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

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GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE



At our 7/14 meeting, Michael Paniagua, Fire Prevention Technician provided some good information regarding Fire Prevention, Radio use, your responsibility in a Traffic control situation and Public contact. Since all of us interact with the Public, he referenced “5 Things to Know before Interacting with the Public” that may help avoid a confrontation. See enclosed article. If you’re interested in assisting or learning more about Fire Prevention, please contact John Lane, Fire Prevention Officer at 818-899-1900 ext 231.

As most of you’ve heard, that Julie Smith, Trails Program Manager will be leaving sunny southern California for hot, dry Tucson, Arizona to join her husband. We don’t know the exact date this will happen, so continue coordinating your activity with Julie.

Fire Indices are very high to extreme for Southern California which is abnormally early for this time of year. Therefore it’s important for you to keep informed of the current fire hazard rating when planning your outings and keeping us informed of your work location should an emergency situation happen.

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

I look forward to meeting many of you at either our monthly volunteer meeting (3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm) or at one of your scheduled work projects.

Again THANK YOU for your dedication to Caring for the Land and Serving the People.

Howard S. Okamoto
Angeles National Fores
Los Angeles River Ranger District
Recreation Officer

NOTICE:

Road to Chantry Flat closed for needed repairs June 7 - Sept 30

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Are you ready to Volunteer today?

can you help me?



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August CALENDER

1. Aug 18st 7:00 PM
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING
Meetings are held on the third
Wednesday of each month at the
Wildwood Volunteer House.
2. Aug 18st 5:00 PM
**California Trail Users Coalition
(CTUC) meeting**
3550 Foothill Blvd, Glendale
www.ctuc.info
3. Aug 28st
Take a walk and learn more about the
forest. Meet at the San Gabriel
Canyon Environmental Education
Center on Highway 39. Donation
is \$5.00 per person. Adventure Pass
not needed.
You must RSVP with Steve
Segreto at 626-335-1251, ext. 225
or 909-982-2829.
This tour is limited to 35 people.
- 4 Aug 28th
Last Saturday of each month requires
No Adventure Pass.

Haramokngna Schedule of events

Saturday, August 7 – Guest Host
Sunday, August 8 – Second Sunday –
Barbara Drake – fall baskets
Workshop + vendors
Saturday, August 14th – hands-on day
Saturday, August 21st – hands-on day
Saturday, August 28th – Hands-on day

Please send any news for the
newsletter to guykuhn@earthlink.net
or bring them to the Wildwood
Volunteer House on August 18.

Send any corrections needed in
the newsletter to guykuhn@earthlink.net

Send any request for a e-mailed
Newsletter to guykuhn@earthlink.net.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Send news to
GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

mmcguirepoolspa@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.

Next outing will be August 28.
(last Saturday of the month)

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

George & Pam Morey 909-338-3923

Applicants from the community willing to
volunteer as a Fire Lookout for the 2004 fire
season can apply for training with ANFFLA.

8/19. Living History
True tales of yesteryear.

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

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 main-
tain 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

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

www.corbamtb.com

Next outing will be August 21.

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

HATHAWAY SCHOOL

Please direct all correspondence to:
ksarkissian@hathawaychildren.org

Hathaway's summer work program will kick into high gear the week of July 12th, Monday through Thursday 3-7pm, with a crew of 21 students.

We plan to turn our attention back to the lower part of the Gold Canyon trail for the duration of the summer. Currently we're at 7000 feet of the 10,400 feet scheduled to be cleared. The work on this trail is, in a word, straight up "gnarly". Even with a crew of fourteen, we're only able to average about 50 feet of tread a day (even with power equipment!) Any help offered, especially an additional certified power saw operator, would be greatly appreciated.

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://www.pcta.org>
Phone: (916) 349-210

SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES (SMAS)

Hike to Henninger Flats.

Aug 11 & Aug 25.

Richard Nyerges (626) 285-0962

EMAIL: nyerges@spcglobal.net

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

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

On July 4, 1893 was the opening day of Mt. Lowe Railroad. Los Angeles Times reported the grand opening on page 8 in the July 5, 1893 edition.

To learn what has happened to the railroad go to <http://www.mtlowe.net>

To help in preserving the historical railroad contact:

John Harrigan

626-968-5092

jnsharrigan@earthlink.net

Brian Marcroft

562-868-8919

emworks@pacbell.net

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Next outing Aug 14

We completed the maintenance we started on California Trails Day in the Pines Picnic area, in particular the trail from the parking area to the fire station - a lot of lopping brush and widening trail tread.

For National Trails Day, we worked the Mt Wilson trail, especially at the trail head removing nonnative Scotch Broom.

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

<http://www.jplreclclubs.caltech.edu/hiking/>

"Without enough wilderness, America will change. Democracy, with its myriad personalities and increasing sophistication, must be fibred and vitalized by the regular contact with outdoor growths — animals, trees, sun warmth, and free skies — or it will dwindle and pale." -Walt Whitman

VOLUNTEER EVENT NEWS

Want to learn Helicopter rescue?

There are plans for a 1 to 1½ hour training class by the LA COUNTY SHERIFF AIR5 HELICOPTER training at the Barley Flats Heliport.

There is no set date yet. There has to be at least 20 volunteers to have this class.

If interested call Tom Dwyer at 818-246-2963 and leave your name and phone number.

Angeles National Forest Trivia

What lives in the Angeles Forest and glows green under a black light?

Scorpions!

Scorpions reflect a green glow in black ultraviolet-light to attract insects. Insects see this natural ultraviolet-light, move towards it, and are eaten by the scorpion. In this way, the natural glow of scorpions serves as a bug magnet.

Take Pride in America

This program is based on the idea that there are thousands of people who would like to help out and volunteer but need direction, counsel and instruction on how to proceed.

Some of the projects planned include: building trails, cleaning up trash and litter, painting and restoring signs, weed removal, wildlife habitat restoration, safety patrol, erosion control, and shoreline clean up.

For more information, the Web address is www.takepride.info – home of volunteers on line.

5 Things to Know Before

Interacting With The Public

ATTITUDE – Having a good attitude can save your life when talking to the public. If your experiencing stress at work or at home or just simply having a bad day you should maybe let somebody else do the talking.

APPEARANCE – A clean, ironed, professional looking uniform can demand the respect of the public therefore making your duties easier. Standing straight and walking with confidence can ward off any unwanted confrontations.

APPROACH - Take command of the scene while maintaining a friendly professionalism. Introduce yourself as a volunteer with the Forest Service. Don't try to be or appear to be somebody you are not.

POSITIONING – Strategically stand in a safe position. Do not allow public to stand too close to you. Maintain a visual on all of the public that you are speaking to. If need be ask them to stay in front or maintain their distance for both yours and their safety.

KNOWLEDGE – Have knowledge of forest rules and regulations in general and specifically for your area. Current fire restrictions, Ad Pass sales, off roading, fishing etc... If you do not know the answer to a question be prepared to refer them to the District Office with phone number.

Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run

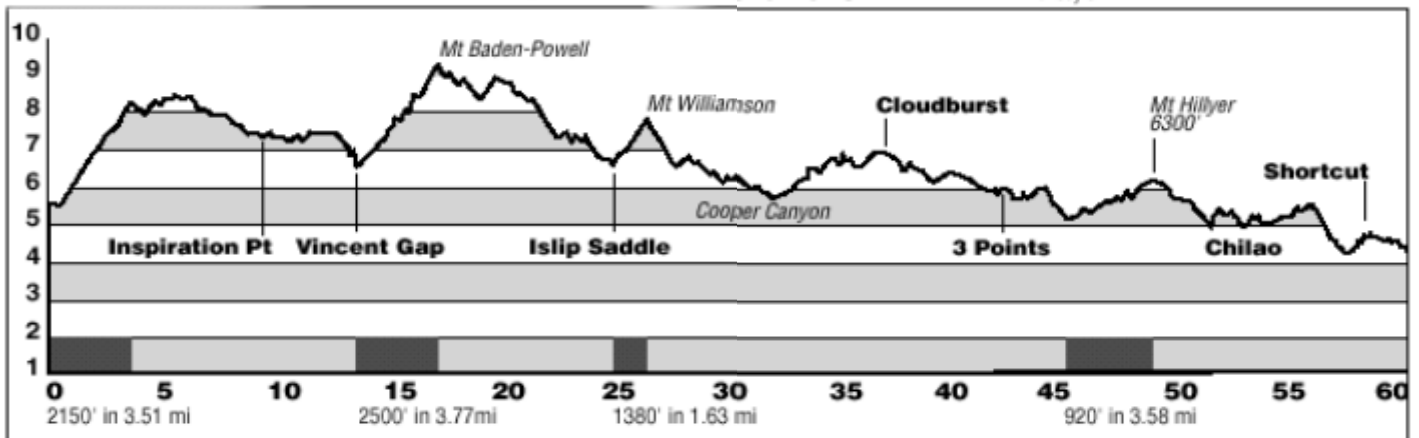
Starting at 5:00 AM at Wrightwood, California on September 18, 2004 will began a race of human endurance, the Angeles Crest 100 mile endurance run.

The race course will go from Wrightwood to Pasadena. The 100 miles includes 90 miles of trails and 8 miles of dirt road in the Angeles National Forest including portions of the Pacific Crest Trail, and 2 miles of paved road.

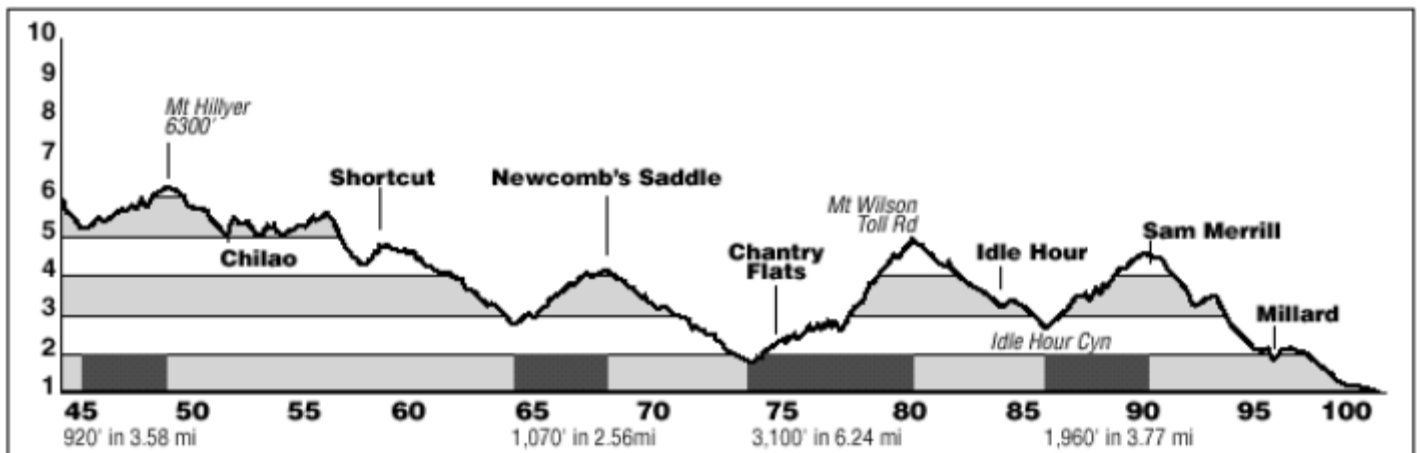
The race starts on Park Street in downtown Wrightwood and finishes at Johnson's Field in Pasadena. There is a 21,610 ft. accumulative elevation gain, 26,700 ft. accumulative loss, resulting in a 48,310 feet total elevation Change. The highest point is Mt. Balden-Powell at the 9,210 ft. level.

If you want to more about the race goto <http://www.ac100.com/>.

Below is a view of the elevation change during the 100 miles race.



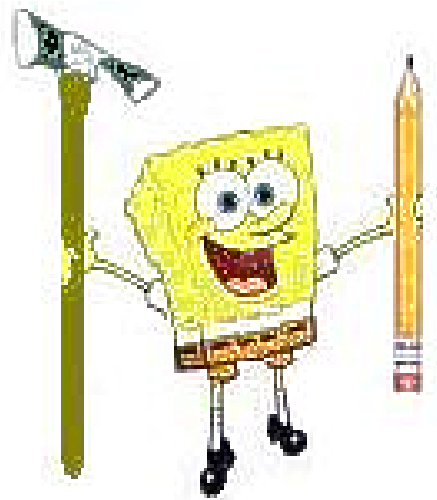
Elevation profile detail: Mile 0 thru 58



Elevation profile detail: Mile 45 thru 100

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

**All kinds of
volunteers are
needed**



For all kinds of jobs

**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/ Fire Prevention/ Recreation Aid /

Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/ Research-Librarian /

Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/ Conservation Education

Other: _____
