

VOLUNTEER TODAY

Dedicate Yourself to Caring for the Land and Serving the People
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Oct. 2009

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The mission of the Forest Service is guided by the fundamental principle of providing the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of people in the long run and is characterized by the slogan: Caring for the Land and Serving People.

The Station Fire has left a dramatic impression on both the Angeles National Forest landscape and individuals, who worked and took comfort in its pre fire environment. As we slowly recover from the initial shock of the Station Fire and turn our attention to the recovery phase, it's been heart warming to hear the outpouring of emotional ties people have towards the Angeles National Forest. If you're interested in assisting in the recovery of your beloved forest, please leave contact information and your area of interest at usfsangelesvolunteer@gmail.com.

This coming winter you will see limited access into the Station Fire perimeter since the possibility of massive movement of soil is present. So please be patient regarding any access into the Station Fire perimeter and practice situational awareness as you adventure into the adjacent non burned areas down slope of the Station Fire.

On September 26, National Public Lands Day – Big Tujunga Canyon Cleanup happened with approximately 120 individuals picking up litter within the riparian habitat, from Wildwood Picnic Area to the Forest boundary. After a hard day of labor, Toyota Corporation provided lunch and Smokey Bear made an appearance along with other dignitaries (Tom Tidwell, Chief of Forest Service). Mr. Tidwell stressed the following NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY, PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

“Borne out of a commitment to protect and preserve our natural treasures, America's public lands are an indispensable component of American life. As we work to protect their integrity for future generations, vast expanses of land remain available for the use and enjoyment of all who visit them.

National Public Lands Day is an opportunity for all Americans, young and old, to celebrate the majesty of our open spaces and devote our collective efforts to conserving our Nation's unique landscapes.”

Have you accumulated 500 volunteer hours since January 1, 2007? If you have, please contact me so that you can receive your America the Beautiful – Annual Pass.

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

hokamoto@fs.fed.us

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

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A friend is
one who
has the
same
enemies as
you have.

Abraham
Lincoln

Los Angeles River Ranger District OCT 2009 Volunteer Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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**If you wish to get a electronic
copy of this Newsletter, go to:
[http://www.mtlowe.net/Volunteer
News.htm](http://www.mtlowe.net/Volunteer
News.htm)**

Volunteers will be needed

Contact: usfsangelesvolunteer@gmail.com

Please leave name, city of residence, contact information (phone number and email address) and Type of Volunteer Projects of Interest. When Station Fire restoration projects are scheduled, you will be contacted by phone and email."

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

AC100

<http://www.ac100.com>

Contact:

Hal Winton AC100 Co-RD

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Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

www.altadenatrails.org 626-797-7243

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers (AMBTK)

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.

Antelope Valley Conservancy

www.avconservancy.org

OFFICE PHONE (661) 943-9000

avconservancy@yahoo.com

Angeles Mountain bike Patrol

m.rmeguire@hotmail.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.P is here to serve and inform the public.

Audubon Center at Debs Park

http://www.ca.audubon.org/debs_park.php

(323) 221-2255

The Audubon Center at Debs Park opened in 2003 as an environmental education and conservation center for the communities of northeast Los Angeles. The Center is located in the third largest park in the city of Los Angeles. More than half of the park is covered in walnut-oak woodland, grassland, and coastal sage scrub, a remnant of the native habitats that once rimmed the Los Angeles Basin. Over 140 species of birds have been recorded here.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

Welcome to the Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association, a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to restoring, maintaining and staffing to lookouts on the Angeles National Forest.

From the Lookout Volunteer Coordinator Pam Morey 9/2/09:

It is with a heavy heart that I share this sad news with everyone. I was informed last night by Mike McIntyre, our A.N.F. liaison, that we lost Vetter Mountain Lookout to the fire. I know George and I, along with a lot of you, have a special place in your heart for Vetter Mountain Lookout; let's not forget the memories and stories which we can share for many years to come. Vetter Mountain Lookout was a special place for so many people; Mike McIntyre who put in many hours and looked forward to the day it was staffed with volunteers, Ramona Mervin who spent 24 years watching for fires from Vetter, and a lot of Forest Service personnel on the Angeles National Forest. Vetter Mountain Lookout will be rebuilt in time. We do not know when that will happen, I will keep you posted on that. Take time to grieve, and re-live your time at the Lookout, and look forward to the day when we will be back on that mountain top!

Big Santa Anita Firesafe Council

cafiresafe@sbcglobal.net

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

BEYOND BASECAMP

Beyondbasecamp.com

323 896-0123

There's always much to be done at our local mountains adopted back-country trail camps. We're always in need of volunteers to help with camp projects or trail maintenance.

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW (BCTC)

Richard Nyerges nyerges@sbcglobal.net

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VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Blight Busters Trail Crew
Danny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com
Graffiti Removal & Trail Clean Up.

Boy Scouts of America
Los Angeles Area Council
<http://www.laac-hat.com/>

California Trail Users Coalition
(CTUC) www.ctuc.info

- Oct 21st Meeting
To provide a forum for all trail users to discuss related issues, problems and alternative solutions; to assist in the planning, development, maintenance and hosting of trails; and to help enforce the rules of the road; and to develop and maintain programs designed to educate users on proper use of trails and trail etiquette.”

City of Glendale
For the health and safety of our visitors, the Deukmejian Wilderness Park presently closed until further notice.

Jeff Weinstein
Trails and Open Space Specialist
818-548-2000

jweinstein@ci.glendale.ca.us

Community Hiking Club
(CHC)

communityhikingclub.org
661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel
email: zuliebear@aol.com

- Oct 3rd -Ed Benison will be leading the hike today through Towsley Canyon
- Oct 10th -Allen Skyler will lead you on a short jaunt along the PCT to Sawmill Campground and back.
- Oct 17th -Nikki Dail will be leading this hike today to one of her favorite places in Malibu, La Jolla Canyon. This is absolutely gorgeous
- Oct 24th - Boy Scout Trail to Whittaker Peak
- Oct 31st - Fish Canyon

**RAIN AND FIRE CONDITIONS MAY
CANCEL HIKES**

Concerned Of-Road Bicyclists Association
(CORBA)

Telephone (818) 773-3555

<http://www.corbamt.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl>

- Oct 3rd Introduction to Mtn Biking Skills Clinic First Saturday of each month, 0900 – 1300 Malibu Creek State Park
- Oct 26th Fat Tire Fest '09
Castaic Lake
www.fattirefest.com

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center www.haramokngna.org
Kat at 310-455-1588,
katcalls@aol.com

High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that patrols trails and can pack Trash, Rubbish, Equipment, Material and Supplies etc...to your Trail or worksite.

Glen Foster 760-868-8313 or 760-508-0344
second contact is
Dave Ewbanks 909-489-5470

Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee

<http://cityofpasadena.org/publicworks/PNR/ArroyoSeco/annex.asp>
Victory Park, 2575 Paloma St. ,Pasadena, CA

For any questions or further information, please don't hesitate contacting:

Rosa Laveaga

Arroyo Seco Project Supervisor/HWPAC Liaison

City of Pasadena

Parks & Natural Resources Division

Phone: (626)744-3883 Email: rlaveaga@cityofpasadena.net

JAM

Time2JAM.com

Josh@Time2JAM.com

(818) 714-0634

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HABITATWORK.ORG

Kim Clark or Tom Persons
818-353-4653

<http://www.habitatwork.org/calendar.htm>

• Oct 10th/11th

Habitat Restoration and Acorn Planting
Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge

• Oct 24th/25th

Arroyo Toad Conservation & Campout
Hardluck, Los Padres National Forest

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)
626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

- Oct 10th Outing outside Angeles Forest
- Oct 21st Outing outside Angeles Forest

Matt Maxon

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Mt Disappointment 50K/50M

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

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Monrovia Canyon Park

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/community-life/parks/342-monrovia-canyon-park>

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer call Kathleen at 626-256-8282.

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

www.pcta.org

From desert to glacier-flanked mountain, meadow to forest, the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) symbolizes everything there is to love – and protect - in the Western United States. Join us as we celebrate, enjoy and safeguard this unique American treasure.

Mt. Wilson Observatory Association

<http://www.mwoa.org>

PO Box 70076 , Pasadena, CA 91117-7076

- Guided walking tours on hold!

Mount Wilson Observatory is visited by thousands of people each year, and the Observatory expects to expand its tour program during 2009. To do so, we need the help of volunteers to staff these tours and to represent Mount Wilson to the visiting public. We are actively recruiting new candidates for docent training.

Docents go through an in-depth training process, conducted by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association, to provide them with the information they need to describe the historic and scientific highlights of the Observatory. This is followed by a period of assisting experienced docents prior to taking on primary responsibility for tours. We can fit your touring assignments to your availability restrictions.

Outward Bound – Los Angeles

<http://www.obainc.org> Phone: 626-564-0844

The mission of Outward Bound Los Angeles is to provide nature-based education that promotes positive self-development, environmental responsibility, and outdoor career exposure for low income, at-risk, and urban youth. E-mail: obainc.sbcglobal.net

Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting on a Quarterly basis at Carvalho Sports Complex Activity Center.

San Bernardino National Forest Assoc.

Partner For Conservation, Education and Recreation

www.sbnfa.org Get Involved!

Volunteering is a strong part of our tradition at the National Forest Association. Through our more than 1,000 volunteers we serve more than 250,000 visitors annually. We couldn't do what we do without them. Forest Association staff regards their volunteer peers as fellow workers and we are eager to provide you with appropriate training to make your volunteer activities at the National Forest Association rewarding. As part of the Forest Association volunteer force, you will be effectively and creatively assisting staff in development of the programs and activities through meaningful assignments

We welcome suggestions regarding new volunteer assignments. If you have a special ability or expertise that you would like to share with us, please complete the form at <http://www.sbnfa.org/getinvolved.php> and click on submit. Every effort will be made to place you in an area that matches your interest and utilizes your special creative talents

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

<http://www.crystallake.name>

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626-303-1078

We are continuing to work on restoring trails in the Crystal Lake basin, repairing the Upper Bear Creak Trail, and building a new bridge at Laurel Gulch in the East Fork of the San Gabriel River (en route to the Bridge to Nowhere). We are also completing a bridge at the Rincon Educational Center. We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Wednesday Hiking Club

- Oct 10th Outing cancelled

We're Korean-Americans, who love working in the National Forest. We work the 2nd Saturday of each month on maintaining the Sunset Ridge Trail, 12W18. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact Ted Kim at infocus804@yahoo.com

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

Wrightwood, CA

<http://www.grassyhollow.net>

grassyhollow@hotmail.com

Loren Lake, President lorenll@verizon.net

TreePeople <http://treepeople.org/>

This historic Station Fire--so far the largest ever in the Angeles National Forest--is burning in the heart of Los Angeles' upper watershed and at the headwaters of the Los Angeles River. Although fire is part of our ecosystem and essential to the health of the forest, extremely intense fires may damage soils and burn enough vegetation to compromise the forest's vital services. These services include providing a portion of Los Angeles' drinking water and protecting communities from flooding and mudslides. Although up to 15 percent of the city of Los Angeles' water comes from local sources such as the Angeles National Forest, other neighboring communities in the San Gabriel Valley rely on the forest watershed for most of their water.

Did you know:

TreePeople's first big plantings in the Angeles National Forest were in reaction to the Big Tujunga fires of 1975 that burned portions of Big and Little Tujunga Canyons, La Crescenta, La Canada, all the way to Mt. Gleason. TreePeople's planting efforts from those fires continued through the end of the decade.

TreePeople's volunteer email list gives updated information about upcoming plantings and tree care events. In addition, we provide postings about replanting opportunities in the Angeles National Forest, San Bernardino National Forest, Santa Monica Mountains as well as other upcoming events.

To get involved with upcoming plantings and tree care events in Los Angeles' mountain areas, please register on line at: <http://www.treepeople.org/volunteer-registration>. You can receive our monthly volunteer e-newsletter, tell us about your interest in Mountain Forestry updates, and sign up for volunteer events in the Angeles National Forest, San Bernardino National Forest and Santa Monica Mountains.

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita

ANF Crew 5130

If you need assistance with a work project, please contact Kevin Sarkissian at:

ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org

Two week advance notice is requested since my kids are scattered far and wide during the summer months.

Upcoming events:

Elsmere and PCT work projects - TBD monthly(June-Dec)

SCENIC MT. LOWE

RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

Emworks@verizon.net

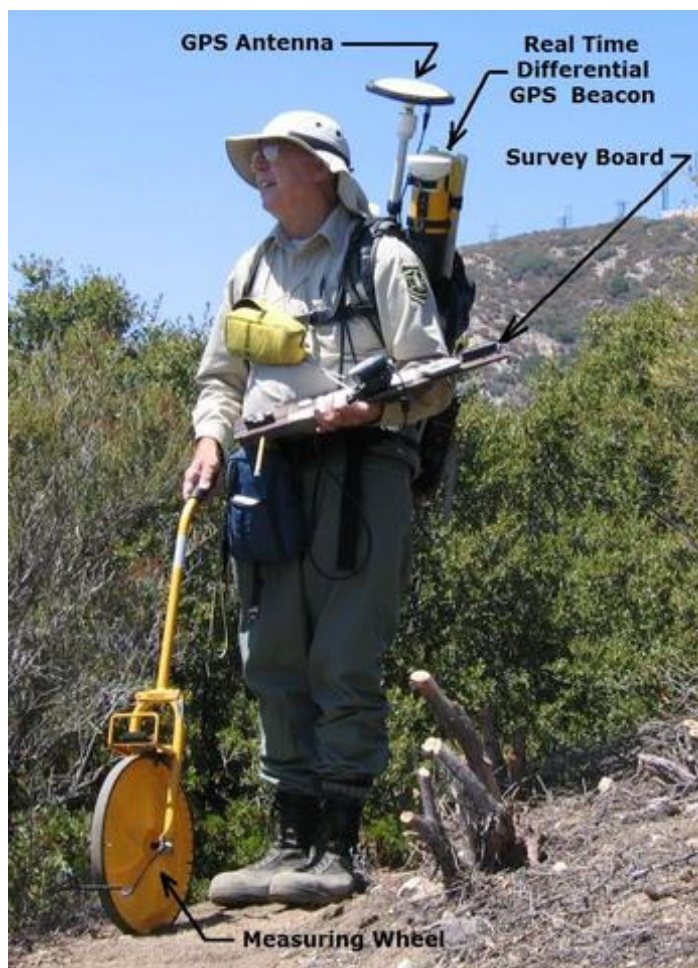
WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?

Who do you call when the modern technology of GPS fails due to trees and canyons blocking or messing up signals.

This is where volunteer Terry Tanner comes in. By using his skills he combines dead reckoning with GPS to achieve accurate trails maps in the Angeles National Forest in Southern California.

What is Dead reckoning? is the process of estimating one's current position based upon a previously determined position, or fix, and advancing that position based upon known distances, and course.

What is GPS? The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a satellite-based navigation system made up of a network of 24 satellites placed into orbit by the U.S. Department of Defense. GPS was originally intended for military applications, but in the 1980s, the government made the system available for civilian use.



Where do you go to get maps?

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/terrytannermaps/>

Below is the introduction to Terry Tanner maps:

This site contains maps and data that correct the sometimes inaccurate features on the USGS topographic maps for the Angeles National Forest in Southern California. The author devised a way to plot trails and other features where GPS alone fails or gives inaccurate positions due to tree cover and/or canyon location. The method combines GPS and conventional survey methods to give position data well within the 40 foot accuracy limits for 1:24,000 scale maps. The data on this site is for public agency and public organization use until it is published on the USGS maps. Commercial use, duplication, and/or distribution of the maps is not allowed (or fair).

The maps and data are in the "Files" Section, are in ".pdf" format and can be opened and printed from there. Also a description of the methodology use to create the maps is in "T2GpsMethod.pdf". An index of what is in the "Files" Section is in "0_File_Index.txt". A list of maps is in "0_MapList.txt". If a map is in "0_MapList.txt" but not posted in the "Files Section", send me an E-Mail and I will send the map in a "Reply". If you need a map that is not listed, I may have data to make the map, you may request a map and I will try to make it for you if I have the data.

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter Los Angeles Times May 24, 2008 email: info@tundracomics.com



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 / habitat restoration and tree planting

Other: _____
