

MSSF
Mendocino Woodlands Foray 2015
”What to Expect”

Dear Woodland Forayer,

Thank you for registering for the MSSF Mendocino Woodlands Foray, November 13-15. On site registration for the foray starts at 2:00 pm on Friday afternoon, and continues late into the evening (11:00 pm), and Saturday morning for those arriving later on Friday or early on Saturday morning. Registration will be in the main dining hall, (DH on the camp-1 map) and signs will direct you there when you arrive at Mendocino Woodlands. All cabins are pre-assigned by the registrar and cabin numbers will be assigned upon arrival and check in at the dining hall.

Early-bird forays on Friday will “NOT” be conducted this year. It is recommended that participants wishing to forage on Friday do so on the way to camp, or go for a hike near the Mendocino Woodlands area after you arrive.

Friday’s dinner will be available until 10:00 pm, if you expect to arrive later, plan on eating on your way to camp or bring snacks.

Bring lots of warm clothes, especially wool or other materials that will keep you warm even when damp. Be sure to bring a 3-season sleeping bag.

Bring a drinking water bottle if you have one. Excellent mountain water is readily available at camp and this will allow us to use less bottled water and reduce the footprint of our camp.

Please note that absolutely no pets are allowed at this event.

Firewood will be available for those desiring to make fires in their cabins. It is recommended that you bring fire starters for the wood, or as an alternative, bring a couple of presto-logs instead of using the supplied wood. Smoke from the burning wood can be a problem in the cabins and may cause the smoke alarms to activate. (The best idea is to enjoy the large fires in the dining halls before returning to your cabins).

Mendocino Woodlands Cabin Information:

The cabins at the woodlands are rustic. Each cabin contains four beds with mattresses and a fireplace. There is no electricity in the cabins. Candles or fuel powered lights are not allowed so please remember to bring battery powered illumination.

Bathroom/shower facilities are strategically placed and shared by groups of cabins.

Campers Responsibilities in Camp & Prior to Departing Camp:

Maintain camp cleanliness in Dining Hall, Dance Hall, Bathrooms, and Trails.

No smoking in any buildings in camp, pick up all cigarette butts.

Return dishes, cups, and flatware to kitchen after each meal, do not leave on tables.

Place all trash and recyclable items in proper containers after each meal.

Beds and mattresses in place, (4 of each per cabin)

Floor, entry stoop and balcony swept, (under beds also!)

Fireplace free of trash and all trash brought to main camp.

Broom returned to closet and unused firewood returned to main camp.

All personal items removed from cabins and bathrooms.

Parking Policy: Please note that the parking in front of the dining hall, and the flat area just past the bathrooms outside the dining hall, are reserved for staff and the catering personnel. There is plenty of parking available for everyone in the large parking areas on the lower road below the main camp. Those sleeping in vehicles or RV's also have room on the lower road which is quite level.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations are permitted until 7 days prior to the event with full refund provided less any bank/PayPal fees paid by MSSF. Cancellations less than 7 days in advance may not be refunded.

Attachments: List of items to bring, Directions to camp, Map of Camp #1, Camp #1 Trail Map, Camp Menu, Camp Schedule.

Additional information and pictures of Mendocino Woodlands Camp can be found at:
www.mendocinowoodlands.org

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the camp director, Curt Haney or the camp registrar, Stephanie Wright. We look forward to your attendance at the foray!

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