



Plein Air — Eugene O’Neill National Historic Site

Saturday, April 12, 2025, 10:00 am–1:00 pm



At the Eugene O’Neill National Historic Site (★), we will be guests of the Eugene O’Neill Foundation, Tao House and the National Park Service. It was at Tao House where O’Neill found the peace and quiet to write his late masterpieces, including *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, *The Iceman Cometh*, and *Long Day’s Journey Into Night*. No painting or eating indoors, but there is plenty to explore on the grounds. You can see the Old Barn, where in September *Long Day’s Journey* was performed during the 20th anniversary of the Eugene O’Neill Festival. Have your brown-bag lunch at the picnic tables and paint views of Mount Diablo, the Las Trampas hills, the nut orchard, the courtyard garden, cows grazing nearby, and even the gravesite of O’Neill’s Dalmatian. Bring a bag lunch and we can get together at 12:30 pm to review paintings and have lunch before boarding the shuttle back to the Railroad Museum. Water, rest rooms and picnic tables are available. Rain cancels. **Reservations are required to visit the park.**

Parking and Shuttle Information:

We have a reserved a spot for our group from 10:00 am–1:00pm. We’ll meet at the Danville parking lot, between the old train station (now the Museum of the San Ramon Valley), and take the shuttle together to Tao House. There is a bench and a large sign marking the shuttle waiting area. Restrooms are available both at the platform behind the museum and at Tao House (inside the New Barn and the O’Neill house).

Due to a special arrangement with a reserved shuttle, you must RSVP to confirm your attendance. Please arrive early so everyone can board together at 10:00 am sharp.

To get to the site, catch the NPS shuttle in front of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (★), 205 Railroad Ave., Danville, CA 94526. Park free in the large lot next to the museum. *Park site is on a private road, visitors will be shuttled up to the park site from the museum.*

Directions to Danville:

From the West: Highway 24 toward Walnut Creek, merge onto 680 in San Jose direction, take the El Cerro exit into Danville, continue west on El Cerro, then a left turn onto Danville Blvd. Immediately after San Ramon Valley High School, take a right onto Railroad Ave. On the right in a few blocks you will come to the museum (cross street is Prospect Ave.) and the parking lot.

From the East: Highway 24 toward Walnut Creek, merge onto 680 in San Jose direction, take the El Cerro exit as described above.

Click here for further info about the Eugene O’Neill National Historic Site.

Questions?

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