

## Anacapa Island Field Trip

Proving I am a glutton for punishment we are going to try for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year (2017 and 2018 were canceled due to bad weather) to lead a club trip to Anacapa Island on **Saturday, April 6.**

Photographically you can expect birds, flowers (hopefully), and sea scapes (although this is a mid day trip and lighting conditions will most likely not be ideal for “scapes”). It’s possible we might see whales or dolphins while on the boat. Accordingly bring a range of lenses, possibly including a macro lens for close up flower photography. If weather is cloudy, suggest you also have a flash. Non photographing participants might want binoculars.

I have shot here before and don’t have any particular objectives, so I plan to be relatively available for QnA. I plan to do some mini field instructions on a few topics – especially shooting moving birds – for those interested. We will have about 4 hours on the island so there will be plenty of time for various activities.

Some caveats.....first, some people have difficulty with seasickness on the Island Packers boat trips, especially if we happen to catch a “wavey” day. And, second, (I haven’t been to Anacapa for several years but this is what I remember), between the dock and the island there is a fairly steep set of stairs. The island is about a mile long and you can figure on walking 2+ miles during our 4 hours there. If these things are problems, this may not be an ideal field trip for you.

Trip logistics are as follows:

As always with photo club field trips, your financial arrangements for this trip are your own individual, personal responsibilities, not the club’s, and by participating in this field trip you agree to and acknowledge this. Accordingly please carefully read these instructions.

We will be using Island Packers <http://islandpackers.com/services-view/east-end-landing-cove-anacapa-islands-day-trip/> 805-642-1393 for transportation to and from Anacapa. Cost for round trip is \$59, \$54 (seniors). **To go on this field trip book the Saturday April 6 9:30a.m. Anacapa Island trip from Oxnard Harbor**, either via the website or phone (I’ve made my reservation via the website and this worked fine). Please note the **Oxnard Harbor** part...this is very important, Island Packers has two locations. On the morning of April 6 be sure you are driving to their Oxnard Harbor location!

Island Packers has a 72 hour full refund policy, i.e, if you decide not to go you must cancel this trip by Tuesday evening April 2 to get a refund.

Bad weather is a possibility that could force the club to cancel this trip. Please confirm via the club's Meetup page that the trip is a "go". We will post this information by 11:00am on Tuesday April 2.

The boat departs at 9:30am. Suggest you plan your time so you are parked at Island Packers' Oxnard Harbor location between 8:45am and 9:00am. Heads up...this spot is annoyingly confusing to find! I will try and locate everyone at the dock, or worst case on the boat after it boards. The boat will be back at Oxnard Harbor at 4:30, according to Island Packers.

Things to bring:

Photo equipment as described above

Lunch

Hat and sunscreen (at the risk of sounding like your mothers)

Appropriate clothing. Assume it will be colder and windier than you think it will be

Some way to conveniently carry all of the above

As always, **RSVP and get more info about this trip via the club' Meetup page.**

A trip to Anacapa Island is a really fun day – whether taking pictures or not – and hope you can join us.

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