are taking 92, start your odometer at the junction of Hwy 1. Drive south on Hwy 1, past the turn off to the town of Pescadero (Pescadero Creek Rd), 15.5 miles.** After you pass Costanoa on your left and the sign for Rossi Road, there will be a passing lane. As this passing lane narrows into one lane again, slow down and look for a **sandwich board that says "Pie Ranch"** and a small brown sign that says "Green Oaks Creek Farm" which are on your left, **another 11.3 miles, or 26.8 miles total.** (If you get to Año Nuevo State Reserve you've gone too far.). This sign is placed between two parallel dirt driveways: take the southern of the two driveways. Soon after you turn onto the dirt road there is a turn off to the left – stay to the right. Proceed 4/10th of a mile (you will pass through a stand of eucalyptus trees) until you reach a distinct Y in the road. Take the **right** fork of the Y (there is another sign here that says "Green Oaks Creek Farm"), drive through the deer fence gate (please shut it behind you) and drive 3/10th of a mile until you see a parking lot on your left. **Please close the gate behind you after your park.**



Farm Rules, from Paul and Stephanie, the farmers:

Dear Guests,

Greetings and welcome to our circle of visitors. Since we are welcoming you to the land where we dwell, we ask that you in turn remain mindful of our rules during your stay.

Rules and Cautions:

- 1) Cars - a) Carpool whenever possible, b) Shut deer-fence gate behind you on our driveway, c) Please drive SLOWLY on our dirt road to help minimize dust and road maintenance, d) Remain parked in parking lot: do not drive around on property.
- 2) No pets.
- 3) No mountain bikes.
- 4) Respect privacy of the 4 dwellings on the property.
- 5) Do not wander off of Green Oaks property onto neighbors' properties.
- 6) Camp in designated camping area only.
- 7) Fire – a) Always have water present, b) NEVER leave fires unattended – designate someone as fire keeper, c) Put out fire with water when done, d) Don't leave burning candles unattended
- 8) Be aware that mowed areas and trails have significantly less ticks.
- 9) If you come across a shut gate when walking around, shut it behind you. If you don't, deer and/or our farm animals can potentially devastate our crops.
- 10) Do not enter animal paddocks or feed the animals. Much of the fencing around the animals is electric.
- 11) Quiet time – 11:00 p.m.