

FACT SHEET

China Camp State Park

March 27 – 29, 2026



The Project

This project combines trail work with a chance to explore China Camp State Park – a former 1880s Chinese shrimp-fishing village now managed entirely by Friends of China Camp (FOCC) volunteers. We'll improve the Bayview Trail by clearing brush, cutting back slopes, and fixing drainage. The work site is located on the Bayside Trail, an uphill walk from camp. On Saturday afternoon, FOCC docents will treat us to a guided interpretive tour of the historic village, including the museum.

Center Camp

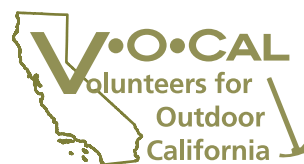
China Camp State Park offers peaceful, tent-only camping near San Pablo Bay, with scenic trails and beautiful bay views. Campsites are equipped with picnic tables, fire rings, flush toilets, and coin-operated hot showers – please bring quarters, as we may have limited change on hand. Check-in is at the Back Ranch Meadows Group Site; note that individual campsites may be up to a 15-minute walk from check-in. If you have a folding cart, please bring it, as gear trolleys are limited.

Volunteers

Trail volunteers will be divided into crews, each led by a certified crew leader. Crew leaders will provide tool training, ensure safety, and oversee the day's work. All necessary tools will be supplied by V-O-Cal.

Weather

Please dress in layers and be prepared for changing conditions. Unless severe storms are forecast, we work rain or shine, including in light drizzle. If heavy rain is expected, the project will be cancelled with no rain date. We will notify you in advance if cancellation becomes necessary.



Event Schedule

Friday

5:00 pm – Registration and camping open.
DINNER IS NOT PROVIDED.

Saturday

7:30 am – Registration, light breakfast, and lunch packing.

8:30 am – Morning greeting, announcements, stretching and safety talk.

12:30 pm – Break for lunch on trail.

3:30 pm – Head back to camp. Clean and store tools.

4:00 pm – Drinks, appetizers and socializing.
Coin-operated showers available. (Please bring quarters).

4:15 pm – China Camp History Tour – at China Camp Village

6:00 pm – Dinner.

Sunday

7:30 am – Registration and lunch packing begin. Hot breakfast is served.

8:30 am – Morning greeting, announcements, stretching and safety talk. Project begins.

11:30 am – Break for lunch on trail.

1:30 pm – Head back to camp, clean tools, pack gear and truck.

Meals

V-O-Cal provides all meals for volunteers from breakfast Saturday through lunch Sunday. Vegetarian options are available for all meals.

- To minimize waste we ask that you bring your own reusable plates, coffee mug, cups and utensils. Hot water and soap are provided.
- A continental breakfast is served Saturday morning.
- Please arrive at camp by 7:45 am at the latest to check in, eat breakfast and prepare your lunch. We provide lunch and lunch bags.



- Appetizers and beverages will be available at 4:00 pm after the work day on Saturday. Dinner will follow at 6:00 pm.
- Hot breakfast is served Sunday morning.

Hazards

POISON OAK

There is a risk of exposure to poison oak at the work site. If you're unfamiliar with it, ask your crew leader to point some out. After the work day, use Tecnu (provided by V-O-Cal) to clean exposed skin, and handle your dirty clothes with care.

MOSQUITOES | TICKS

Mosquitoes may be active this time of year. Bug spray and long sleeved, lightweight shirts are recommended.

Ticks are always a potential hazard. Wearing light-colored clothing can make them easier to spot. Be sure to check yourself during and after the project.

SNAKES

Snakes may be present on the property. Use caution, especially when picking up items from the ground or moving rocks.

SHARP TOOLS

Please pay attention during your crew leader's tool safety talk, and follow proper tool-handling procedures throughout the day.

HYDRATION | SUN EXPOSURE | HYPOTHERMIA

While most work areas are shaded, please be prepared for changing conditions. Bring sun protection such as a sun hat, sunscreen, and lightweight long-sleeve shirts.

Carry enough water – at least 2 liters in bottles or a hydration bladder – and drink regularly throughout the day. If you feel tired, overheated, cold, or weak, notify your crew leader and take a break.

What To Bring

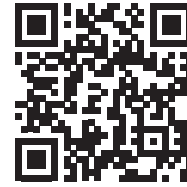
- Sturdy shoes or boots with good tread. Ankle support is important on much of the trail. Sandals and open-toed shoes will not be permitted.
- Water bottles or a water bladder that can hold at least 2 liters of water. (You will not be allowed on the trail without water.)
- Work gloves. (If you don't have your own gloves, V-O-Cal will provide them. Please return them at the end of the project.)
- Day pack to carry your water and lunch.
- Sunglasses, hat, and sunscreen.
- Insect repellent and allergy medicine (if you normally need these things when working outdoors).
- Reusable plate/bowl, eating utensils, and mug/cup.
- A change of clothes for each work day, especially if you are sensitive to poison oak.
- Layers of clothing for a range of temperatures.
- If you will be camping . . .
 - A tent (**if you have the option to bring a smaller tent, please do!**)
 - A sleeping bag and pillow
 - A flashlight or headlamp
 - A camp chair (if you don't want to sit on the ground)
 - Other camping gear that makes you comfortable

Driving Directions

GPS point 38°00'21.4"N 122°29'48.1"W

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(Follow signs to the campground upon arrival)



From Santa Rosa:

- Take US-101 S from 3rd Street
- Follow US-101 S to Merrydale Road in San Rafael; take Exit 454B
- Continue on Merrydale Road, then take N San Pedro Road
- Arrive at China Camp State Park

From Walnut Creek / Danville:

- Take I-680 S
- Merge onto CA-24 W, then take I-580 W/I-80 E toward San Rafael
- Continue on US-101 N and take Exit 454 to N San Pedro Rd
- Merge onto N San Pedro Road and continue to China Camp State Park

From San Francisco:

- Take Franklin St to Lombard Street, then merge onto US-101 N / Presidio Pkwy
- Continue on US-101 N and take Exit 454 to N San Pedro Road
- Merge onto N San Pedro Road and follow it to the park

From San Jose:

- Take I-880 N via N 10th/N 11th Street
- Merge onto I-580 W, then continue to US-101 N
- Take Exit 454 to N San Pedro Road
- Continue on N San Pedro Road to the park

- **After-hours park entrance gate:** If arriving or leaving late Friday or Saturday evening, please close the gate behind you after passing through the entrance off N. San Pedro Road.
- **If you have a large vehicle and are willing to shuttle fellow volunteers to the trailhead, please let our Camp Manager, Pete, know upon arrival so we can arrange parking accordingly.**
- **Please carpool if possible, as parking is limited – especially on Saturday night.**
- **Please bring quarters for the coin-operated showers, as solar showers will not be available at China Camp.**

PLEASE DETACH AND DISPLAY ON DASH



Volunteer Parking Pass

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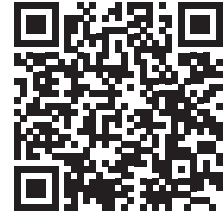
Children 14 and over are welcome on V-O-Cal projects. Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

To register, visit our website at www.v-o-cal.org or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ChinaCamp2026>

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