

## THINGS TO DO BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS

**Purchase the California Naturalist Handbook, UC Press.** There is a link on the CA Naturalist website, (<http://calnat.ucanr.edu/files/229170.pdf> ) or you can buy it at the park Visitor Center.

**Read Chapters 1, 2, 3 and answer the study guide questions.** We will be discussing them in the first class so you will need to be prepared. We will be reading and discussing the entire book during the course, and you can read ahead as much as you want – just be sure to make notes on the study guide for each chapter. We ask that you make legible notes on the study guide so that we know you read the material. There is no need for long essays. You may also want to keep a list of new vocabulary words and their definitions in your notes.

**Download the iNaturalist app onto your electronic device and bring it to class.** Spend some time getting acquainted with the features of the app. If you aren't able to do this, let one of the instructors know and we will help.

**Purchase a field notebook and bring it to class.** The notebook can be hard or spiral bound, lined or not – but it will be used outdoors, and will contain your sketches as well as text.

## BRING TO CLASS EACH TIME

CA Naturalist Handbook and completed study guide, Field Journal, writing tool, electronic device with iNaturalist downloaded

Water, lunch, snack. (There is no food for sale in the park.)

Weather appropriate clothing (layers are best), and sturdy walking/hiking shoes.

Personal items: insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, hand lens, binoculars, small daypack.

Early summer weather at the park can range from snow/rain to temperatures in the 80s.

Plan ahead as we'll be going outside as much as possible!

## TRAVEL, ENTRANCE, ACCOMMODATIONS

There is quite often road work, traffic and a line at the park entrance that will add time to your travel to the park. Be sure to allow enough time for these delays, as we will start each class promptly on time.

Your entrance fee to the park will be waived for the days you attend the course. You must stop at the entrance and give them your name and tell them you're in the class – your name will be on a list of class members there.

We cannot provide free camping or other accommodations for our students. If you plan to camp, it's recommended to make reservations well ahead of time. There are also cabins to rent in the park and surrounding towns. Check the park website for camping and cabin reservations in the park: [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=551](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=551)

