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<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>



GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

June 2, National Trails Day, we played host to approximately 100 individuals who participated in this annual event. The Mt Wilson trail system reflects the great work you accomplished and based upon comments from Forest Visitors, they really appreciate it. I wish to Thank everyone, who participated in National Trails Day and a special Thank You to the Crew Leaders – Richard Nygeres, Kathie Reilly, Gary Hilliard, etc., the Trail Bosses, John Horton and Dave Ledford, who coordinated the trail work, and sponsors (Clif Bars, Adventure Medical Kits etc). The lunch was catered by Haramonkgna Native American Indian Cultural Center personnel and Mt Wilson Observatory Association provided Docents for a guided tour of the Mt Wilson Observatory complex.

Summer season has arrived with hot, dry weather conditions and increased fire activity as exhibited by the Angora Fire, Lake Tahoe Basin and White Fire, Kern County – Tehachapi Mountain. As you venture into the Forest, please assist us in being observant of any suspicious activity. The important factors regarding OBSERVATION are:

WHO WHAT WHEN WHERE HOW

If possible obtain a complete description of any cars and individuals, but especially around where a fire has started. At a fire, leave the point of origin untouched, and protect it if possible. Taking pictures is a big help and report the incident to the nearest Forest Service Office or Angeles Dispatch Center.

Forest Service’s Stewardship Academy is a component of the Southern California Consortium that extends learning into the national forests to create lifelong learners and quality stewards of the community. The goals of the service-learning project are three-fold:

- 1) To provide students with quality opportunities for growth in a Forest Service career.
- 2) To provide resources and information to students about job opportunities both during and after their post-secondary academic careers.
- 3) In order to reinforce our mission to create community and partnerships, create and foster mutually beneficial relationships with local communities and non-profit organizations.

For more information contact Fabian Garcia, Southern California Consortium Director, 626-574-5349 or fgarcia@fs.fed.us.

The volunteer program is open to all individuals and/or groups that are interested in assisting the Angeles NF in accomplishing natural resource management objectives. If you’re interested in assisting us in managing your National Forest or have questions about the Volunteer Program, please contact me at 818-899-1900 ext 229 or e-mail hokamoto@fs.fed.us

Again, THANK YOU for your dedication in providing a quality recreation experience on the Angeles National Forest.

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto
Angeles National Forest
Los Angeles River Ranger District
Recreation Officer

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What to do when you see this in the Angeles?

May I never miss a rainbow because I am looking down.

Los Angeles River Ranger District

Volunteer Events Calander

JULY 2007

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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If you wish to get electronic copy of this newsletter, then go to <http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>

Mt. Wilson Observatory

<http://www.mwoa.org/tour.html>

The Observatory grounds and Skyline Park are open to the public seven days a week from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm during the months of April through November, although special conditions may sometimes cause closures or restrict access. See our website for special announcements. During this period from April through November, MWOA docents conduct walking tours of the grounds every Saturday and Sunday beginning at 1:00 pm. Meet at the the pavilion area just above and to the east of the big parking lot. These guided tours take visitors to the Observatory's astronomical museum, past the UCLA 150-foot solar tower telescope and the dome of the 60-inch telescope, and into the visitors' gallery of the 100-inch Hooker telescope (where the telescope can be seen through a big window).

Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA)
PO Box 70076
Pasadena, CA 91117-7076

Is a volunteer organization supporting the Mount Wilson Observatory with membership is open to all interested persons.

Graffiti Hot line

County of Los Angeles Public Works
Department Graffiti Hotline:
1-800-675-4357, option 2
to report any graffiti along County maintained roads (Tujunga Canyon Roads, Angeles Forest Highway etc).

General Information

There are not so nice plants in the Angeles Forest!

After a wildfire, the dry ridges of Southern California may be invaded by the quaintly named poodledog bush. But all charm ends here, for the sticky and ill-scented poodledog is covered with stiff microscopic hairs that deliver a noxious punch. These glandular hairs, known as trichomes, discourage herbivores and plague passing hikers who brush up against the foliage. The chemicals - prenylated phenolics - emitted by the hairs cause dermatitis and an inflammation similar to that caused by poison oak.

The scientific name *Turricula* means little tower in reference to the stalk of deep blue flowers that rises over the plant in the spring.

Key characteristics: This stout and densely leafed plant can form thickets growing nearly 10 feet tall. The long linear leaves may be rolled under along their margins.



Angeles National Forest Safety Note:

Traffic Control Management – if you're involved in traffic control follow Standard Operating Guidelines. Remember your primary responsibility is to provide a communication link between Angeles Dispatch regarding the incident until Emergency personnel arrive on the scene.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

Kermit Eller kermitteller@dslextreme.com

Hawkins Fundraiser - A special hat is available with proceeds going towards the South Mt Hawkins Lookout Building Fund. Hats are embroidered black and gold with the ANFFLA name and Fire Lookout inscribed below. Cost \$15.00 - Please email George & Pam pgmorey@aol.com for more info

Anges Mountain Bikers and Trailkeepers

Mark Gage mrgy33@hotmail.com

Hikers and Bikers working together on trails. We work on the trails almost every Saturday. Our focus trails are Lower Sam Merrill and Castle Canyon.

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

(AMBP) mmcguirepoolspace@cs.com

Our mission is to provide educational and a responsible image to all trail users. To encourage rider's to obey forest regulations and working to preserve and protect trails. A.M.B.P is here to serve and inform the public.

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

www.altadenatrails.org 626-797-7243

Monthly Schedule:

Steering Committee - 2nd Tuesdays

Workshop - 4th Tuesdays

Scheduled HIKES - 2nd Saturday

Trail REPAIRS - 4th Saturday

Please consider using our Freelantropy <http://www.freelantropy.com/?> engine page for all your web searches. Each use provides 2 cents to help defray the costs of printing and mailing public comments, petitions and letters, at no cost to you. Thanks!

Altadena Foothills Conservancy

Rob@altadenafoothills.org

The Conservancy is in need of a free or low cost webmaster to assist us with maintaining the website and perhaps helping with a redesign. If you are interested, contact Nancy Steele, (nsteale@altadenafoothills.org).

Alpine Training Services

<http://www.atsenviroaction.com>

To learn more about Alpine Training Services and the programs we offer including our full course curriculums for anyoneeering, rock climbing, kayaking, & back-packing feel free to follow the above linking.

AC 100

<http://www.ac100.com/>

July 21 , 6:00 PM (Saturday): Training Run
Flashlite run to the finish area. (This training run will not have aid during the run):

- Meet at the "dirt parking lot" on Windsor above Johnson's Field at 6:00PM
- Carpool to Chantry Flats, need carpool drivers, no cars left at Chantry Flats . (Start together after a short briefing please.)
- Run 26 miles from Chantry Flats to dirt parking lot on Windsor.
- Must be completely self-contained:
 - o Water accessibility at Chantry Flats & Millard Campground (private residence hose bib).
 - o Idlehour Side Stream before Main crossing (Purification tablets).

The Audubon Center at Debs Park

http://www.audubon-ca.org/debs_park.htm

(323) 221-2255

The Audubon Center is a unique urban nature center, envisioned by Audubon as a model to serve a new demographic of nature lovers.

Located along the historic Arroyo Seco Parkway (110 Freeway) between downtown Los Angeles and City of Pasadena, in Ernest E. Debs Regional Park.

Hours: Wed. thru Sun. 9am-5pm

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW
(BCTC) <http://www.outdoorsclub.org/>
Richard 626-285-0962

July 14 Castle Canyon trail

Beyond Basecamp

Frank Gallegos frank@beyondbasecamp.com
Needs volunteers to help in the maintenance of Valley Forge, West Fork and Devore Trail Camps

Boy Scouts of America

The High Adventure Team – Los Angeles Area Council provides training opportunities for all interested individuals. For more information: www.boyscoutsla.org click H.A.T.

Big Santa Anita Firesafe Council

cafiresafe@sbcglobal.net

Looking for volunteers to assist in fuel hazard reduction, trail maintenance and visitor information in the Big Santa Anita Canyon.

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

Meeting - 5 p.m. meeting (3rd Wednesday)

To provide a forum for all trail users to discuss trail related issues, problems and alternative solutions; to assist in the planning, development, maintenance and patrolling of trails to enforce rules of the road; and to develop and maintain programs designed to educate users on proper use of trails and trail etiquette.

Looking for interested hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians to be a part of this Coalition. If interested come to our next meeting or check out www.ctuc.info.

Community Hiking

July 7th – Bear Divide Hike

July 21st – Santa Clarita River Tour

Dianne Erskine-Hellridgel 661-259-2743

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists
Association (CORBA)
<http://www.corbambt.com>

HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Kim Clark 818-353-4653
Tom Persons 310-412-4986

Get details on our calendar page:
<http://www.habitatwork.org/calendar.htm>

July 21, 2007

Native Pines Tree Watering (1/2 day)

Mt. Pacifico, Angeles National Forest

Hot summer days will be in full swing, and our bare-root pines will be need extra water as they establish their root systems in deeper soil. Join us for an afternoon of tree watering with possible campout.

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

www.haramokngna.org
626-445-8975

High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that patrols trails and can pack equipment, supplies etc to your worksite.

Jonathan Schultz 951-830-3400
maujds@earthlink.net

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.jplreclclubs.caltech.edu/hiking/>
Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)
626-798-7256 (home)
Jack Russell 562-861-3187

July 14

We will get back to maintenance on the Strawberry Peak Trail from Josephine Saddle. The hike is getting long, but we're getting to the overgrown part. We'll be cutting back brush and widening the trail tread.

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Outward Bound Adventures (OBA)

<http://www.obainc.org>

OBA – Every Second Saturday of the Month
OBA hosts Drop-in-hikes. These hikes are open to the public for youth aged 11-18. Hikers meet at OBA at 9am on Saturday morning and participate in a day-long curriculum that engages youth in environmental education, teambuilding activities, Leave No Trace Wilderness principles, outdoor careers and a physical challenge.

Phone: 626-564-0844

E-mail: obainc.sbcglobal.net

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://WWW.PCTA.ORG>

“Mission of the PCTA is to protect, preserve, promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as to reflect its worldclass significance for the enjoyment, education and adventure of hikers equestrians.

For additional information: ·

Suzanne Wilson ‘Fannypack’
Regional Representative Projects on
SBNF, ANF, and BLM.
951-492-9836 swilson@pcta@org

Mt Disappointment 50K/50M

Gary Hilliard and/or Gabor Kozinc
Email: ghilliard@ladpw.org or
gary@mtdisappointment5k.com

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

We restore and maintain trails. All Mt. Disappointment Trailwork volunteers meet at the bottom of Highway 2 just above the Highway 2 exit north off the 210 Freeway. Meeting time is 7:30 am (unless specified otherwise).

July 14 Training Run (Meet at RedBox at 8:00 am)

July 26 TBA

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org/>

<http://www.crystallake.name/>

Ben White bwootenwhite@hotmail.com
626-303-1078

For this spring and summer 2007, we are continuing to work on river access trails in the North and East Forks of the San Gabriel River. We will also continue restoring trails in the Crystal Lake basin. We work on the first, third, and fifth, Saturday of each month.

Details as to what to bring are on our website at :

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org/volunteer.html>

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

Emworks@verizon.net

TreePeople

TreePeople mission is to inspire the people of Los Angeles to take personal responsibility for the urban forest - educating, training and supporting them as they plant and care for trees and improve the neighborhoods in which they live, learn, work and play.

For more information

Volunteering (818) 623-4879

volunteer@treepeople.org

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130

Work continues on an adopted 8.7mile stretch of the PCT from the Indian Canyon Trailhead (Soledad Canyon) to North Fork Station on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-7pm. In its first three months of operation, this crew of six local high school students has been able to successfully survey and record data for more than 17,000 ft of tread, while clearing more than 1.25 miles. For more information on how you can help, contact: Kevin Sarkissian at ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org.

Monrovia Canyon Park

http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city_hall/public_works/canyon_park/canyon_park.htm

Need volunteers and trail maintenance work on
Ben Overturff and Waterfall Trails 626-256-8282

WHAT TO DO NOW?

Your primary responsibility is to provide a communication link between Angeles Dispatch and the incident.

If other individuals are available, they can assist in traffic control, administration of First Aid, if qualified etc.

Contact Angeles Dispatch from a Safe location with Incident Size Up Report:

Location (milepost),
Type (single or multi vehicle accident,
Number of vehicles involved),
Is accident blocking traffic lane,
Injuries if known
etc.

Once Angeles Dispatch is notified, they will respond with emergency personnel and provide you with a possible ETA.

After emergency personnel has arrived on scene, you can ask the Incident Commander if your presence is further required.

Always, locate your vehicle and yourself in a safe location before you start communication with Angeles Dispatch

Trail patrol/hike

Dear Hikers:

On June 9th the day was spent pick up trash at wildwood picnic area and Stonyvale picnic area. A total of 14 bags of trash was removed.

The next hike, always the second Saturday of the month, is July 14.

Hope to see you there.



ANFFLA Summer Kickoff Potluck

Did you miss the ANFFLA potluck summer kick off? Don't worry the next pot luck is Sunday August 26 in the High Country. If the forest is open, it will be at Buckhorn...otherwise, we'll have it at a fire station (perhaps Chilao?)



Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY THANKS!

Hi Everyone,

A Big Thank You to All of the volunteers that made this another great season working in the mountains. On National Trails Day we had 24 volunteers working the Upper Sturtevant Trail. In all there was about 80 volunteers working to clean up and repair trails around Mt Wilson.

Our group did a lot of brushing and tread work. To say the least, the one mile we worked now looks fantastic. Being the area gets a lot of sun, it will grow back fast so expect the buckthorn & Manzanita to need cutting again in a few years.

I would like to give a special thank you to Clif Bars for their continued support over the last few years. The power bars and gifts you have provided have been enjoyed by all. We look forward to your support in the coming years. Thank You!

After our work day, we all sat down to a nice lunch in the Mt Wilson Pavilion provided to us by the Forest Service. After we enjoyed lunch many of us took advantage of the free tour of the many observatories on the mountain. It was an eye opening experience. I look forward to seeing all of you again next season as well as many new & shining faces.

Enjoy the summer where ever you are.

And when you are in the mountains remember...

Hike Smart & Hike Safe!!!

P.S. Photos can be seen at:

<http://www.outdoorsclub.org/Pasttrip/PastTripDetail.asp?id=12394&leadername=Richard+Nyerges&area=1>

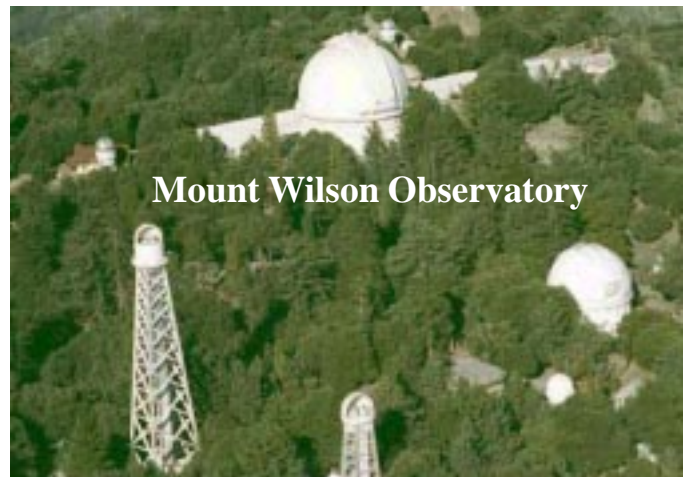


Clearing a dusty trail!



Is this how to trim the brush?

A special thank-you to the Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA) for the tour of the guided tour of the Observatory .



Mount Wilson Observatory

**Los Angeles River Ranger District
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342**



You are enjoying your drive through the Angeles Forest when you see a vehicle accident.

**What should you do?
Read “What to do now” on page 7**

Volunteer Today
Send this in Right Away to
Howard S. Okamoto—12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd
San Fernando, CA 91342

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (hm) _____

e-mail _____

Interests

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.

Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/

Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/

Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/

Conservation Education

Other: _____
