

Semester in the West 2008
New Mexico Itinerary October 24-November 10

October 24: Travel Day to El Valle, NM. Travel time is 8 hours. We will leave our camp early to make sure we arrive in the daylight.

Dinner with William deBuys at his El Valle place. We have several of his books in our library, including *River of Traps* and *The Walk*, which are based on his experiences at this place. We also have *Salt Dreams* and *Enchantment and Exploitation...*

October 25: Writing discussions with William deBuys. Time for walks, metaphor gathering, short essays, discussions, etc.

October 26: Late morning or early afternoon: Move to Camel Tracks Campsite near Santa Fe, NM. Time to explore a bit.

Evening: Meet Paul Arbetan, New Mexico Natural Heritage Program, for an overview of our final ecology segment.

October 27: Travel to Bandelier National Monument for Ecology Fieldwork.

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October 29: Morning: Meet Courtney White, Executive Director, Quivira Coalition for discussions about the “radical center” in the grazing debate

Take a look at www.quivira.org

Read White, “The Working Wilderness” in Wendell Berry, *The Way of Ignorance* (on server in New Mexico Ecology folder)

Afternoon: Fieldwork on Caja del Rio Mesa (near camp)

October 30: Travel to Bandelier National Monument for Fieldwork

October 31: Travel Day to Chihuahuan Desert Site Near Deming, NM
Evening Discussion

November 1: Fieldwork in Chihuahuan Desert

November 2: Fieldwork in Chihuahuan Desert

November 3: Travel to San Bernardino Ranch, Sonora, Mexico. Border Crossing is at Douglas AZ/Agua Prieta, Sonora
Evening Discussion

November 4: Fieldwork at the San Bernardino Ranch

Background on restoration work: www.cuencalosojos.org

November 5: Fieldwork at the San Bernardino Ranch

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November 7: Finish Fieldwork in the morning, then drive to Cliff, NM (Near Silver City, NM) Border Crossing at Douglas AZ. We will stay at the Lichty Center, Gila Farm Preserve, The Nature Conservancy

Evening: Meet writer Sharman Apt Russell

November 8-10: Writing Workshop: “Nature Writing in the 21st Century”

On Saturday afternoon we will do a service project with our hosts. (We can also see the results of willow planting done by the 2006 SITW group), and we will have a visit with Martha Schumann with TNC.