

January 2023 Field Trip

Where: Jalama Beach ([9999 Jalama Rd Lompoc, CA 93436-9523](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Jalama+Beach,+CA))

Please Note: The road from Hwy 1 in Lompoc to Jalama Beach includes about 15 miles of a winding road with changing elevation.

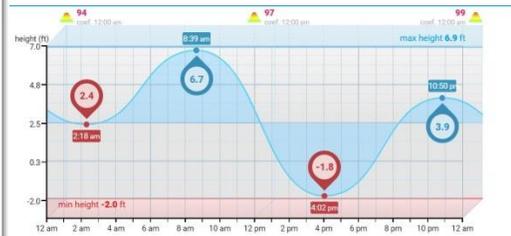
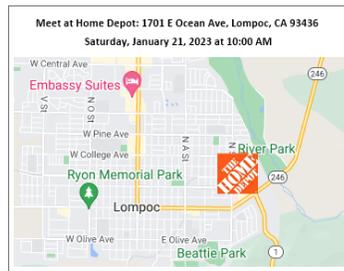
When: **Saturday, January 21, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M.**

Meet-up Location: **Home Depot in Lompoc** ([1701 E. Ocean Ave, Lompoc, CA 93436](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Home+Depot,+CA))

Fees and Parking: Parking is \$10 per vehicle and dogs are an additional \$3. Be advised that on sunny days and days when the surf is good, the parking lot can fill up early in the morning, especially on the weekends. The fewer vehicles we take the better. Also, the Jalama Grill is open until 4:30 P.M.

Note to dog owners: Dogs must be on a leash inside the campground and when on the center part of the beach in front of the campground. Most people let them run free once past this area, but if you do see a leashed dog in this area, it is recommended that you hold or leash yours until they have passed.

Tide and Terrain: The tide will drop from **6.7 Ft.** to **-1.8 Ft.** between approximately 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. and sunset is around 5:15 P.M. I recommend beginning our hike no later than 12:00 P.M., especially for those interested in walking the North route* which is about a mile up the beach and can require climbing when the tides are higher. The trails are a bit gnarly in a few places, so the South route** may be preferable for those who have difficulty climbing (or don't want to risk getting their feet wet if they stay on the beach rather than climb. 😊)



* The **North route** leads to a source of Travertine Onyx where the rocks are mostly larger (1/2lb to 20lbs and up), and includes a variety of crystals, agates and fossils.

The **South route has a large variety of mostly smaller rocks (1-3oz), including agates, chert, jasper, fossils, chalcedony, etc. While I have spent over 200 hours at Jalama over the past few years, I am not an expert on the types of rock found there. I look forward to learning from others! Our January 10 general meeting will include a display of polished and unpolished rocks found at Jalama Beach. If you have any rocks from this area you would like to display, please bring them on the 10th and maybe we can collectively identify them. 😊