

LIGHT TOUCH LAND STEWARDSHIP

Services & Rate Guide

Light Touch Land Stewardship provides expert ecological assessment and stewardship planning for California landowners, with a focus on oak woodland health, fire and fuels management, and sustainable land use. Rates below reflect the scope, complexity, and professional expertise involved in each service.

Site Visit

Every engagement begins with an on-site visit: walking the property, assessing existing conditions, and gathering the information needed to inform a written deliverable.

Service	Rate
Initial Site Visit (half-day, on-site assessment)	\$650 flat rate
Extended Site Visit (full-day, large or remote properties)	\$1,100 flat rate
Travel beyond 45 miles of base	\$0.75/mile

Stewardship Plans

Following the site visit, we prepare a written stewardship plan tailored to your property — a multi-year roadmap addressing the focus areas most relevant to your land, which may include fire and fuels management, forest and oak woodland health, erosion control, irrigation infrastructure, and food production (gardens and orchards). Pricing scales with property size, since acreage is the primary driver of site complexity and the time required to develop a thorough plan.

Property Size	Investment	Typical Scope
Under 5 acres	\$1,500 – \$2,500	1–2 management focus areas (e.g., fire/fuels and orchard health)
5 – 20 acres	\$2,500 – \$5,000	3–4 management focus areas with moderate site complexity
20+ acres	\$5,000 – \$8,500+	Comprehensive, multi-discipline plans spanning fire/fuels, forest health, erosion, irrigation, and food production

What's Included

- Comprehensive written report combining site visit findings and a multi-year management plan
- Section-by-section recommendations organized by management discipline
- Site map and supporting visual documentation
- One round of revisions following client review

Yearly Stewardship

For clients who want ongoing care rather than a one-time plan, we offer recurring property visits to monitor conditions, adjust recommendations as the land changes, and catch issues early — particularly valuable for fire fuel loads, irrigation performance, and tree health, all of which shift across seasons. Choose an annual check-in for a yearly pulse on property conditions, or a seasonal package for closer, quarter-by-quarter attention. Pricing scales with acreage, consistent with the stewardship plan tiers above.

Property Size	Annual Check-In (1 visit/yr)	Seasonal Check-In (4 visits/yr)	Billing
Under 5 acres	\$900 / year	\$2,600 / year	Annual or quarterly
5 – 20 acres	\$1,500 / year	\$4,400 / year	Annual or quarterly
20+ acres	\$2,400+ / year	\$7,200+ / year	Annual or quarterly

Each visit includes a brief written summary of observations and any recommended adjustments to your stewardship plan. Yearly Stewardship clients receive priority scheduling and a discounted rate on any updated full stewardship plan.

Educational Visits

For clients who want to build hands-on skills rather than have the work done for them, we offer one-on-one educational visits focused on a specific topic — fruit tree pruning, irrigation troubleshooting, identifying signs of tree stress, and similar hands-on skills. These visits are priced by time and topic depth rather than acreage, since teaching a technique takes a similar amount of time regardless of property size. Educational visits can be booked on their own or added to any Yearly Stewardship plan.

Service	Rate
Educational Visit (2 hours, single skill/topic)	\$275 flat rate
Extended Educational Visit (half-day, multiple topics)	\$500 flat rate

Booking & Payment Policy

A phone consultation to discuss your property and goals is always free. A deposit is required to confirm any on-site visit, stewardship plan, or educational session before work begins or travel is scheduled.

- Site Visits and Educational Visits: full payment is due at the time of booking, prior to scheduling.
- Stewardship Plans: a 50% deposit is due upon agreement, with the balance due upon delivery of the final plan.
- Yearly Stewardship: a deposit equal to one visit is due upon signing, with the remaining balance billed per the selected schedule (annual or quarterly).
- Deposits confirm your appointment and cover travel and preparation time; they are non-refundable if a scheduled visit is cancelled with less than 48 hours' notice.

Notes

- Quotes for properties with unusual complexity, multiple parcels, or specialized assessment needs (e.g., extensive tree health surveys) will be provided after the initial site visit.
- Rates are statewide guidelines; final quotes may vary based on site accessibility, urgency, and scope.