How to Find the CSUFresno San Joaquin Experimental Range

You can use this list of landmarks to find the CSUFresno San Joaquin Experimental Range. See also the accompanying map. The Range is about a half-hour drive from Fresno. You will be in rush hour traffic, so be careful and plan ahead. See your lab schedule for the time and dates to meet at the Range.

On Range nights, we do not meet at Fresno State, unless the weather is poor. In the event of poor weather, labs will be held at Fresno State, in the regular lab classrooms, at the regular times. It is your responsibility to check your instructor's voicemail (Dr. Ringwald: 278-8426 or Prof. White: 278-4071) for a weather report, and to determine the meeting place.

Bring a jacket or sweater, since it is usually cool during the evening hours. Plan to stay 2 hours. Bring also your PSci 21 lab manual, The Stars, by H. A. Rey, and a flashlight, preferably a red one, although the lab instructors should have red plastic for making flashlights into red lights.

If possible, try to carpool to cut down on parking congestion.

Before you leave, be sure you have at least a half a tank of gas.

Fuel usage estimate: 2 to 4 gallons, depending on your car’s fuel economy.

Directions:

Use Freeway 41 North to leave Fresno.

After crossing the San Joaquin River: Continue North on 41.

Highway 41 narrows just before Avenue 12. The first signal is at Avenue 12.

At Avenue 15 there is a gas station on the left. This station closes at 11:00 p.m.

The pumps are usually turned off at 10:55 pm.

At Highway 145 there is a traffic signal.

After Highway 145, Highway 41 makes a large right-hand bend. You will see a gas station on the left. Important: This is the last chance for gas, and this station closes before 10:00 p.m.

The dashed yellow line becomes a double yellow line in approximately 2 miles.

Absolutely No Passing on the Double Yellow line! Be safe: be patient and take it slow.

Highway 41 gets a little twisty now. You are more than half-way there.

After a large road cut you will soon pass a sign that says: “Elevation 1000 feet”.

Next sign: Road 406. DO NOT TURN HERE!!! Keep going.

Then there will be a blue sign that says: “Water 1 mile”. Only 1/2 a mile to go!

Next will be another blue sign that says: “Water ½ mile”. THIS IS IT! Turn right here.

For safety, use the turn-out, to let people pass you. Highway 41 does not have a shoulder where you will be turning. Other drivers do not expect anyone to want to turn here, so watch your rear.

Follow this road. Be careful of cows on or near the road. Do not turn off this road. Drive about 1 mile. Ignore the Corral Sign: Keep left, when the road twists toward the left. It will then twist toward the right.

Pass some buildings. Pass the sign that says “Slow Children Playing.” Continue ahead slowly.

When the road bends left, park your past the white building on your left. Pull in far: don’t get rammed.

If you’re lost: find your way back to Highway 41. If you come to the town of Coarsegold, or Yosemite National Park, or if you see Road 200, or Road 207, or Road 8081, you’re too far north, so go south on 41. If you’re going south on 41, the entrance to the Range is on the left between Road 200 and Road 406.