

The Ernst Quarries Pricing

Digging in the Sharktooth Hill Fossil Formation

OUR PRICING

ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON

Adults **\$40**

Children 11 and Under **\$30**

Group Discounts available for 10 or more participants, email for more information.

Everyone entering the property is subject to admission and a signed liability waiver, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Children under 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult. Children under 10 must remain with an adult at all times (No Exceptions). Children under five will not be allowed to participate in digging actives with tooling.

Check-in is between 7:45 and 8:00am at our staging point.

A vehicle is required, no hikers or walking from the staging area is permitted. For safety reasons, a vehicle must stay with the participants (no drop offs).

WE LEAVE THE STAGING AREA PROMPTLY AT 8:15AM!

If you cannot make the start time, please call or text prior to 8am and we can attempt to accommodate you, but there are no guarantees. (661) 319-7080.

You will be led in your own vehicles to the property and arrive by 8:45am. After a short orientation/tour, you are free to begin digging (approx. 9am start after orientation).

ALL TOOLS ARE PROVIDED.

No dogs are allowed, this is for their safety. Many of the manageable hazards to humans are unmanageable and deadly to dogs.

For more information, text: **661-319-7080**

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THE ERNST QUARRIES

Sharktooth Hill, California

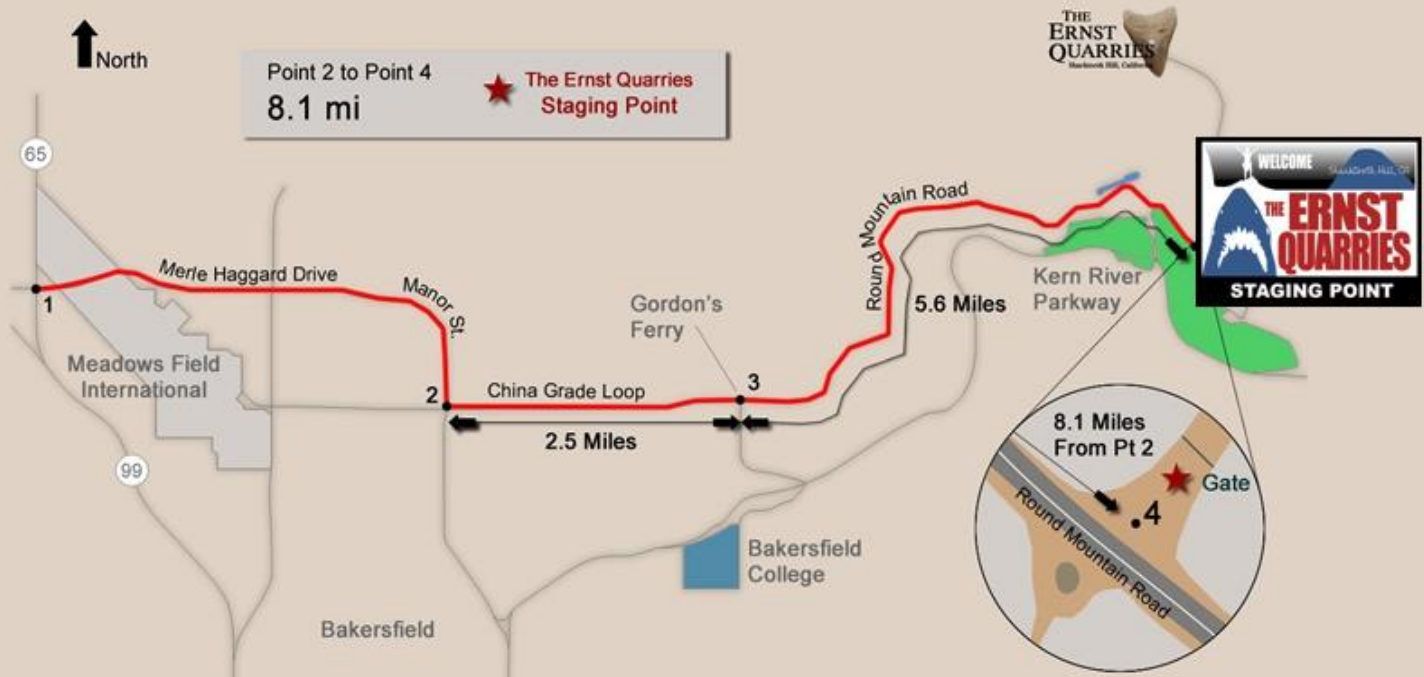


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Written Directions to The Ernst Quarries

1. Take 99 freeway to Merle Haggard Drive. (Merle Haggard Dr. is just north of Bakersfield)
This is Map Point 1.
2. Take Merle Haggard Dr. EAST until it turns into Manor St.
(about a 10 minute drive through several lights and past the airport)
3. Just after Merle Haggard turns into Manor, the road will begin to turn south.
4. Once you've turned southbound the next light will be China Grade Loop.
You have reached Map Point 2.
5. Make a LEFT Turn at China Grade Loop and proceed East.
6. You will travel 2.5 miles down this road (eastbound through the oilfields) until you pass the "Gordon's Ferry" junction.
You have reached Map Point 3.
7. This junction is where China Grade Loop goes south, and the road you are on turns into Round Mountain Road.
8. From this point continue to go east on Round Mountain Road for EXACTLY 5.6 MILES.
(Setting your trip gauge helps)
9. This will take you to Map Point 4 and The Ernst Quarries **Staging Point**.
10. Please arrive 30 minutes before start time, for check-in. Thank You.



Frequently Asked Questions

Is there Camping? Unfortunately, we no longer allow camping on the property. There are however, two campgrounds very close to our site. One, about a half mile up the road, is maintained by the Boy's and Girl's Club of Bakersfield. The other, about 12 minutes away, is on the other side of the river. Both campgrounds are run/booked through the Kern County Parks Dept.

You can visit their website(s) to find out additional information.

Camp Okihi (1/2 mile away):

<http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/okihi.asp>

The Kern River Campground (12 minutes away):

<http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/kern-river-camp.asp>

You're not open during the summer, is there anything else we can do? You could visit both the Buena Vista Museum of Natural History and/or the California Living Museum (CALM). Both have exhibits which include very nice specimens found on Sharktooth Hill. Several of the articulated skeletons on display at the BV Museum came from our property.

When are you open? We are open on select Thursday's through Saturday. Please check the calendar located at the bottom of our website for specific days of operation.

What can I keep? You get to keep everything you find with the exception of scientifically significant fossils. If you find a skull or articulated assemblage of bones - we keep it and put it in a museum.

What tools do I need? ALL tools will be provided for you.

Will I find a shark tooth? Without guaranteeing that you'll find a shark tooth, I can say the chances are 100%. We park the cars 50 feet from the active bone-bed on top of older dug-out areas. When you step out of the car there are literally small bones and broken teeth at your feet. Just walking around for 5 minutes should yield some teeth, as people throw away the broken ones in the parking area.

What kinds of shark teeth will I find? The most common teeth you'll find are Mako. There are several types, the most common are *I. Hastalis* (Big Tooth Mako) and *I. Planus* (Hook Tooth Mako). But tiger, six-gill, porpoise, whale, and various requiem shark teeth are also very common. Rare finds include Megalodon, Hemipristis, and Benedini teeth.

How can I prep my fossils once I get the home? You can clean the teeth with water and a soft bristled toothbrush. Then mix up a solution of white glue and water (about 30% glue to 70% water). Dip the cleaned tooth root in the solution (to just past the beginning of the enamel) and put them on a rack for drying. This should improve the integrity of the root so they can be passed around and handled. The 30/70 solution will not effect the look of the tooth.

Are there any half day digs? Currently there are is no half day digging available. Everyone attending must arrive prior to 8:15am.

I have a car, will it make it to the quarry? All cars are accessible when we are open with the exception of low profile vehicles (smart cars, mini's, lowered, etc.). When it does rains, no one can get up to the sites, even with a four wheel drive.

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We Recommend

Local Establishments with Quality and Charm

HOTELS

Padre Hotel - 1702 18 th Street	(661) 427-4900
Residence Inn by Marriott - 4241 Chester Lane	(661) 321-9800
Holiday Inn Express – 19480 Quinn Rd.	(661) 387-1678

RESTAURANTS

Dinner

Rosa's Italian - 2400 Columbus St.	(661) 872-1606
Woolgrowers Basque - 620 E. 19 th Street	(661) 327-9584
Mexicali Mexican Cuisine - 631 18 th Street	(661) 327-3861

Lunch

Jake's Tex Mex - 1710 Oak St.	(661) 322-6380
Rosemary's Ice Cream Shop - 2733 F St.	(661) 395-0555
Luigi's Italian Deli - 725 E. 19 th Street	(661) 322-0926

Breakfast

Milt's Coffee Shop - 6112 Knudsen Drive	(661) 399-4975
The Village Grill - 2805 F Street	(661) 325-1219

Sweets

Dewar's Ice Cream Shop - 1120 Eye St.	(661) 322-0933
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ENTERTAINMENT

Buena Vista Museum of Natural History 2018 Chester Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93301	(661) 324-6350
CALM California Living Museum 10500 Alfred Harrell Hwy. Bakersfield, CA 93308	(661) 872-2256
Buck Owens' Crystal Palace 2800 Buck Owens Blvd. Bakersfield, CA 93301	(661) 328-7560
Kern County Museum featuring Pioneer Village 3801 Chester Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93305	(661) 437-3330

CAMPING

Camp Okihi (1 mile away) http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/okihi.asp	(661) 872-3179
The Kern River Campground (12 minutes away) http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/kern-river-camp.asp	(661) 868-7000

VOLUNTARY WAIVER, RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

THIS IS A WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND AN AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE. YOU ARE GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT. THE EXECUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT IS A CONDITION TO ENTERING ONTO THE PROPERTY OF ROBERT T. ERNST AND MARY J. ERNST AND PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITIES THEREON, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FOSSIL EXCAVATING AND VIEWING.

In consideration of the privilege of entering onto the property of Robert T. Ernst and Mary J. Ernst ("The Ernst Quarries") to participate thereon in fossil excavation and viewing, and/or recreational activities,

I, _____ Please Print _____, on behalf of myself, my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume risks and waive and release all claims related thereto, and agree to indemnify The Ernst Quarries, all as provided herein.

I acknowledge that the digging, excavation, viewing, and sifting of silt for paleontological fossils, bones, teeth and other items, and all activities associated with such types of excavating and searching ("Activities"), may be inherently dangerous activities and that participation in the Activities as a participant, an individual contractor, or assistant (collectively "Participant"), exposes the Participant to a substantial and serious risk of property damage, personal injury, and/or death.

I expressly acknowledge and agree that participation in the Activities will involve such hazards. I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of those persons or entities mentioned herein who (through negligence or carelessness) might otherwise be liable to me (or my heirs or assigns) for damages.

I understand and accept the "as is" conditions of, and the Activities pertaining to, The Ernst Quarry land and any adjoining and nearby land upon which I will enter including, but not limited to, the following:

Initial The vast majority of The Ernst Quarries land and/or adjoining and nearby land is in an unimproved, semi-wilderness state;

Initial The Ernst Quarries has no obligation to improve, alter, or repair the property or to make it safe;

Initial The disease, Valley Fever, may exist in spores in the ground on The Ernst Quarries land;

Initial The Ernst Quarries has no obligation to warn of dangerous conditions, whether latent or patent, that may exist upon the land;

Initial Various other activities may be conducted concurrently upon said land while I am there, including, but not limited to, hunting, woodcutting, managing livestock, constructing & maintaining roads, fences, pipelines, utility lines and other improvements, and such activities may create hazards to my safety;

Initial Other persons may be present from time to time within the same area and my own activities need to be conducted in a careful and prudent manner with due regard to the safety and well being of such other persons;

Initial The acts or omissions (including the active or passive negligence) of The Ernst Quarries, their employees, agents, invitees and/or such persons or entities as may be present upon The Ernst Quarries land and adjoining and nearby land, may result in my experiencing losses, damages, or bodily injuries (including death);

Initial Generally a severe fire hazard condition exist upon The Ernst Quarries land and adjoining and nearby land because of abundant dry grasses, leaves, and vegetation;

Initial Extreme caution is required in using vehicles upon The Ernst Quarries land and adjoining and nearby land to prevent grass and forest fires;

Initial The roads and trails upon The Ernst Quarries land and adjoining and nearby land are not maintained free of ruts, rocks, loose materials, overhanging branches, and other hazards, and the steepness, nature of the road-beds and other attendant conditions are such that many of such roads and trails can only be traveled by four wheel drive vehicles driven by a person well-experienced in driving such a vehicle in rugged mountainous terrain, and the hazardous conditions of certain roads and trails is such that only an experienced driver or rider will recognize that they should be traveled at all.

Initial Water found in streams, springs, pipelines, tanks, and troughs, is untreated. Its quality and potability is uncertain, and such water should not be consumed by horse or rider because of the risk of its possible contamination.

Accordingly, being fully aware that participation in the Activities will expose me to substantial and serious risk of property damage and personal injury or death, and in consideration of having been given permission to enter upon The Ernst Quarries land and adjoining nearby land, if applicable, and participate in the Activities. I release The Ernst Quarries and their employees, attorneys, and agents, and all other persons or entities having any connection thereto ("Releases") from liability for any and all claims for damages for death, disease, personal injury, or property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me or my heirs or assigns as a result of my participation in the Activities or in connection with my entry or presence upon The Ernst Quarries land and adjoining and nearby land, including any claims that are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent. I shall not now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit, or other proceeding against the Releases arising out of or related to the actions, causes of action, claims, and demands hereby waived, released, or discharged by me. This release shall be binding upon me and my spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns.

I FURTHER EXPRESSLY WAIVE THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 1542 WHICH PROVIDES: "A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR."

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS VOLUNTARY WAIVER, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE ERNST QUARRIES AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS, OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THE FOREGOING WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE.

I VOLUNTARILY SIGN MY NAME EVIDENCING MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS,

Date: _____, 20____. By: _____ Name: _____
Signature Please Print

IF ABOVE RELEASING PARTY IS A MINOR, THE SIGNATURE OF A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, SIGNING ON HIS OR HER OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE MINOR, EVIDENCING UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY ALL OF THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, MUST APPEAR BELOW.

Date: _____, 20____. By: _____ Name: _____
Parent / Guardian Signature Please Print