

Helpful Information for Planning Your Trip to Covelo

Covelo is located in the beautiful rural setting of Round Valley, tucked away in the Yolla Bolly mountains of Mendocino County. The town is small, it's easy to take a leisurely walk from one end to the other in about twenty minutes. You may want to take a moment to check out the web site for the town at www.RoundValley.org.

PLANNING YOUR TIME: Class time is 9:00 to 4:00. I generally open the front door about 8:45. I do begin and end class on time.

MATERIALS FEE: The materials fee for each class covers all of the consumables including the use of the equipment required, and is due the first day of class. Students should consider bringing along appropriate note taking supplies, such as pencil and paper, along with camera, if desired.

CLOTHING: Wear comfortable clothing. The afternoons are hot and dry (although the studio remains comfortable all day long) and the evenings are generally cool. Bring sunscreen and a hat, as well as an apron and gloves, if you would like to go home the way you came.

LODGINGS: The Tribes run a motel, the **Golden Oaks**, located at the entrance to the town next to the fire department. I've also arranged for home stays - many friends in the valley have offered to take students in for a modest fee. Accommodations vary. I know all of the hosts - all are kindly, interesting people. If you are interested in this option, let me know and I'll do what I can to set you up. In the end, I will give you the host/hostess's contact information and you may work out your own financial arrangements. For those of you coming from overseas, I'll be happy to play a more active role. Priority is given on a first come-first-served basis, along with preference to returning students, and students staying for multiple classes. I begin setting up home-stays about one month before classes begin, so it is a good idea to make a reservation with one of the other options, just to be on the safe side.

You may also like to consider staying at the **Black Butte**, they have cabins for rent, camp sites, and hook ups for RVs. <http://www.blackbutteriverranch.com/>

FOOD: There are two restaurants in town, plus a deli at the new Keith's Market, and a diner that specializes in breakfast and lunch, called My Place. The North Fork Cafe serves excellent dinner fare, including fresh caught salmon, a good wine list, organic local garden vegetables, and fresh baked bread, sometimes with attitude. There is also an excellent coffee shop at the Friends of the Library Commons, called Paperback Cafe, serving a full range of coffees, teas, and fresh baked goods.

There is also a small farmers market on Fridays across the street from my studio. However, do bring plenty of your favorite snacks and addictions, as selections here are at times limited. Pretend that you are going camping and bring along your necessities. You may want to plan a stop in Willits on the way in. You will pass a large Safeway (with a pharmacy) as well as Mariposa Health Food Store along Hwy 101 in Willits.

Outside of Keith's Market, the Paperback Cafe, and My Place, there are few breakfast options in town. Keith's does carry the standard array of yogurts, fruit, cereals, and so on - in addition to the deli's breakfast menu.

OTHER COMFORTS AND DETAILS: I do serve strong coffee during class, and of course there is also a selection of teas, decaf coffee, and juices. As time permits, I try to have something fresh baked each morning to go with the coffee.

Not all cell phones work in our valley. Verizon seems to be the most reliable here, but if in doubt, contact your cell phone company or check with me.

Computers for checking your email are available at our new Library, www.roundvalley.org/library, Wi-Fi is available after hours if you don't mind sitting outside—many locals do. I do not allow general computer use or cell phones during class time.

There is no laundromat in town. The nearest one is at the Black Butte Country Store and RV Park, about 25 minutes further along on HWY 162. You are welcome to use the washing machine in my studio, especially those of your staying for more than a week.

If you think of your journey here as an adventure to an exotic foreign port, and plan your trip accordingly, you will have a delightful experience.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: Most participants will want to fly into SFO or Oakland and rent a car. I will gladly help to coordinate those of you arriving at about the same time, if you would like to share a car. **From San Francisco head north on HWY 101** and just keep going. The trip will take about three and one half hours, as follows: one hour to Santa Rosa, (Hopland is a good place to stop for a meal at the Blue Bird Cafe) one hour to Ukiah, thirty minutes to Willits. **About ten minutes north of Willits, turn right (west) onto HWY 162.** The first (and only) town you will pass through, once you leave HWY 101, is Covelo—about forty minutes from the turn off. Along the way you will follow the beautiful Eel River, the last wild river in California. Once in town, **turn left on Greeley** at the “picturesque” Covelo Hotel, one block and you're here!! If somehow you do get lost, look for the largest building in town, or ask for the Blackberry Festival grounds.

From Oakland, take HWY 880 North to 80 East (head for Sacramento), just past Berkeley **take the turn off for the San Rafael Bridge and this will put you on HWY 101 heading north.** Follow the rest of the directions as given above.

I prefer to fly in and out of **Sacramento**. It is a much smaller airport, and a very pleas-

ant country drive to Covelo. Head **north on HWY 5 about one hour**. Just past Williams **take the HWY 20 turnoff** heading west for Upper Lake and Ukiah. Continue through the scenic oak trees, and then along Clear Lake until you bump into **HWY 101, take the north off ramp** heading toward Willits and then follow the directions given above. About four hours from Sacramento.

If traveling in from the north, go south on HWY 101, and turn left (east) onto HWY 162 just after Laytonville.

You also have the option of flying into Covelo airport. A small airport for private planes (some people have done this!).

PREPARING AHEAD: If you are interested in finding out more about Covelo and Round Valley in anticipation of your adventure, you may enjoy checking out the following:

The town website is RoundValley.org.

Books to read:

Wylackie Lake of Covelo, by George Samuel Evans

Families: A Pictorial History of Round Valley , 1864 to 1938,

by Floyd E Barney and Elmer Bauer

We Were All Like Migrant Workers Here: Work, Community, and Memory on California's Round Valley Reservation, 1850-1941, William J., Jr. Bauer

Killing for Land in Early California - Indian Blood at Round Valley,

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No Steeper Wall, by Percy Marks

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