

OLLI Spring 2020 “Step into Nature Writing Retreat” with Patrice Vecchione (April 27 - May 1)

Dearest Writers,

Enrollment for the **OLLI Spring Step into Nature Writing Retreat 2020** is open. I invite you to join me for unhurried days of inspiration and creativity in a gorgeous place!



For each of my previous retreats, I've wanted to take us to new places, but after the 2019 retreat at Bell Valley, about 100 miles north of San Francisco, less than an hour from Hwy #101, I knew this was a place to return to. Bell Valley's beauty calls me back.



I loved that the retreat center was ours alone. We won't share the space with other groups, and anywhere near the bay area, that's a difficult thing to find.

On land near the Navarro River that was originally lived on by Pomo Indians, we'll have time to gather and time to venture off, time for writing and chatting about writing and reading our new work to each other. There'll be time for introspection and walking the five+ miles of trails.

Each day will have two guided writing periods. We'll enjoy three meals a day prepared for us by chef Heather Burman.

The 2020 retreat will be held from April 27 - May 1, so we can enjoy the land after the winter rains have dried and left us with wildflowers. Our meals will be shared in the Toll House and our workshops will be held in the barn.



There are various lodging options. Fees below are inclusive of workshops, lodging, meals and full-access to the grounds, including the hot tub, the pond that's a hike away and meandering trails.

Standard Rooms

There are three standard private rooms located in the barn above our workshop space. These are lovely, quiet spaces that share a living room, kitchen area and bath. Single: \$1,975.

Premium Rooms

There are four premium rooms located upstairs in the Toll House. Some have one queen or king bed while others have two beds. These rooms can be shared by couples or friends. (The lighting has been improved.) Each room has a private bath. Double, per person: \$1,950.

Tent Cabins

These take the word "tent" to a whole new level and are equipped with heaters, should the nights get chilly. Each has two beds that can be pushed together, should couples wish. A big bathhouse is located close-by. Double, per person: \$1,400. Single: \$1,600.

Women's Bunkhouse

This is a large six-bed dwelling adjacent to the Toll House with its own kitchen: \$1,400 per person.

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The writing retreat is sponsored by OLLI@CSUMB. If you'd like to enroll or have questions, please get in touch with me at patrice@patricevecchione.com or 831-206-2475.