

GPX Elephant Seal Rookery Tour (near San Simeon) Sat-Sunday February 10-11, 2018



The Northern Elephant Seal is an extraordinary marine mammal. It spends eight to ten months a year in the open ocean, diving 1000 to 5800 feet deep for periods of fifteen minutes to two hours, and migrating thousands of miles, twice a year, to its land-based rookery for birthing, breeding, molting, and rest. Piedras Blancas is a great place to view these remarkable creatures during their time onshore.

The Piedras Blancas elephant seal rookery spreads over 6 miles of shoreline around Point Piedras Blancas on the central coast of California. The viewing areas are located 5 miles north of Hearst Castle State Historical Monument in San Simeon, 1.5 miles south of Point Piedras Blancas.

Friends of the Elephant Seal is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating people about elephant seals and other marine life and teaching stewardship for the ocean off the central coast of California. It is a cooperating association with California State Parks. <http://www.elephantseal.org/>

The drive will begin in Ventura, proceeding up HWY 33 and across HWY's 58 and 41 to Morro Bay. Overnight and dinner in Morro Bay. On Sunday drive north ½ hour on HWY 1 to the Rookery to observe breeding and birthing.

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