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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter March 2015

Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument



The Angeles National Forest (ANF) and newly designated San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (SGMNM) offer natural environments, spectacular scenery, developed campgrounds and picnic areas, swimming, fishing, skiing and the solitude of quiet wilderness areas. Trails winding throughout the forest accommodate hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers and off-highway vehicle enthusiasts. The Forest is an important part of the overall health and well-being of the area, nestled in the midst of an ever-changing and growing population of Los Angeles.

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The Forest covers nearly 700,000 acres and is the backyard playground to the huge metropolitan area where 17 million people reside. The ANF/SGMNM hosts visitors from around the world, provides a scenic backdrop for Los Angeles and offers a wide variety of recreation opportunities.



The US Forest Service of the USDA manages the ecosystems, watersheds, habitats, flora and fauna located within its boundaries and provides valuable water to southern California while also protecting surrounding communities from catastrophic floods.

The ANF/SGMNM provides open space and solitude from the everyday stress of modern living, a place to conduct research, a haven for wildlife, areas for

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Want to hear a new word I just made up?

Plagiarism!

Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

recreation and more. These are areas set aside by Congress to remain untouched - where people can experience the solitude of some of the most beautiful country in the nation. The Angeles National Forest contains five nationally-designated wilderness areas. Two of these also extend into neighboring San Bernardino National Forest: Magic Mountain, Pleasant View Ridge, San Gabriel, Sheep Mountain, Cucamonga Wilderness. These "wild" areas can be found just 30 miles drive from downtown Los Angeles. They are comprised of:

• Cucamonga

Magic Mountain

• Pleasant View Ridge

• San Gabriel

• Sheep Mountain

The San Gabriel Forest Reserve was established on December 20, 1892; the San Bernardino Forest Reserve on February 25, 1893; and the Santa Barbara Forest Reserve on December 22, 1903. They became National Forests on March 4, 1907, and were combined on July 1, 1908, with all of the San Bernardino forest and portions of San Gabriel and Santa Barbara forests composing the new Angeles National Forest. Angeles National Forest is registered as a California Historical Landmark for being the first National Forest in the state.

The ANF/SGMNM is a unique area covered with dense chaparral shrub forests along with oak woodlands, which changes to pine and fir-covered slopes in the higher elevations. Much of the land within the Forest is as diverse in appearance and terrain as it is in the opportunities it provides for enjoyment. Mountain peak elevations range from 1,200 to 10,064 feet. The Pacific Crest Trail crosses the

forest.



Tree species for which the forest is important include Big Cone Douglas-Fir, Coulter Pine, Sugar Pine and California Walnut. The ANF also contains some Tree species for which the forest is important include Big Cone Douglas-Fir, Coulter Pine, Sugar Pine and California Walnut. The ANF also contains some 29,000 acres of old growth trees with Jeffrey Pine and mixed conifer forests containing Coastal Douglas-Fir, Ponderosa Pine, White Fir and Lodgepole Pine the most abundant types.

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Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

Statistics and General Information:

• Acres of land: 655,387

• Wilderness areas: 5

• Wilderness areas acres: 80,284

• Miles of roads: 1,032

• Recreational residences: 505

Picnic areas: 36Campgrounds: 66

• Ski areas: 2

• Trailheads: 53 Trail miles: 697

• Off highway vehicle areas: 3

• Off highway vehicle route miles: 261

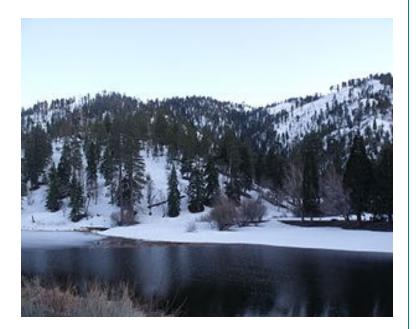
• Lakes and reservoirs: 10

Rivers and stream miles: 240

• Sensitive plant species: 22

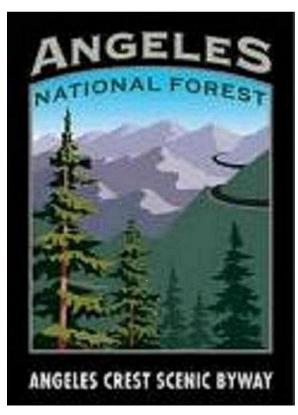
• Sensitive wildlife species: 23

• Threatened and endangered species: 16



Mountain peaks within the ANF/SGMNM include:

- Mount San Antonio (10,064 ft) also known as "Mt. Baldy"
- Pine Mountain (9,648 ft)
- Dawson Peak (9,575 ft)
- South Mount Hawkins (7,783 ft)
- Vetter Mountain (5,908 ft) Site of historic Vetter Mountain Fire lookout tower which was destroyed in 2009 Station Fire
- Mount Wilson (5,710 ft) providing the location of the Mount Wilson Observatory
- Slide Mountain Site of historic Slide Mountain fire lookout tower
- **Mount Lukens (5,074 ft)**
- Mount Gleason (6,502 ft)
- Mount Baden-Powell
- Mount Burnham
- Throop Peak
- Mount Disappointment
- Echo Mountain
- Iron Mountain
- Mount Lowe
- San Gabriel Peak
- Waterman Mountain



IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

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TROUT PLANTS

A list of waters stocked with trout this week by the State Department of Fish and Game follows by county:

LOS ANGELES-Arroyo Seco Creek, Big Tujunga Creek, El Dorado Park Lake, Hansen Reservoir, Legg Lake, Puddinstone Reservoir, San Dimas Reservoir, East and West forks San Gabriel River.

SAN DIEGO- Murray Lake, San Luis Rey River.

SAN BERNARDINO- Colorado River, Cucamonga Creek, Glen Helen Park Lake, Mojave Narrows, Silverwood Lake.

Ventura- Matilija Creek, Piru Lake, Reyes Creek, Rose Valley Lakes, Santa Paula Creek, upper Piru creek (Hard Luck Camp), Sespe Creek (upper section).

SANTA BARBARA-Santa Ynez River.

KERN-Hart Park Lake, Kern River (Borell Powerhouse to Democrat Dam, KR3 Powerhouse to Lake Isabella), Kern River State Park.

TULARE-Kern River (Fairview Dam to KR3 Powerhouse, Johnsondale Bridge to Fairview Dam).

INYO-Owens River (5 Bridges downstream to Stewart Lane), Pleasant Valley Reservoir.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

California Department of Fish and Wildlife recently responded to a legal action challenging its hatchery and stocking operations, and completed an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) that considers species and habitats affected by hatchery-raised rainbow trout.

One of the conditions of the EIR/EIS is that each water planted throughout California must go through a Pre-Stocking Evaluation Protocol. This evaluation requires CDFW to consider each sensitive or listed species in each water relative to the stocking of trout. CDFW fisheries staff have made the evaluations a top priority, but until the review is completed and approved by our administration, rainbow trout or channel catfish cannot be stocked.

To see what streams and lakes are approved for stocking goto: https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/PSEP/PublicWaters.aspx

An example of what has changed in 38 years, only the following streams/lakes are planted in the Los Angeles: El Dorado Park Lake, Hansen Reservoir, Legg Lake, and Puddinstone Reservoir

DON'T FORGET !!!!!!

Don't Forget!
LARRD Volunteer Meeting
Mar 18, 2015
7:00 p.m.
701 N Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006



Remember to "Spring Forward" on Sunday, March 8th at 2 AM for Daylight Savings Time!



AC100

If you are involved in mountain trail endurance running, you know it takes a small army of volunteers to put on a "point to point" 100 mile endurance run.

We need:

- Help at several late wilderness aid stations:
 - -Idlehour Checkpoint at 83 miles,
 - -Sam Merrill Checkpoint at 89 miles and
 - -Millard Checkpoint at 95 miles into the race.
- Help staffing our kitchen at the Finish Line at Loma Alta Park in Altadena.
- Medical volunteers as part of the new Ultra Medical Team, i.e. Paramedics, Nurse, EMTs, First Aid.

Everyone that volunteers with the Ultra Medical Team is covered for professional liability (a.k.a. medical malpractice) insurance.

Go to http://ultramedicalteam.org/ to the SignUp tab where you can read about the Ultra Medical Team.

- Help trail marking
- Help trail sweeping (preferably with HAM radio).
- Experienced Trail Boss

Experienced trail maintenance people that can lead large AC100 Trail Maintenance teams on the weekend starting in early April through middle of July.

If you are available on August 1/2, 2015 (Sat/Sun), Please contact: ken.hamada3@gmail.com
Any help will be appreciated.



The Mount Wilson Trail Race Committee

needs volunteers to help groom the trail for training and running for the race, scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2015.

Volunteers should bring their own water, gloves and sun protection. Trail tools will be provided. We will meet at Lizzie's Trail Inn at the Mt. Wilson trailhead (Mt. Wilson Trail Road and Carter in Sierra Madre) at 8:00 A.M. You must email Race Chair Pete Siberell (psiberell@santaanita.com) if you are coming so we will have adequate tools ready.

The Mount Wilson Trail Race Schedule:

• March 29th

• Apr 26th

• May 10th

Call Pete Siberell at 626-574-6373 if you have any questions.

Gabrielino Trail Help

The Gabrielino Trail from Red Box to West Fork has been worked by volunteer crews in the past and is on the list for future trail work. Bear in mind we have over 375 miles of trails in the Los Angeles River Ranger District alone and the majority were damaged or destroyed by the Station Fire so it will be a long time before all trails are restored to a degree considered adequate. Some of the damage is so extensive that contractors have been hired to help restore the trails and in fact a project will begin on the Strawberry Peak/Colby Canyon Trail the first of next month to restore the washed-out areas. Forest Service partners such as the National Forest Foundation and Friends of the Forest are actively participating in restoration efforts. The Gabrielino Trail has had several Boy Scout Troops as well as other volunteer groups provide maintenance. We are always looking for more volunteers to assist throughout the District. If you know of anyone interested, please contact me.

Thanks,

Dennis Merkel, CPRP, FPO Phone: 818 899-1900 Ext 229

Fax: 818 896-6727 Email: dcmerkel@fs.fed.us

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

Subscribe to Bear Canyon's email list with this link: http://eepurl.com/beT3xH

Now that you've read all about Commodore Perry Switzer and his wonderful "Switzer-Land" come and see the area for yourself. The crystal pools and deep gorges are still there and they are gorgeous! Most people never make it past the first waterfall to see the rest of this beautiful playground that was once a primo destination for tourists from all around. The remnants of the chapel are still visible and if you Google "Switzer's Chapel" you'll find a page devoted to the story with lots of pictures from this site's glory days.

Due to December's rains the pools have filled with silt from the mountains but it doesn't take long for them to clear out. Come on our next venture and take some before pics so you can truly understand the power of small trickles of water over long periods of time. This trail gets lots of use and there is always something to be done on the trail. We need all the hands we can get!

Bear Canyon Trail Maintenance 2015 Schedule

• Mar 28th • Apr 25th • May 30th 4

e-mail/call Andy Hoyer that your are helping!

Phone: 213-675-0420

E-mail: bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com

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Friends of the San Gabriels

Friends of the San Gabriels goal is to preserve and operate Historic Sturtevant Camp. We have put on the calendar two work party weekends for Sturtevant Camp and invite you to join in the fun. We can only accommodate 42 people sleeping in beds so space is limited. We will also be training volunteer hosts

Dates: Feb 27th to March 1st or Mar 13th to Mar 15th

Times: Arrive Friday late afternoon or early Saturday morning. Stay until Sunday afternoon

Parking/Carpool: We ask you to carpool because as you probably know, parking is limited. Also, we really need you to park out in the parking lot, If you arrive Friday afternoon or really early (6:30 am) Saturday, you will not have a

problem finding parking.

Our two initial goals are to:

1st GOAL: Complete the necessary fire clearance. The boot squad has done a great job making sure the paths are clear but there is a large buildup of down branches, low hanging branches, and an excess of leaves in the areas around the buildings. The work needs to be done for two reasons: It is a fire hazard and it is necessary to obtain a new fire insurance policy when we successfully obtain the camp.0

 2^{nd} GOAL : Plumb all the water storage tanks into the main system. Marketing is important to bring groups in but groups cannot stay if there is insufficient water. It is clear that we are now in the 4th year of a drought. The small of amount of rain we had in December brought new life to the creek and falls but it did not bring the ground water level up enough to continue to fill the water tanks past May or June. So, we need to have additional water stored to allow us to stay open longer.

NOTE: There are other smaller repair and maintenance tasks that are also on the table.

We will identify these in the next couple of weeks.

Skills Needed: If you can rake, then your skills are needed. But, we also need people with some plumbing experience and repair/maintenance experience.

What will be provided:

- * Rakes, Shovels, Chain Saw, tools etc. But, if we have more than 6-7 people raking at the same time we may not have enough rakes. So, if you could bring one or drop one off for packing in, that would be great.
- * Meals for Friday night through Sunday lunch. Please let me know if you have meal restrictions. Since I am a vegetarian, there will always be a veggie version of things.
- * Bottle Water
- * Lodging
- * Packing in of your personal items. Anything you want pack in needs to be at the pack station by 7 am on Friday morning (e.g., 2/27 or 3/13). You are welcome to bring it up earlier in the week or the weekend before. Anything you want packed out will come out the following Friday, so plan accordingly.
- * Materials for repairs
- * A good time for all

You Need to Bring: Yep, you do have some things to bring:

- * Sleeping bags and pillow cases (or your own pillow)
- * **Personal items** such as clothing, toiletries, etc.
- * Flashlight

Friends of the San Gabriels

Friends of the San Gabriels goal is to preserve and operate Historic Sturtevant Camp.

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in hosting over weekends. Trevor Eyster has kindly offered to host most weekends from March through June. But, he may conflicts or just need time away. We are also trying to determine our long term plans for hosting. So, to be prepared, we hold training sessions during the following weekends:

Hosting Training Dates: Feb 27th to March 1st or Mar 13th to 15th

Here are the requirements for hosting:

- * You must be available to be at camp by 4 pm on Friday of the weekend that you are hosting. Guests that book for Friday night often arrive at that time.
- * As a host you will stay until the group has left camp and completed the closing check list. Even if there is not a group in, we would ask that you plan for Sunday afternoon for your exit.
- * You must like people. I know this should go without saying but if you like to be alone, this is not for you. Also, it is best if you like to stay up later than earlier. Most guests are up fairly late and you need to turn the electricity off by 11 pm. This is the reason I do not make a good host. I like to be in bed by 8:00;-0))
- * Your duties will include tending to your group's needs, orientation, opening and closing the camp, general cleanup, raking, sweeping, turning on and off the electricity, etc. For weekends when big groups are in, we will bring in help to do the heavy-duty cleaning.
- * We will be vetting hosts as a precaution for any children that will be in camp. This will involve a background check that we pay for. If you have something in your past, talk to me about it. My focus in on violence and sex crimes only.
- * We would prefer people that have some troubleshooting skills. The Camp is very fragile and it is not uncommon for a water heater to not light or a toilet to clog or wall heaters that are either too hot or too cold. You get the idea.

Please RSVP which weekend you would like to help out, when you plan to arrive (Friday or Saturday), and if you have meal restrictions. Also, if you have any specific skills to offer, let me know that, as well.

Have a Great Day!

Reserve a Cabin Today at http://www.adamspackstation.com/sturtevant

Or donate today at: http://www.friendsofthesangabriels.org

Deb Burgess Cell: 310.488.7608 Pack Station: 626.447.7356 dburgess@adamspackstation.com

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

HAT Training VHC WLACC 2014

Become a USFS approved Trail Boss Supervise Trail Maintenance for the youth in your group. (Great Eagle Projects!)



A GREAT TRAINING PROGRAM NOT ONLY FOR BOY SCOUTS BUT FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Let us train you and other adults in your group so that you are qualified to do Trail Surveys and set up projects and complete them on your own.

Purpose:

To provide properly trained personnel with the ability to supervise either "Trail Blazing" or "Forest Conservation" program projects at the unit level.

All Trail Bosses will be trained by USFS Personnel or their approved Trail Boss Trainer.

Requirements:

Must be 18 or older.

Complete 4 days of 6 hours each in training exercises with the Trail Boss Program.

Conduct an approved Weekend project. Minimum 10 hours with your unit. (or another unit) under your supervision, and have it checked out by the Trail Boss trainer.

(Training days do not have to be consecutive days, weeks, or even years).

Training objectives are Tool, Personal Safety, Condition Survey, Brush Clearing, Tread Work, French Drains, Trail Dips, Soil Sacks, Water Bars, Switchback Construction, Tread Support, Etc.

Bring: Gloves, Hat, Water and Lunch, 10 essentials, Day pack, Work clothes.

Training days 2015: Mar 07/08 Apr 25/26 May 02/03

Call to confirm training day, Time and Meeting Place. (Course cancels if no calls) We meet at McDonalds at Bouquet Cyn. Rd. & Valencia Blvd, in Valencia at 8:00 AM.

Contact:

Patrick Aubuchon, Chief Trail Boss. 818-781-7465 - bigaub@sbcglobal.net

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



THE CITY OF GLENDALE

Community Services & Parks Department

Geology and Geologic Hazards of the Crescenta Valley

• WHEN:

Sat., March 7, 2015 9:00 a.m. - noon

WHERE:

Deukmejian Wilderness Park 3429 Markridge Rd Glendale, CA 91214

• WHAT TO WEAR/BRING:

Sturdy shoes, long pants, and a long sleeved shirt, and bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat

Call us at (818) 548-3795 to reserve your spot

Trail snacks and water will be provided

Professional Geologist
Thom Davis returns to lead
a hike throughout
Deukmejian Wilderness
Park as we learn about the
geology and geologic hazards of the local region.
This will be a fast paced



hike for the entire three hours on moderately difficult park trails. We will have several stops along the trail to observe and discuss the geologic features.

This event is recommended for ages 12 and older.

Space is limited. Reserve your spot by calling 548-3795. Dunsmore Canyon, San Gabriel Mtns. Photo taken shortly after the August, 2009 Station Fire; view north. Debris basin located on far right has a maximum capacity of 102,700 cu-yds. Los Angeles County Department of Public Work's (LA-DPW) sediment placement site is in center of photo.



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Para información en español, llame a (818) 548-2000



REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE UPON REQUEST. PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 72 HRS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association Training for 2015 Season New Volunteer Training

YOU MUST ATTEND ALL THREE CLASSES, we offer them at two different times. You need to attend only one of each of the classes.

To volunteer and begin training, just show up for the first class.

No RSVP or advanced sign-up is required.

Returning volunteers, please scroll down for Reconnect Class information.

Class 1: Orientation

• Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am — 12:00 noon

• Thursday, May 7, 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm

Class 2: Interpretation Natural History

- Saturday, May 2, 1:00 pm 4:00 pm
- Thursday, May 14, 6:30 pm 9:30 pm

Class 3: Operations

• Saturday, May 16, 9:00 am — 4:00 pm

Any questions? Please go to http://www.anffla.org/contact/ e-mail to info@anffla.org

All new volunteer classes will be held at:

Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office 701 N. Santa Anita Ave. Arcadia, CA 91006

Reconnect (for returning volunteers):

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND THIS CLASSES, we offer it at two different times. You need to attend only one of the classes.

Reconnect

• Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am- 1:00 pm • Thursday, May 21, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Reconnect Training will be held at:

Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office 701 N. Santa Anita Ave. Arcadia, CA 91006

Basic Radio Training

Ronald Ashdale, RSHEP will be offering a Basic Radio Training class on the follow day:

March 3, 2015 Tuesday 10:00 am in the medium conference room 701 North Santa Anita Ave Arcadia, CA 91006

Please bring your hand held radio. This class is open to all employees and volunteers on the forest.

p: 626-821-6722 f: 626-574-5371 rashdale@fs.fed.us

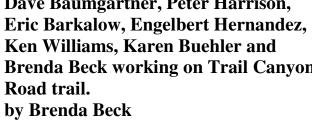
VOLUNTEERS AT WORK





Mike Mcguire & Steve Messer removing down tree's off the **Silver Moccasin in the Angeles National Forest** by Robin McGuire

Dave Baumgartner, Peter Harrison, **Brenda Beck working on Trail Canyon** Road trail.







Erik Hillard removing a tree on the El Prieto by Stephen Messer

AC100 http://www.ac100.com

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

- Volunteers needed SEE PAGE 6
- The 28th Annual AC100 Race for 2015 is full!
- The race for 2016 on-line registration will begin on August 3, 2015 @ 12:00 Noon, following the conclusion of the 2015 race..The 2014 AC100 Training Runs/Trail Work Schedule is for Reference Only, to give new runners a "warm fuzzy" of what to expect in April 2015. The 2015 schedule will be similar to the 2014 schedule. We will send an e-mail to all of the runners when we post the new 2015 AC100 Training Run/Trail Work Schedule. It is very important that we have your correct e-mail address.

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol m.rmcguire@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.B.P is here to serve and inform the public

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

http://www.anffla.org

Pam Morey pammorey@fs.fed.us Forest Care Program Coordinator 909-744-9510 ext. 125

- The 2015 Training Schedule is out! SEE PAGE 12
- Help rebuild Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout with a purchase of a reusable tote bag for \$5.
- **BECOME A FIRE LOOKOUT!** It's probably easier that you realize to become an active Fire Lookout with the ANFFLA. It just takes a few classes training (which are quite fun!) and the desire to spend some time in the Angeles National Forest. For more information about becoming a fire lookout **pammorey@fs.fed.us or 909-744-9510 ext. 125** Check out the **training schedule on page**
- Help support ANFFLA every time you shop!

 Register your Ralphs Club Card and your Food4Less card and ANFFLA will receive a donation every time you shop. It's an easy to help support our efforts and costs you nothing!



avconservancy@yahoo.com Face book: Antelope Valley Conservancy

PHONE (661) 943-9000

- Looking for a sustainable gift? Consider giving a Membership in Antelope Valley Conservancy. Only \$25. A gift that keeps on giving.
- If you use Google or any other search engine, please try GoodSearch.com to help us build the Sustaining Endowment. Just type "av conservancy" as your charity and Yahoo donates a penny for each search- at no cost to you! Do it now, so you don't forget. Thank you!



Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/

John Howell, (626) 796-0782 johnrhowell@earthlink.net

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Taylor at jennifertaylor@arroyosfoothills.org or call AFC at 626.796.0782 We'll see you there!

• Mar 7th Polytechnic Alumni Community Service Day at Rubio Canyon

When: 9am – 12pm

Where: 1101 E Loma Alta Dr, Altadena, CA 91001, USA

Description: Poly's Alumni Community Service Day will be held at Rubio Canyon where they will be removing invasive plants such as eupatory and mustard to increase the health of the native habitat and decrease the fire danger in the canyon.

• Mar 14th Rosemont Restoration Day

When: 9am – 11am

Where: Rosemont Preserve

Description: Come and join us for a morning of fun restoring the natural habitat at the Rosemont Preserve is located in La Crescenta at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence.

Directions: Exit La Crescenta Avenue off 210 fwy, proceed north to Foothill Blvd., turn right to Rosemont Avenue, turn left. Parking is available at Two Strike Park which is on the left side of Rosemont Avenue, 2 blocks before you get to the preserve (5107 Rosemont Ave).

Bring/Wear: If you plan to attend please wear sturdy shoes, comfortable work clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended.) If you have any of the following tools, please consider bringing them: shovels, spades, loppers, hatchets, clippers. Other tools and equipment will be available. **Rain Cancels**

• Mar 22nd Rosemont Open Gate Event

When: 2pm - 4pm

Where: Rosemont Preserve

Description: Come and spend an afternoon at the Rosemont Preserve! This is a chance to visit the Preserve and wander the trail - discover this beautiful wilderness area in our very own community! The gate will be open from 2-4pm and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and show you this community resource we have worked so hard to protect and develop.

Directions: The Preserve is located in La Crescenta at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. Directions: Exit La Crescenta Avenue off 210 fwy, proceed north to Foothill Blvd., turn right to Rosemont Avenue, turn left. Parking is available at Two Strike Park which is on the left side of Rosemont Avenue, 2 blocks before you get to the preserve (5107 Rosemont Ave).

Wear: If you plan on attending please wear sturdy shoes. ***RAIN CANCELS***

• Mar 28th Rosemont Preserve Docent Led Tour - Rich Toyon

When: 9am – 11am

Where: Rosemont Preserve

Directions: The Preserve is located in La Crescenta at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. Directions: Exit La Crescenta Avenue off 210 fwy, proceed north to Foothill Blvd., turn right to Rosemont Avenue, turn left. Parking is available at Two Strike Park which is on the left side of Rosemont Avenue, 2 blocks before you get to the preserve (5107 Rosemont Ave).

Wear: If you plan on attending please wear sturdy shoes. ***RAIN CANCELS***

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com

Andy Hoyer 213-675-0420

Subscribe to Bear Canyon's email list with this link: http://eepurl.com/beT3xH

• Mar 28th Outing (SEE PAGE 7)

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com

Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council

http://www.laac-hat.org/

• Mar 8th Learn to be a TRAIL BOSS (SEE PAGE 10)

Big Santa Anita Canyon

http://www.bigsantaanitacanyon.com/

- Open Year round, 6 am to 8 pm every day.
- The road is gated and the gate is locked at night. Be sure to return to your car before 7:30 pm or you may not get out! During and after heavy rains, fires, or after significant earthquakes, and during fire alerts the road may be closed.
- The Sierra Madre Police Dept. is in charge of locking/unlocking the gate. If you are concerned that the road might be closed you can call them for info: 626 355-1414.
- Adams Pack Station Contact: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am 5:00 pm (626) 447-7356

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/

• Mar 18th MEETING

Come and Join Us CTUC meets at 5:00 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale, CA.

Our meetings are open to everyone who wishes to participate. Volunteers have a great time working together on these types of projects. To volunteer on one of our projects, please join us by calling our Chairman, Terry Kaiser at 818-353-4682. You may also email: edwaldheim@aol.com

CITY OF GLENDALE

http://www.glendaleparksfoundation.org

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept 818-548-2000

Your Friends in Trails and Open Space

- Mar 7th Geology and Geologic Hazards of the Crescenta Valley (SEE PAGE 11)
- Mar 14th Riverwalk Workday
- Mar 21st Wilderness Workday

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

• Mar 7th - Eagle Rock and Temescal Peak from Trippet Ranch (Topanga SP)

Background: Eagle Rock is one of the best vista points in the Santa Monica Mountains, serving up panoramic views of Santa Monica Bay and Los Angeles.

Description of Hike: From Trippet Ranch you will gain 926 feet getting to Eagle Rock and Temescal Peak (2,000 feet) in a loop taking in several trails in the Topanga State Park. It is 7.4 miles roundtrip through woodlands along fire roads and some single track.

Carpool from Santa Clarita Valley: Meet your hike leader at Towsley Canyon, 24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA, outside the gate at 7:00AM. We will organize carpools and depart at 7:15 AM SHARP for the Trippet Ranch trailhead.

Directions to Topanga State Park Trailhead from Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita Valley, (32 miles, ~45 mins): Merge onto I-5 South. Keep right to continue on the I-405 S/San Diego Fwy, following signs for Santa Monica. After 9.0 miles, take the exit to US101 N, towards Ventura, drive 8.2 miles on the 101, and exit at California 27 S/Topanga Cyn Blvd. Merge on to Topanga Cyn Blvd and drive 7.8 miles south on Topanga Canyon Blvd until you see Entrada Road on the left. Road is twisty so be on the look out for it. Turn east (left) into Entrada Road and drive up the mountain for 1 mile, following signs for Topanga State Park / Trippet Ranch and you will see cars parked on the left side of the road.

NOTE: There are no dogs allowed in the park. Also there is a \$10 Park Service day-use fee to park in the Trippet Ranch parking lot, which is open from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. They have immaculate modern bathrooms; so if you carpool and want to support their upkeep, go for it. Alternatively, a few hundred yards outside the park, there may be free parking spaces along the road.

• Mar 14th - Matilija Falls, Ojai Area

Description: The trail head begins at the entrance to Matilija Canyon Ranch and Wildlife Refuge. We will follow a paved/dirt road pass this ranch and the Blue

Leader notes: Because of the water, bugs could be a problem. As with most hikes by water there is poison oak to watch out for. Heron Ranch; the property owners have been kind enough to allow hikers to access the trails through their property. Please remember they may be sleeping when we pass at 8:30 AM.

Description of Hike: The first 2.5 miles are easy, we will be following the road and single track trail to the creek. Inside Matilija Canyon the trail turns into a path that follows the creek and is in fair condition. There will be some bouldering, and creek crossing but nothing too bad. We will pass many wilderness campsites, some of which have nice stone chairs to rest on. Near the mid point of the hike we will follow a tributary to the creek a short distance to the first waterfall. Then back to the main creek and continue upstream another 1/4 mile to 3 more waterfalls. The last waterfall will require climbing a slope with the help of a rope, but is worth the effort. If you plan to climb the rope gloves are recommended.

Leader notes: Because of the water, bugs could be a problem, bring facenet just in case (Walmart Sporting section~ \$4). **As with most hikes by water, there is poison oak to watch out for.**

Directions to trail head: Interstate 5 north to the 126 west. In Santa Paula exit the 126 Freeway at Hwy 150. Follow the 150 to the Y intersection with Highway 33,(last chance for a real bathroom at the gas station). Bear right on Highway 33 and travel 5 miles to Matilija Road South. Turn left and drive 4.9 miles to the end of the road and trail head. Meet at trail head at 08:30 am. No restrooms at trail head.

Carpool from Santa Clarita: For those wishing to carpool, meet at Walmart's parking lot on Kelly Johnson Parkway in Valencia between 6:45-07:00 AM. Arrangement's will be made at that time.

Adventure Pass: Not required.

Hike Length: 9-10 miles with 1200' elevation gain

Hiking Time: All day.

Rating: Moderate +++ Leader: Dave

Community Hiking Club (CONT)

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

• Mar 21st - Quigley Canyon Open Space

Background: This is a local and very convenient hike. Quigley Canyon has 4 loops and another in/out 1.1 mile portion, giving a total distance of ~ 6.5 miles. Gain is about 350 feet mainly on one hill that has a tough, steep descent. Make sure you wear good boots. There are easy, moderate and steep areas on this hike, so there is something for everyone. We will be combining 4 individual loops and a 1.1 mile new access trail in and out.

Description of Hike: Due to the steep uphill and downhill on one loop, poles are HIGHLY recommended. There is one loop that includes a steep hill. If you would like to avoid this, you can sign out just before that portion or just take a break before we regroup for the remainder of the hike. The scenery is quite varied, with abundant birdlife. We will see the ranches, incredible homes, an oil company, intermittent streams, and some pretty vistas. This set of trails is very private when you consider how close it is to civilization.

Meet your leader: At the trail head at 8:00AM for an 8:15AM SHARP departure up the trail. Park on Placerita Canyon Road, see detailed directions below.

Directions to the Trailhead (GPS 34.379641, -118.502622): Going North on the 14 freeway, exit at Placerita Cyn Road and turn left under the freeway (the opposite direction to the Placerita Nature center). Go straight through the light on Sierra Hwy and continue about 1/2 mile West on Placerita Cyn Rd, until you see a gated community barrier across the road ahead and a wooden split rail fence on the right. This is the Trailhead and it is clearly marked Quigley Canyon Open Space.

Bring: Water (2 - 3 L), snacks, hiking poles if you have them and a camera. Wear sunscreen, a hat, and long pants in case some of the trails are getting overgrown. Make sure your boots/ shoes have a good tread.

Dogs: Ok, if on a leash and well-behaved with other dogs / people

Adventure Pass: Not required.

Leader: Lise **Rated:** Easy to Moderate ++ (due to the hills)

• Mar 27th - 29th: Backpacking trip along the Old Ridge Route (10 person limit)

Description: Enjoy a historical adventure along the Old Ridge Route. The Ridge Route was completed in 1915, and was carved from the San Gabriel Mountains by workers using mule-drawn dirt scrapers. From ridge top to ridge top, they cleared a 20 foot-wide roadway which was the first direct route between Los Angeles and Bakersfield, uniting Northern and Southern California. Today, a 30 mile portion of the abandoned Ridge Route between Castaic and Gorman can be found hidden in the mountains just east of Interstate 5 which long ago replaced it. We will be stopping at every historical site, and learning about each of the hotels, repair shops, and cafes along this old stretch of highway. Fresh air, exercise, history, views of the Fish Canyon potential Wilderness...this hike has it all! Here is a short history of the Ridge Route with many old photos.:

http://www.kcet.org/updaily/socal_focus/history/la-as-subject/from-footpaths -to-the-grapevine-a-brief-history-of-southern-californias-ridge-route.html

Description of Hike: You will hike from Castaic to a site near Hwy 138 on the historic Ridge Route. We will take the 22 mile section over 3 days, 2 nights, uphill all the way. This is a strenuous, difficult hike, so the weakest member will set the pace of the group, the absolute limit is 10 people. After 10 people, we will start a waiting list. There will be a car shuttle at the northern end of the hike and water caches will be in place.

Bring: Backpacking tent, boots, rain gear in case, layered clothing (i.e. Be prepared!). You must bring your own food in bear proof cannisters - mandatory!! There are bears in our hiking zone. When you RSVP, we can work out sharing of stoves.

Water / Toiletries/ Etc.: You will need to bring a minimum of 3 liters of water. Note: You will be able to refill your bottles from the water cache we will put in place the day before the hike. Bring \$2 cash to give to Chris to repay him for the water bottles he will have to purchase for the cache. This will supply you with 2 gallons of water (1 gallon in each cache location). Bring wag bags, toilet tissue, any medications/bandaids and other first aid supplies. You can bring your cell phone or SPOT/personal locator.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Community Hiking Club (CONT)

• Mar 27th - 29th Backpacking trip along the Old Ridge Route (cont)

Directions to meeting place: We will leave early Friday March 27. From Santa Clarita, take the I-5 North to Templin Hwy, turn right. Go to the first Stop sign, the "Old Ridge Route" and turn left on to it. Park along the side of the road at the first turnout on the right. We will meet here at 8:00AM.

Shuttle: If you would like to be one of the shuttle vehicles, please let Chris know when you RSVP, and you will meet Chris earlier to get the shuttle cars in place at the northern end of the hike (we need TWO volunteers with vehicles that hold 5 persons to be our shuttle drivers).

Dogs: Sorry - No dogs please.

RSVP: Contact Chris Spicher at AVFlorist@gmail.com if you are interested.

Distance: 22 mile section over 3 days, slightly uphill all the way.

Rating: Strenuous/Difficult hike (with 2 nights of overnight camping).

Leader: Chris

• Mar 28th - Los Liones trail to Parker Mesa Overlook

Description: Parker Mesa is a popular overlook of the Pacific Coast in Topanga State Park. We have hiked it from from the Park's western entrance, at Trippit Ranch, before and the views and sea air were great. For a better look at the varied landscapes inside Topanga State Park, more of a single track experience and a more intense workout – the southern approach is a more interesting route.

Description of Hike: The Los Liones Trail starts on Los Liones Drive in the Pacific Palisades at a clearly marked gate (see below). The trail starts out inconspicuously enough, looking like just about any other coastal Southern California trail – but as the single-track route winds its way over several short hills and through the scrub, it gets shadier and incredibly lush.

Distance: 7.3 miles **Gain:** 1292 ft **Hiking Time:** ~ 4 hours

Meeting your Leader: If Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley, meet at Towsley Canyon (24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA) outside the gate in the Parking lot at 6:45AM. We will leave at 7:00AM sharp. Alternatively, you can meet at the trailhead (directions below) for a 08:15 AM departure down the trail. Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas - THX

Directions to Towsley Carpool meeting spot: From Valencia, take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit. Exit, turn right. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon. Park OUTSIDE the gate. Look for the hiking club members and leader there.

Directions to Los Liones Trailhead: From Santa Clarita, take the I-5 South and merge right into the 405 South. Go ~16 miles south through the Sepulveda Pass. Exit the 405 at Sunset Blvd West (after the Getty). On the Sunset off ramp, make a left from right lane onto Church and an immediate right onto Sunset. Take Sunset for 8 miles, and make a right onto Los Liones, until it deadends. You will see a clearly marked trailhead/ gate. Parking should be OK at that time. If you have to park away from the gate parking area, leave a member of your group at the gate, so we know you have arrived and can wait while you park.

BRING: Hiking poles, if you have them, an extra layer in case it gets hot/cold, lunch/snack, water (2 - 3L), electrolytes, a camera, hat and sunscreen.

Adventure Pass: Not required.

Dogs: OK, on leash and if well behaved around people/ other dogs. If you bring a dog, please drive yourself.

Rating: Moderate Leader: Hola Ola

HABITAT WORKS

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

http://www.habitatwork.org

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

For more information call or e-mail to: wildlife@habitatwork.org

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

www.haramokngna.org

663-449-8975.

- Volunteers As a cultural, environmental and arts organization, Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center shares the flavor of Native American history, culture, traditions and arts with the Los Angeles community. We are always looking for energetic individuals ready to represent the Cultural Center during special events and regular office hours.
- Check the Pukuu's Amazon Store http://astore.amazon.com/pukucultcomms-20 When you order items thru our store, a percentage is donated to our center. THANK-YOU

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e-mail: maujds@earthlink.net

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Contacts: Glen Foster phone: 760-949-3497 or 760-508-0344

 Certified Packer e-mail: pjgwfoster@aol.com

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429 (cell)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

(Rain day before or day of outing cancels the outing)

• Mar 14st Outing

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

As we keep repeating, we next intend to continue maintenance of the Mt Lowe West Trail from where we left off about the middle going toward the summit. There's a large patch of poodle dog there. This time of year, it seems to be less threatening. Besides, some of our group seem immune to it, so they

can tackle those parts. The rest of us can cut back the rapidly growing scrub oak, and repair tread.

Mount Wilson Race

http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com/HOME.html

• Mar 29th Outing (SEE PAGE 7)

Pete Siberell Chair, Mt. Wilson Trail Race

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

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http://mwba.org/

Contact: Mitch Marich, info@mwba.org

• Mar 15th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, MWBA Trailwork

Check back http://mwba.org/ or email info@mwba.org for information on a particular month.

Come work on the trails with us and get a free shuttle ride! It's pretty simple; there are only 3 steps. Send an email to trailworktoride@mwba.org for more information.

Mount Wilson Institute

P. O. Box 1909, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1909 (404) 413-5484 http://www.mtwilson.edu/

• Apr 7th Cosmic Cafe reopens weekends

Support Mount Wilson Observatory

We Need Your Help - Mount Wilson Observatory is privately owned and receives no continuing state or federal support. You can help ensure the continued operation of this science heritage.

- **Join** our Friends of Mount Wilson Observatory organization to receive a variety of member benefits and stay informed on the latest scientific and other activities from the mountain.
- Contribute to our Second Century Campaign. As Mount Wilson continues into its second century, a capital campaign is being developed to preserve this great observatory for future generations.
- **Be a Docent Tour Guide** We welcome applications from individuals interested in participating as docents in our very active guided tour programs.

For application information go to: http://www.mtwilson.edu/docents.php.

Pacific Crest Trail Association http://www.pcta.org

FACE BOOK: http://www.facebook.com/#!/PCTAFan

Liz Bergeron lbergeron@pcta.org

Sacramento, CA Phone: (916) 285-1846 x 26

• Apr 11th Annual Meeting

Come find out more about how your gifts and volunteer time have made a difference this year on the trail. Attend our annual meeting in the Bannon Island Room at Sierra Health Foundation, 1321 Garden Highway, Sacramento, CA 95833. And join us afterward for refreshments at an Open House at PCTA's headquarters next door.

- Apr 22nd to Apr 24th 2015 Annual Day Zero Pacific Crest Trail Kickoff (ADZPCTKO)
- Apr 24th to Apr 26th 2015 Annual Day Zero Pacific Crest Trail Kickoff (ADZPCTKO) You can attend either session, but not both.

The 2015 Annual Day Zero Pacific Crest Trail Kickoff (ADZPCTKO) will be held again this year at Lake Morena County Park. It is not organized by the PCTA. Please visit adzpctko.org for information and registration. Registration for ADZPCTKO 2015 begins in early March at adzpctko.org.

For questions regarding Kick Off please email: Carl "Kelty Kid" Siechert at carl@pct77.org

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org

Ben White: 626-303-1078 ben@sgmtrailbuilders.org

We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month Trail working volunteers may join the San Gabriel Mountains Trail Builders in the continued restoration process for trails in and around Crystal Lake, East Fork, Heaton Flats, Upper & Lower Bear Creek, the Baldy Area and many other locations on the Angeles National Forest.

Learn how to use all the Trail tools to work the trails. Help you learn how to get your certificates for Chainsaw and Crosscut Saws use on the National forest.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please send e-mail to feedback@crystallake.name I will let you know when, where, and what you need to know to join us.

MEETING LOCATION:

San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center, 1950 North San Gabriel Canyon @ 7:30 am

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Sierra Club www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107

213-387-4287

For more calendar details go to www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

• Mar 4th 7:00 PM Pasadena Group Monthly Meeting: Claire Robinson, Managing Director of Amigos de los Rios, presents a program "The Emerald Necklace: Citizens working to create parks and restore riparian habitat in the San Gabriel Valley".

Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome! Doors open at 7 pm; Program starts at 7:30 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. See our website (http://angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/) for updated information on program speaker and topic or contact Group Membership Chair, Elizabeth Pomeroy.

- Mar 5th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Mar 7th Switzer's Picnic Ground to Red Box
- Mar 12th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Mar 14th Condor Peak Trail
- Mar 19th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Mar 21st Fish Canyon Falls
- Mar 26th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Mar 28th Red Box to Strawberry Potrero to Josephine Fire Road

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

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http://mountainsfoundation.org/ Sarah Miggins smiggins@fs.fed.us 909-382-2796 602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

For more calendar details go to http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar?year=2015&month=03

Snowshoe Ecotour

Join a Naturalist for a guided snowshoe tour in the San Bernardino National Forest. You will learn how to snowshoe, go for a guided trek through the forest, learn about how plants and animals adapt in winter and have some exploration time as well! Snowshoes, trekking poles, snack and water are included. Please wear warm clothing layers and waterproof boots or shoes. Tours are dependent on snow conditions; call for more details. Reservations are required. Participants caravan to site. Private tours can be arranged for groups of 8 or more. **Call to book your private tour today; 909-382-2790.**

Fee: Adults \$30, Kids (8-12 years old) \$20

Dates: Saturdays; 9am-12pm &1pm-4pm. Sundays; 9am-12pm (untill March 8)

- Animal Tracking Mar 14th/28th
- Bald Eagle Volunteer Count Mar 14th
- Eagle Celebration Mar 14th
- Story Time Mar 7th/21st

Tree People http://www.treepeople.org FACEBOOK: TreePeople

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For more calendar details go to: http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2015-03

- Angeles Forest Restoration Mar 1st/5th/6th/7th/8th/12th/13th/14th/15th/19th/20th/21st/22nd/26th/27th/28th/29th
- Citizen Forestry: How to Organize a Community Tree Planting Mar 21st
- Generation Earth Campus Recycling Workshop Mar 21st
- Moonlight Hike Mar 6th
- \bullet Park Work Day Mar $5^{th}/12^{th}/19^{th}/26^{th}$
- Park Planting Mar 7th
- Park Tree Care Mar 28th
- ullet Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Mar $1^{st}/7^{th}/14^{th}/15^{th}/28^{th}$
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Supervisor Training Mar 8th
- Volunteer Supervisor Training Mar 14th

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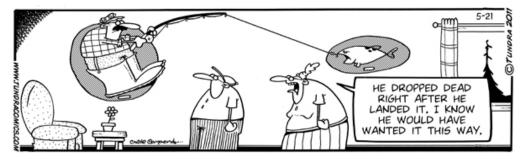
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