

Logistical Matters for the
*First International Workshop on Rotational Seismology
and Engineering Applications (1stIWRSEA)*

Bay Area Weather:

San Francisco Bay Area weather is generally mild but varies tremendously over short distances, often cool and foggy at the coast (~15 °C) but a hot Mediterranean climate inland (~35 °C). Menlo Park is most often between these extremes and very pleasant, but can change quickly to either temperature with a simple change in wind; high temperatures are more common in September and October than at other times. Precipitation is rare in September.

Contacts:

For logistics before, during, and after the Workshop, please contact John R. Evans, jrevans@usgs.gov, +1-408-209-6219 (mobile), +1-650-329-4753 (office).

Such logistics might include travel between the airport and Workshop venues, presentation matters (assistance with projection, mounting posters, and so on), production of the Workshop DVD, etc.

Presentation Aids:

For talks we will provide video-projection equipment: screen, computer projector, and both a PC and a Macintosh ready to project PowerPoint files.

For posters we will provide locations and attachment aids. Please let us know soonest if you would also like to have a chair or desk and access to power for a laptop.

Maps of the Menlo Park Campus and Region:

Three maps showing the USGS Western Region campus (the "Service Center") and its surroundings can be found at <http://online.wr.usgs.gov/kiosk/mparea1.html> (southern half of San Francisco Bay Area also showing SFO), <http://online.wr.usgs.gov/kiosk/mparea2.html> (local area surrounding USGS campus and Vallombrosa Center), and <http://online.wr.usgs.gov/kiosk/mparea3.html> (Menlo Park campus *per se*).

On Tuesday morning, 18 September, the Workshop will meet at the USGS conference room in Building 3 (third map). The remainder of the Workshop, including arrivals on Monday, 17 September, will be at the Vallombrosa Center (<http://www.vallombrosa.org/>; second map). Vallombrosa is two blocks northwest of the USGS campus at 250 Oak Grove Av, Menlo Park (+1-650-325-5614).

Transportation:

We will provide transportation between San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and the Vallombrosa Center and between Vallombrosa and the USGS Campus on the following schedule (all times are for pickup at the departure location and are in Pacific Daylight Time, UTC-7):

Monday, 17 September: Arrivals

17:00 – 21:00 Travelers picked up at SFO and driven to Vallombrosa Center

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Tuesday, 18 September: Transportation Between Workshop Locations

- 08:00 – 08:45 Vallombrosa Center to USGS campus
12:15 – 12:30 USGS campus back to Vallombrosa Center

(This short trip also may be walked in about 20 minutes. We will provide a guide to walk with any group of participants desiring to travel in that mode – the weather can be very pleasant and the streets lovely.)

Wednesday, 19 September: Departures

- 17:30 – 21:00 Travelers picked up at Vallombrosa Center and driven to SFO

Thursday, 20 September: Departures

- 09:00 – 12:00 Travelers picked up at Vallombrosa Center and driven to SFO

Arrangements will be made and confirmed by mutual convenience. However, in most cases international travelers will be met at the exit of the Customs and Immigration facility of the International Terminal, while domestic travelers generally will be met at the curbside (arrivals level) of their respective terminals.

Note that we will not be providing transportation between hotels and Vallombrosa.

Hotels Near the Menlo Park Campus:

1. Red Cottage Inn and Suites, 1704 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, +1-650-326-9010, www.redcottageinn.com
2. Menlo Park Inn, 1315 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, +1-650-326-7530, www.menloparkinn.com
3. Best Western Riviera, 15 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, +1-650-321-8772, www.bestwesterncalifornia.com
4. The Mermaid Inn Motel, 727 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, +1-650-323-9481, www.mermaid-inn.com
5. Stanford Park Hotel, 100 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, +1-650-322-1234 or +1-888-322-7788 www.stanfordparkhotel.com/hotel.html

Hotels Somewhat Farther from the Menlo Park Campus:

1. Creekside Inn, 3400 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, +1-800-492-7335 or +1-650-493-2411, www.creekside-inn.com/default.asp
2. Sheraton, 625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, +1-650-328-2800 <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/index.html>
3. Cowper Inn (Bed & Breakfast), 705 Cowper, Palo Alto, +1-650-327-4475, www.cowperinn.com
4. The Cardinal Hotel, 235 Hamilton Av, Palo Alto, +1-650-323-5101, www.cardinalhotel.com
5. Garden Court Hotel, 520 Cowper, Palo Alto, +1-800-824-9028, www.gardencourt.com

6. Stanford Terrace Inn, 531 Stanford Av, Palo Alto, 650-857-0333,
www.stanfordterraceinn.com
7. Four Season Silicon Valley, 2050 University Av, East Palo Alto, +1-650-566-1200,
www.fourseasons.com/siliconvalley

Some Self-Guided Trips Near the Menlo Park Campus:

At present we do not anticipate organizing guided tours or field trips. However, many options for such trips are available in the Bay Area and surrounding. A few of these are outlined below and may be of interest to participants and accompanying persons.

Self-guided Fault Tours:

Excellent, detailed field guides to both the San Andreas fault and the southern portion of the Calaveras fault will be provided on the Workshop DVD. We encourage participants and accompanying travelers with transportation to visit some of the locations described.

Sunset Magazine Gardens

80 Willow Road, Menlo Park CA 95024 (two blocks from USGS campus)

M-F 09:00 – 16:30

+1-650-321-3600

<http://www.sunset.com/sunset/web/Magazine/GardenTour/GardenTour.html>

Garden displays for many plants is seasonal, but quite beautiful. These are free self-guided walking tours. It is quite a lovely location for taking in a picnic lunch.

Intel Museum

2200 Mission College Boulevard, Santa Clara CA 95054-1537

M-F 09:00 – 18:00

Sa 10:00 – 17:00

+1-408-765-0503

<http://www.intel.com/intel/intelis/museum/index.htm>

Intel's museum offers not only a history of the Intel Corporation and Silicon Valley (inventors of the microprocessor), it also displays interesting exhibits on how chips, microprocessors and memory technology all work together. Learn about semiconductors, chip design, fabrication and packaging. The gift shop is an excellent spot to find mementos from Silicon Valley. Admission and parking are free.

Computer History Museum

1401 North Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View CA 94043 (at the intersection with U.S. Hwy 101)

W,F,Sa 13:00-16:00

Sa 11:00-17:00

+1-650-810-1010

<http://www.computerhistory.org/>

Established in 1996, the Computer History Museum is a public benefit organization dedicated to the preservation and celebration of computing history. It is home to one of the largest collections of computing artifacts in the world, a collection comprising over 13,000 objects, 20,000 images, 5,000

moving images, 4,000 linear feet of cataloged documentation and 5,000 titles (several hundred gigabytes) of software.

The Tech Museum of Innovation ("The Tech")

201 South Market St, San Jose CA 95113

Tu-Su 10:00-17:00

+1-408-294-TECH (-8324)

<http://www.thetech.org/>

The Tech is focused on inspiring the innovator in everyone it reaches. Hands-on and interactive exhibits, divided among themed galleries, offer guests a memorable experience. The Hackworth IMAX Dome Theater and various unique museum programs make a visit to the bright, mango-colored Tech one you won't soon forget. The scope of technologies covered is very broad. Particularly good for children but entertaining to all (cf., The Exploratorium, below).

Cantor Arts Center

Stanford University, Corner of Museum Way and Lomita Drive.

Free docent tours of contemporary sculptures including works by Miro and Segal.

W-Su 11:00 – 17:00

Th 11:00 – 20:00

+1-650-723-3469

<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/ccva>

Exhibits in 24 galleries, many from its collection of 25,000 objects from all historical periods and extensive European and American drawings, prints and photographs. Also, view Stanford's outdoor sculptures, the Rodin Sculpture Garden and the New Guinea Sculpture Garden. Cafe and bookstore available.

Elsewhere

San Francisco has many excellent museums, including the *Exploratorium* for children (<http://www.exploratorium.edu/>), and the *de Young* (<http://www.deyoungmuseum.org/deyoung/>), the *Palace of the Legion of Honor* (<http://www.thinker.org/legion/index.asp>), and *SFMOMA* (<http://www.sfmoma.org/>) for a very broad range of the arts. San Francisco is about 50 km north of Menlo Park. San Jose (*The Tech*) is about 30 km south. Field trips range from very nearby up to the 500 km away, at your pleasure.

Parks

There are many very fine Federal and State parks in the Bay Area and central California. Just a few of these include the Golden Gate National Parks (<http://www.nps.gov/goga/>), Point Reyes National Seashore (<http://www.nps.gov/pore/>), Yosemite (<http://www.nps.gov/yose/>), and Point Lobos State Reserve (<http://pt-lobos.parks.state.ca.us/>), as well as many parks in the mountains and along the shorelines surrounding the Bay Area and many scenic drives in these same regions. Indeed, California State Highway One is renowned worldwide for its beauty (though not for its traveling efficiency!); the portions of Hwy 1 south of Point Lobos and North of Point Reyes are particularly beautiful.