



Alameda Photographic Society Field Trip

Old Borges Ranch, Walnut Creek, CA



Date: **Saturday February 23, 2019**

Rain (go for the 1pm open house)	Shine (shoot outdoors & open house)
Meet at Kohl's parking lot at 12:00 noon to carpool	Meet at Kohls at 9:30 am to carpool
Or meet us at Borges Ranch at 12:30 pm	Or meet us at Borges Ranch at 10:30

Location: (see map on page 2)

Old Borges Ranch, 1035 Castle Rock Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Web site: <http://www.walnut-creek.org/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/16/664>

Borges Ranch is 15 acres nestled in the foothills of Mount Diablo on the southeast side of Shell Ridge. It was established in 1899 and is a great example of an early 20th century central California cattle ranch. Many of the original buildings and structures still exist including the Borges family home, one of seven structures placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981. A number of farm animals call the ranch home including **goats, chickens, pigs, and sheep**. Watch for cattle on the road in.

The ranch contains barns, corrals, outbuildings, a blacksmith shop and antique farm equipment. ***We have timed our visit to go inside the ranch buildings at 1:00 pm during a monthly open house.***

For those who like to hike, the trail intersects the Briones Diablo Trail just up the hill, and a seasonal creek runs alongside the road leading into the Ranch.

Organizer: Marcy Zimmerman 510-912-1819

Be sure to bring your tripod, lenses, filters, memory cards, plus hat and jacket as it can be cold this time of year. Restrooms are available.

Option: lots of places to grab lunch in Walnut Creek.

Directions: From Alameda/Oakland

Take Hwy 24 East to Walnut Creek. At the 680 junction, stay in the third lane and bear left towards 680 North (east) and **exit immediately on Ygnacio Valley Road**. Turn Right on YVR.

Go approx. 3 miles over the hill **past John Muir hospital** and turn **right on Walnut Avenue**. (NOT Walnut Blvd)

Follow **Walnut Ave to the end** (roundabout) and go **right on Castle Rock Road**. Follow it past the high school and watch for signs to Old Borges Ranch. Turn **right** and go up hill to the second parking lot near the farm buildings at Old Borges Ranch.



