

Welcome to the August 21st 2009 Big Springs Gardens trip.

We will depart the Orchard Creek Parking lot at 08:00 AM. Please arrive at the parking lot by 07:45.

We will be in two groups of about 9 cars each. Because of the many turns onto different roads, please follow the car in front of you at a close but safe distance so no one misses any turns.

The route to BSG will hopefully be new to most of you as we skirt around Auburn, Grass Valley and Nevada City on scenic back roads. We will stop in Bridgeport for a restroom break and a leisurely tour of the small museum and the historic covered bridge. Then we will travel another 20 minutes to Peterson's Corner, a lonely outpost in the middle of nowhere for a coffee break.

From there, it is a straight shot up beautiful highway 49 to Downieville, Sierra City and BSG in time for the buffet luncheon. By mid afternoon you are free to return home via highway 49 on your own. The club has been invited to travel a little further east and south via highway 89 to Truckee and the lovely mountain home of Lynn and Pat Heesch for refreshments. It is about a 90 minute drive down I 80 to return home. Instructions for that part of the trip will be available at Big Springs.

This is the fourth annual trip to this very popular garden spot in the Sierra's. The secluded gardens feature acres of superb natural plantings and a one acre trout pond featuring water iris, arrowhead and water lilies. Enjoy the self guided trails that wander through the lush meadow sprinkled with the endless colors of the native habitat.

Our open air dining under the trees will also be a special treat. The buffet menu always features the freshest of ingredients with a wide array of selections. The \$35.00 per person charge includes a beverage of your choice, desert, tax and gratuity. Beer and wine are available for a nominal charge. Credit cards are not accepted.

This trip is prepaid since I must pay the owner ten days in advance of our arrival. Please send your check *made out to me* to the address below (\$35.00 pp, \$70.00 per couple). I will be accepting checks at the August meeting but will be cutting off signups shortly thereafter. So if you are not sure if you will be at the August meeting, its best to get it in the mail now. Plus I would like to get a rough headcount as soon as possible so we will know how many co leaders we will need.

Your Trip Leader,
Dale Brinsley

Co Leader
Dick Brewster

This route has lots of turns. Please follow the car ahead of you reasonably closely, but safely so we don't get separated. The AAA "Gold County" plus their "Sierra Nevada Lake Tahoe" maps show the roads on our routes.

Orchard Creek to Big Springs Gardens, 21 August 2009

Total Dist	Turn Dist	Turn		Road	
0.0	0.0	Start	at	Start	
0.1	0.1	Turn right (E)	on to	Del Webb Blvd	
0.2	0.2	Turn left (NNW)	on to	Sun City Blvd	
1.6	1.3	Turn right (NNE)	on to	Ferrari Ranch Rd	
2.0	0.4	Turn right (E)	on to	SR 193	
5.5	3.5	Turn left (N)	on to	Fowler Rd	
7.3	1.8	Turn right (E)	on to	Fruitvale Rd	
8.9	1.6	Turn left (NNE)	on to	Gold Hill Rd	
9.6	0.7	Turn right (E)	on to	Wise Rd	
10.7	1.0	Turn left (NE)	on to	Baxter Grade Rd	
12.7	2.1	Turn right (E)	on to	Mount Vernon Rd	
13.4	0.7	Keep left (NNE)	on to	Joeger Rd	
14.5	1.1	Turn left (N)	on to	Bell Rd	
16.5	2.0	Turn Right	on	Continue on Bell Rd	
18.7	2.2	Turn right (E)	on to	Lone Star Rd	
20.4	1.8	Turn left (NNE)	on to	SR 49	Be Alert: This is a left hand turn across a busy 4 lane highway without a stoplight.
23.7	3.3	Turn left (WSW)	on to	Wolf Rd	
25.6	1.9	Turn right (N)	on to	Duggans Rd	Watch for Faded Yellow Sign
27.5	1.9	Turn left (WNW)	on to	Lime Kiln Rd	
29.9	2.4	Keep right (NNE)	on to	McCourtney Rd	
35.1	5.1	Turn left (WNW)	on to	Indian Springs Rd	
38.7	3.6	Turn left (WSW)	on to	Spenceville Rd	Just a 100 Foot Joggle then Back On Indian Springs
38.7	0.0	Turn right (NNW)	on to	Indian Springs Rd	
40.7	2.0	Turn right (NE)	on to	Penn Valley Dr	
41.0	0.4	Turn left (N)	on to	Pleasant Valley Rd	
48.73	7.71	Stop	at	Bridgeport Covered Bridge	10 to 20 Minute Stop
48.7	0.0	Go straight (NE)	on	Pleasant Valley Rd	
55.5	6.77	Turn left (NE) and Stop	on to	SR 49	Stop at Peterson's Corner for Coffee and other necessities.
85.8	30.3	Follow Signs	on to	SR 49	Stay on 49 through Downieville
101.6	15.8	Turn Left	on to	Private Road to Big Springs	Big Springs. About 1/4 mile past the 5000 foot elevation sign. At the 32.60 milepost.(small white vertical signs). Follow Signs to Parking
101.8	0.2	Finish	at	Finish	Parking

