

Whitman College Semester in the West
Itinerary September 24-October 3

September 24: Travel to Rainbow Park, Dinosaur National Monument Area
(Wrap-up Class in Morning, Stop at Flaming Gorge, etc.)

September 25: Morning to Early Afternoon: Meet Tamara Naumann, Park Botanist, Dinosaur National Monument.. Talk about native plants and invasive species in the Monument. SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT: Tamarisk removal in Rainbow Park.
Reading: John Rodman, “Restoring Nature: Natives and Exotics”

September 26: Travel to Sites in Dinosaur National Monument
“Happy Pot, Worry Pot” Exercise in Echo Park
Reading, Journaling, begin writing epiphanies

September 27: Long Travel Day from Rainbow Park to either Wells or Jackpot, NV area. (depends on campsite availability on a private ranch near Jackpot)

Readings: Visit websites for the National Cattlemen’s Association, Northern Nevada Stewardship Group, Blue Ribbon Coalition, Placerdome Mining

September 28: 9:00 PST Meet Ranchers Steve and Robin Boeis at their ranch near Contact, NV. Steve is past president of the Nevada Cattleman’s Association.
3:00 PST: Meet Attorney Grant Gerber in Elko, NV.
Dinner at the Star Restaurant (Basque, family-style food, lot of dead animals)

September 29: EARLY morning. Drive to Crescent Valley. 9:00am: Meet Jim Collard and his staff at the Cortez Gold Mine. Tour mine.
Evening: Meet Jon Marvel, Western Watersheds.

September 30: Day in the Field with Jon Marvel, Western Watersheds

October 1: Pack up camp, travel back to Crescent Valley

Meet Mary and Carrie Dann, Chris Sewell, and Julie Fischel. Western Shoshone Defense Project. Camp at WSDP Site in Crescent Valley.

Readings: WSDP Website, Patricia Limerick, “Haunted America,” from *Something in the Soil*

October 2: Travel to Mono Lake, California, Meet Paul Hoornbeek
Late afternoon and evening: **Epiphany Readings.** (4 sets of 5)

October 3: Begin writing course with Paul Hoornbeek.