

## Directions from Otay Mesa to Highway 1- Ensenada toll road (misses 2 toll booths) – without a LOFT house in tow

- Go through the **red light/green light** at the border and pull over if you get a **red**. **Answer their questions and do as they ask here**. There are a lot of military and police here, but they are usually very polite.
- **Please call HoM staff at 909 748-1274 or 909 748-1275 or 909 748-1254 as soon as you leave the border** and arrange a rendezvous in Maneadero if you have made those arrangements.
- **Go straight and in about 1 mile beyond the border crossing, veer left** at the Y-intersection where the sign says **CD Industrial**.
- **About 200 feet after the Y-intersection** there is a **signal light** where you **turn left**. There will be panhandlers in this area.
- After you turn continue in the **middle lane** on this highway towards Tecate for about 5 miles until you come to the pictured intersection on the right. **STAY RIGHT**
- The sign says ....**Rosarito - Hwy 1** –See Zoomed picture of this same sign below - **Turn right** here
- Once you are on this divided highway with a very broad shoulder, you will **travel about 24 miles** to the "Free road" which parallels Highway 1 toll road. At the end of this road you get to a T-intersection where you can see Fox Studios on the beach.
- **Turn left** and you will travel past the Jesus statue a total of about **6 miles from where you turned**.
- After these 6 mi. you will see **Raul's Restaurant** on the right and you will also see a sign on the right saying "**to Ensenada cuota**"(meaning toll road) - **Turn left and then a quick right** onto the toll road. **(NOTE: you may have to go down another 2 miles to get on the toll road during construction)** See picture on the right showing where you **go left and then a quick right** and jump up on the toll road above you on the left. Note PeMex station just beyond the toll road entrance. This station has diesel fuel.



- After the third (and only toll booth you see going this way), go **about 5 miles** to another Y intersection pictured below and again **Stay Right**



**toward Zona Turistica - San Quintin Hwy 1 again. DO NOT go left here toward Ensenada!!!!**

- Continue on for about 2 miles to the stop light (a big busy intersection pictured below). **Veer right** following the **San Quintín (Malecon) HWY 1** sign pictured here.

- **Do not** go left towards Ensenada Centro as traffic is very congested.

- **Go all the way down this street** along the beach until you can't go any farther. **Turn left at the end of this beachfront road.**

- **Go about 1 mile and Turn right at the T-intersection at Highway 1**

- You are now **on Highway One** and will soon pass

**Costco** on your left and **Wal Mart** and **Home Depot** on your right.

- At this point if you don't have a trailer, you should follow the **directions from Highway 1 to Rancho Casitas.** (Next Page)

- **If you need help**, call 909 748-1274 or 909 748-1275 or 909 499-3185 or 909 435-6699 and one of us will be sure to get someone there to guide you to where you want to go or to the best taco stands or to Rancho Casitas. You will have to dial 001 first if you are in Mexico.

- **Call Rick or Laura in the States if you can't reach anyone in Mexico** at 001-909 499-6783 or 001-909 499-6734.



## Directions to Rancho Casitas from Highway 1-Mexico

1. Continue to head south out of Ensenada on Highway 1 (You will disregard the “Estero Beach” turn off and continue through the towns of Chapultepec and Maneadero).

2. Go **exactly 5.0 miles straight** past the turn off for the “La Bufadora.” Don’t turn towards the Bufadora just mark your mileage. Surrounding landscape will become very remote and desert like. As you head down a grade you’ll see a small white sign on the right that says “Puente El Zorrillo.” (See Arrow on Picture to right)



If you want a safe taco stop, use Tacos de Cachanilla, on the right exactly 0.7 miles beyond the Bufadora turnoff. Quesotacos are to die for. There is also a Pablanos across the street from this taco shop.

3. Slow down as you cross a short, narrow bridge that crosses a small drainage culvert. (To the left of this will be a paved pull out that leads to a dirt road that is marked “Pipila.” Take this dirt road) (See arrow in Picture on right)



4. Take this dirt road for 7.1 miles **PLEASE SET YOUR TRIP METER HERE** past several ranches with names like Agua Viva and Vaquero. (At any point on the dirt road, **when in doubt**, just **stay to the right**) You will need to go through **6 different CATTLE GATES** (parallel pipes buried in the ground across the road) before you are even close.

**IMPORTANT NOTE IF TOWING A TRAILER:** The last **three CATTLE GATES** are very narrow and require you to peel back the barbed wire bypass gate on the side of the cattle gate. We have lost several tires and axles by those who ignore this warning.

5. At the Fork after the sign for the Vaquero Ranch, veer **right** to stay on the main road. (See picture on right)

(There will be several dry streambed crossings with steep approaches and rough rutted roads. A couple miles after the electric power poles stop following the road there will be a sandy stretch of road)



6. At the “Y” intersection marked with white stones and red reflectors (maybe an orange cone too) take a **right!** (See Picture to the right) **DO NOT MISS THIS ONE!!!**



7. Take this less improved, narrower, dirt road 2-3 miles past a barbed wire fence/gate and past an iron swing gate (leave the gates as you find them: close if you find it closed).

8. After following a streambed through a dense grove of oaks you will pop over a steep rise and see a ranch house and trailers off to the right(don't go up there) and continue **down** to the right of the corral and barn building, following the dirt road for another mile. That is veer **right** around the corral and barn complex.

9. Turn **left** when you see the sign for Rancho Casitas. (See picture on right)



The camp comprised of loft homes should be in sight after coming over rise. Go to the **right** of these loft houses and follow the road up to left to the large dining hall above the Camp. Camp staff will greet you, but if you are arriving very late



a white board on the bright Orange Loft house will have instructions for the cabins that you will sleep in. If arriving late, look for your name or group name on the white board, as we will mark the houses you will sleep in, or the ones that are already full.

**For further directions To Rancho Casitas or trouble on the way down call:**

- . • Rancho Casitas satellite phone: (909) 748-1274 (dial 001 from Mexico)
- . McCoys house – 909 748-1275 , or Johnson’s house at 909 748-1254
- . • Danny U.S. cell: (909) 499-3185 , or Brian US Cell 909 435-6699
- . • Danny Van Nes Mexico cell: 011-52-646-146-4845; When calling from within Mexico, 044-646-146-4845
- . Steve Johnson’s cell – (909) 838-3263
- . • Rick Carter cell: (909) 499-6783
- . Laura Arredondo cell: 909 499-6734
- . • John Stark cell: (909) 792-0101
- . • To dial U.S. numbers while in Mexico, dial 001 first.