

**Field trip to White Mountains, Bristlecone Pine forest, and upper WMRS labs
Sunday, 9 Nov, weather and interest permitting**

This trip will be an all-day excursion to the White Mountains, led by Associate Station Director John Smiley, with likely stops at the Schulman Bristlecone Pine forest, the Crooked Creek laboratory, dolomite country, and the Barcroft Laboratory. If you have visited the Whites before, you know that this range is strikingly different from the Sierra Nevadas. Whether or not you've had a previous visit, this open, breathtaking landscape is worth a day of your time.

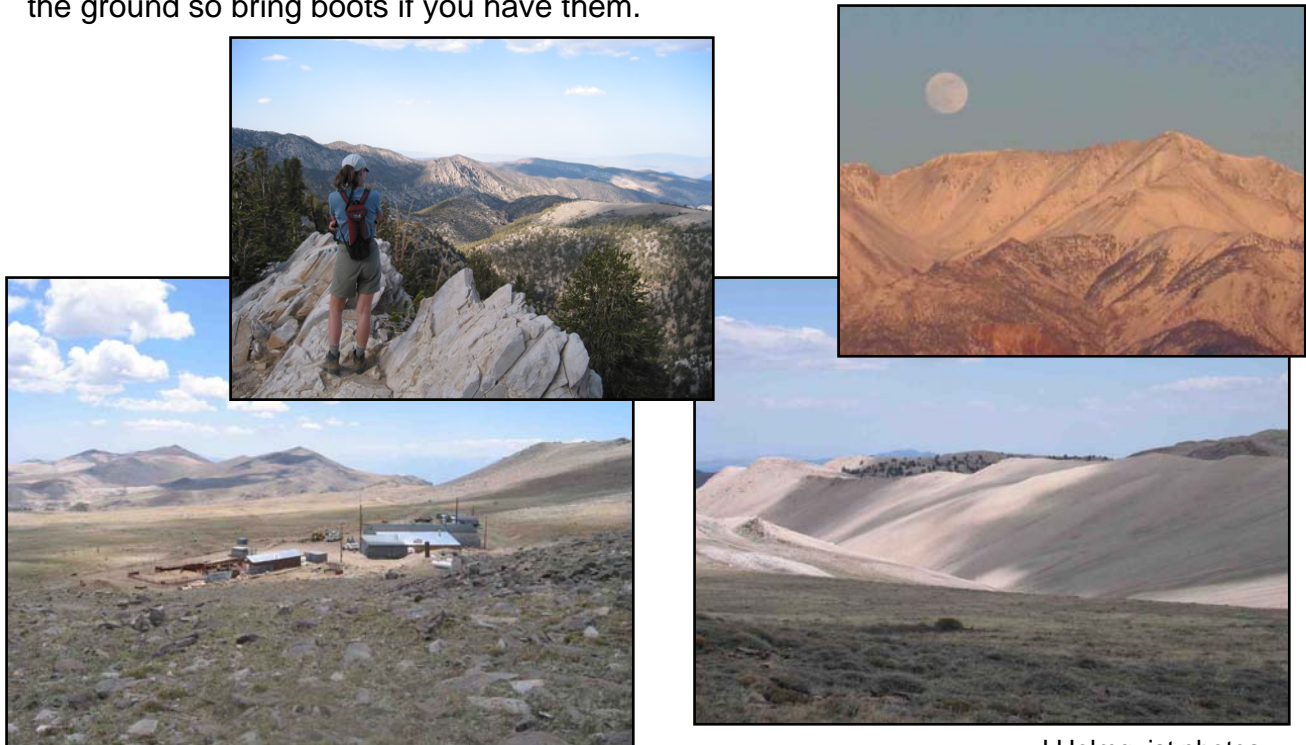
We will meet at 0800 at White Mountain Research Station Owens Valley Lab, just east of Bishop, where Daniel Pritchett will give a 45 min talk on station history, based on his recent research. Then, into vehicles and off to the Whites.

The first stop will be Schulman Bristlecone Grove (10,100'), home to Methuselah, believed to be the earth's oldest living organism. The forest is a favorite of photographers, because of the trees' striking morphology and stark surroundings.

Next up: the WMRS Crooked Creek Station, located in the Bristlecone/Limber Pine forest at an elevation of 10,200'. This log cabin-inspired complex is WMRS' most modern and luxurious facility, and sleeps 60 persons at full capacity.

Following a stop in the white dolomite "barrens" (11,800'), we will continue on to the WMRS Barcroft lab (12,400)'. Facilities include the Nello Pace Laboratory, which is the main station building, several nearby outbuildings housing research projects, and the observatory dome, 1/2 mile to the north up on Barcroft Plateau.

Please bring a lunch, lots of water, and warm clothes. There will probably be snow on the ground so bring boots if you have them.



J Holmquist photos