



Hotel and Field Trip Information

The "official" (reduced-rate) hotel for this year's AEES conference at UC-Berkeley is the [Doubletree at the Berkeley Marina](#). The Doubletree is a lovely hotel right on the Berkeley Marina and just a short walk from Cesar Chavez Park with its killer views of the Golden Gate and the city of San Francisco. The UC-Berkeley campus is approximately 3 miles away and can be reached via bus or a shuttle operated regularly by the Doubletree. We have secured the following room rates for the conference:

Single/Double: \$124/night

Triple: \$134/night

Quad: \$144/night

Please reserve these rooms by March 20th. The phone number for the Doubletree is 510-548-7920. Ask for the "AEES Conference" rate.

If you'd like to stay at a hotel closer to campus, we recommend the following independent hotels within a block or two of the campus in downtown Berkeley:

Hotel Durant, 510-845-8981 (has a great bar/restaurant downstairs with killer breakfast burritos)

Bancroft Hotel, 510-549-1000 (next to an awesome coffee shop, Cafe Strada)

Shattuck Plaza, 510-845-7300 (very historic building on Berkeley's main drag)

Also, the organizing committee is trying to get a more accurate idea of who is interested in the various field trips we're offering this year. If you're serious about attending any of the following, please send an RSVP to christina@swampthing.org:

Wednesday, April 12th: Wetlands in Wine Country: Join us for a day of wine tasting and wetlands education in the San Francisco Bay Area. In the morning, we'll travel to beautiful Lodi County (land of great old vine Zinfandel) and take a look at how wetlands are used to treat winery wastewater. Dr. Alex Horne will give a guided tour of ponds and wetlands he's designed for the famed Talus Winery. In the afternoon, we'll visit the Carneros region of Sonoma County (known for its excellent Pinot Noir) and learn about the opportunities and challenges facing tidal wetland restoration projects along San Pablo Bay. Dr. Stuart Siegel and Christina Toms will lead a tour of multiple restoration sites including Sonoma Baylands, Tolay Creek, and Petaluma River Marsh. We'll lunch on Italian goodies at Viansa Winery and take a look at wildlife wetlands the winery has restored along Sonoma Creek. Cost will be approximately \$50/person and will cover transportation and lunch.

Saturday, April 15th - Sunday, April 16th: Treatment Wetlands at Lake Tahoe: If enough people are interested, we'll head up to the incredible, gorgeous high Sierras for some late-season snow sports and a look at how tertiary wastewater treatment wetlands are reducing pollution in Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River. Barring a really bad La Nina, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and snow-tubing should all be viable options for the weekend. If not, there's always gambling in Reno!!! Cost will depend on how many people are interested, so please let us know ASAP.

We're looking forward to seeing you in April!