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## Strawberry Peak

by Jennifer Dooley

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, GLS made a long-awaited return visit to Strawberry Peak in the Angeles National Forest. This 7.6-mile round trip hike was another temporary casualty of the Station Fire, which burned approximately 252 square miles. The fire was started by an arsonist on August 26, 2009 and was not 100% contained until October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Our hardy, thighs-of-steel group was led by the duo of Gail and Grace. After meeting at the La Canada rideshare point and occasionally getting our hellos drowned out by wind-up-toy-sounding sports cars on their way up the hill, we organized ourselves into carpool klatches and made our own trek up to the Red Box ranger station (obeying all posted speed limits..mostly).

As we left Red Box on foot, (elev. 4640'), the weather was brisk and partly



*Climbing up to Strawberry Peak on a cold, overcast December day. Photo right, Nancy Beverly. Photo below left, Gina Masequesmay.*



cloudy, the sun shining through the clouds in places. Layers were at the ready, should a breeze kick up. **\*\*Spoiler alert: It did... Brrrrr!\*\*** After crossing Highway 2 to the trailhead, we followed the trail as it ascended moderately, hugging the rocky mountainside. Reaching the saddle, we noticed that someone had left a turn-around arrow in the dirt via white chalk. Was this a sign? A missive from the wilderness that only the most footloose and fancy-free explorers need apply to continue to the summit of Strawberry Peak? Um...not sure... Anyhoodle, we ignored all

cautionary omens, explicit, implied, or imagined, and switched modes from two-limb drive to four-limb drive in anticipation of the scramble to the top. What a scramble it was! Nary a thigh was left unburnt by the frequent need to hoist oneself over boulders. Many legs also had close encounters of the prickly kind, courtesy of the yucca plants lining the trail. (Pro-tip: If one finds themselves lost in the forest, hug a tree, not a yucca. Yuccas give notoriously unfriendly hugs.)

Nearing the peak after crawling past a

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## 2014 GLS Photo Contest Winners

Once again, party-goers at the GLS holiday party, December 6, voted for their favorites of the photos entered in the photo contest. Key to the winning pictures on page 2. Pictures on pages 1, 2, 8, 9 and 11.



## Message from the GLS Chair

Happy New Year! Every new year comes with hope for a new beginning, and this year GLS has even more reason to expect a particularly good year. We have a full schedule already, including some new urban outings, a car camp, and some backpacking trips. Even better, we have at least two provisional hikes scheduled. If

you don't know what a provisional hike is, it's a hike on which the leader is evaluated by the co-leader in order to qualify as a leader with the local Sierra Club chapter. This is an important event, usually the final step in qualifying, and the candidate needs a certain number of participants to qualify, as well as passing other criteria on that day. Please, please, come out and support our provisional leaders! Let them, and the chapter evaluating committee, see the level of support and commitment we have here

in GLS. I'm pleased to introduce all our new leader candidates: Jan McInnis, Kyla Hjerstedt, Tammie Barta, Gina Masequesmay, Kellie Cowles, and Carol Jeffcoate. Thank you all for stepping up to help lead GLS, and thank you, too, to all the co-leaders who will be evaluating them - it's a commitment of time and energy and a real responsibility, and I know we all appreciate your hard work.

Happy 2015, Everyone!

Marie Ammerman



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## Photo Contest Winners!

See also pages 1, 8, 9, and 11.

1. People Favorite—**Mike Brostoff.**
2. All-Around AND Landscape Favorite— **Susan Campo.**
3. Humor Favorite—**Nancy Beverly.**
4. Fauna Favorite—**Heather McNaught.**
5. Group Shot Favorite—**Heather McNaught.**
6. On The Trail Favorite—**Jeff Johnson.**
7. Flora Favorite—**Heather McNaught.**

Thanks you for your submissions. We will probably do it again next year, so remember your camera!

## 25th Anniversary GLS T-Shirts!

The GLS 25th Anniversary logo has been printed on heather gray T-shirts, like the ones shown in the photo. T-shirts are \$15 each, available in unisex sizes Small/Medium/Large/X-Large.

To order a T-shirt, please make a check payable to "GLS" and mail to: Amanda Smith, 831 Kodak Drive, Apt. 1/2, Los Angeles, CA 90026. Please be sure to include the size of T-

shirt you are requesting along with your phone number and/or email address in case we need to get in touch with you. If you need the T-shirt shipped to you out-of-town, please contact Amanda with the details first so we can estimate shipping costs before you write a check.

Questions? Email Amanda at [amandajillsmith@gmail.com](mailto:amandajillsmith@gmail.com).



### Information about GLS

**General questions about GLS**, call Marie at 818-406-3529 or Mike at 818 399-4035.

**Questions about a specific event**, please call the leaders listed in the schedule. Contact info is inside the back page.

**Sign up for the FREE GLS email list**, with a weekly email digest of GLS events, go to: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/news/MailingLists.asp>. Your email address remains confidential and is not displayed to others.

### GLS Mission

The Gay & Lesbian Sierrans Section of the Angeles Chapter fosters the purposes of the Sierra Club by making available a wide range of events for gays, lesbians, and their friends. These activities include conservation, education, hikes, bike rides, beach walks, car camps, boat trips, social gatherings and fundraising.

### GLS Newsletter

The GLS newsletter, TRACKS, is published six times a year. Annual subscriptions are \$15 for issues sent by US mail, \$10 for issues sent in PDF format by email, \$25 for both. Three year subscriptions are, respectively, \$35, \$20, and \$55. Send subscription requests and related membership correspondence to: GLS, P.O. Box 1300, South Pasadena CA, 91031-1300.

### Next GLS Management Comm. Meeting

The next GLS management committee meeting has not been scheduled yet.

GLS management committee meetings are held about every two months, on weeknight evenings, by conference call. All GLS subscribers are welcome.

You may call one of the committee members to confirm meeting time, how to call in, or ask about the agenda, or for other information.

### Mgmt. Comm. 2015

**Marie Ammerman**,  
Chair  
**Tim Vo**,  
Co-Chair  
**Kyla Hjerstedt** and  
**Tammie Barta**,  
Secretary  
**SK Chiou**,  
Treasurer  
**Dawn Wilson**,  
Member at Large

### Other GLS Volunteers

**Membership**,  
Jeff Cuevas  
**Conservation**,  
Tom Molloy  
**Webmaster**,  
Alan Schimpff  
**TRACKS Editor**,  
Jeff Johnson

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**Our outing volunteers are listed on page 11.**

# Big Bear Weekend

by Nancy Beverly, story and photos

Sugar on Sugarloaf! The Big Bear area had a dusting of snow just before we arrived, and so on our first hike we were walking in a winter wonderland!

After meeting at Tammie & Kyla's getaway home in Big Bear Saturday morning, we headed over to the Sugarloaf trailhead, just a few miles away. The inch or two of snow made the rocky trail much easier to walk upon... but also a little tricky to follow. Luckily, a fellow hiker started out just before us, and we followed his tracks up and up. It was a strenuous hike -- 9+ miles up to more than 9000'. We were a little shy of the actual peak but getting down during daylight seemed like a good idea. We saw all sorts of critter tracks in the snow (bunnies?) and quite the assortment of pine cones.

After the hike we returned to T & K's for



a birthday celebration, much to the surprise and delight of our two birthday gals, Carol and Mary. Then it was off to a local restaurant for Mexican food...and then back "home" for a rousing game of Cranium. Ask Mary P. to act out Andre the Giant some time, or Jen to hum "Electric Avenue" sans lyrics.

Sunday dawned clear and cold... and we headed over to the Pineknott Trail for Carol's provisional. It was an easier hike than the one to Sugarloaf (almost no snow and only a tiny bit of ice on the trail)... but the winds had picked up. We spent about five minutes at the terminus, Grandview, to take in the grand views of Gorgonio and nearby peaks... and then scurried down to get out of the fierce winds.

A big congrats to Carol, on the way to becoming our newest GLS leader, a big thanks to all of the participants who made the weekend fun, and of course, gratitude to Tammie & Kyla for hosting us again.

See you next year!



## Strawberry Peak

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couple of false (alarm) peaks, we were pleased to see patches of snow at the summit of Strawberry Peak (Elev. 6160'). Alas, it turned out to not be quite enough for a legitimate snowball fight. Some of us had staked out targets and were thwarted for lack of ammo...drat.

We enjoyed a breezy, chilly lunch with fantastic views at every cardinal direction. There was a good deal of snow on neighboring peaks, and snow-capped Mount Baldy was prominently visible. After our quick nosh, we gingerly began our descent. What scrambles up must scramble down! Back at Red Box, Nancy graciously shared her most delicious birthday cake (Happy Birthday, NB!!). For those of you that slept in, here is what you missed: Yellow cake with gentle citrus notes of undetermined origin (orange zest, maybe?) and fresh raspberry filling, all topped off with dark chocolate frosting / floral decoration. Please, no drooling; your keyboard thanks you.

In sum, a fantastic time was had by the group, and sore legs the next day brought back fun memories of our outing!



**Top:** Patches of snow at Strawberry Peak. Photo Gina Masequesmay. **Above left:** Birthday cake at the trailhead after the hike. Photo Nancy Beverly. **Above right:** Our new GLS leader Gail Wise. **Below:** Distant snow-covered peaks (l to r) Pine, Dawson, Baldy, Telegraph, Timber, Bighorn, and Ontario. Photo Nancy Beverly.



## Joshua Tree

Dora and Grace led a carcamp outing in Joshua Tree National Park Nov. 7 - 10. Here are some pictures from the weekend.



Group shot on the trail. Photo Tammie Barta.



Grace pointing out a Cochineal insect on an Opuntia cactus. Photo Tammie Barta.



Resting in the shade. Photo Tammie Barta.



On Mount Ryan. Photo Kyla Hjertstedt.

## Cajon Pass

by Anna Baum, photos by Mike Brostoff

Sometimes we don't see the range for the mountains, but on October 4th Mike Brostoff helped us get the big picture by leading a hike in Cajon Pass.

Many of us know this pass as a long stretch of highway on the way to the Mojave Desert or other points northeast. But to park your car, walk through the long underpass, and begin to walk the trail is another experience entirely. Seven of us turned out for this 11-mile hike, planning to beat the triple-digit heat in L.A. (at around

3,000 feet, the Cajon Pass area was only in the 90s). The trail, which forms a segment of the Pacific Crest Trail, was a serpentine path cut into the side of the mountains. We had splendid views of the ranges we trekked between—the San Bernadinos and the San Gabriels. We saw and heard several trains, and crossed the Union Pacific Railroad tracks ourselves. We also saw the dramatic Mormon Rocks, and ate lunch over the San Andreas Fault. Both the pass itself and the famous outcroppings were created by the fault.

Despite the heat, this hike was a real treat. Humans have used this route for tens

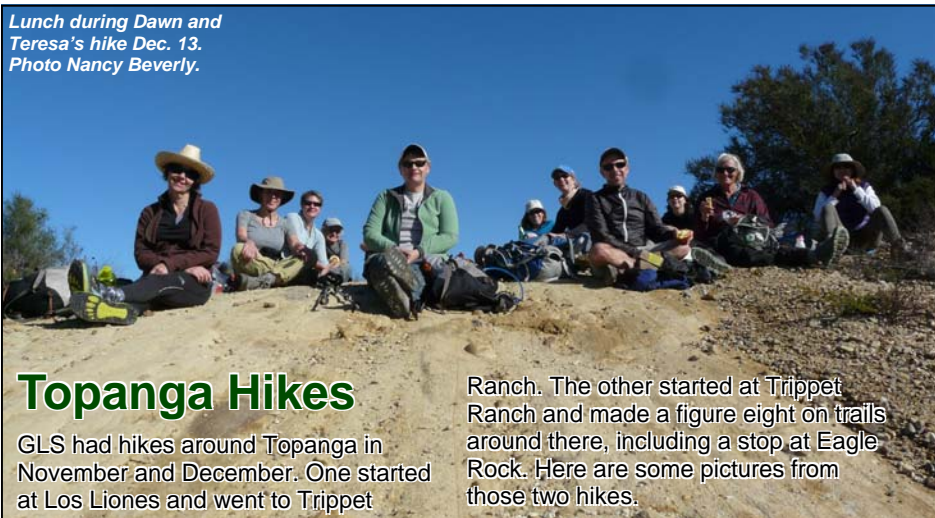
of thousands of years. As we wound our way away from Highway 15, it was like going back in time. The starting point for our walk was the southern end of the Old Spanish Trail, which wagons and packhorses traveled to Santa Fe. All the layers of the west's history can be found here, from the native Cahuilla and Serrano, to horse thieves, settlers, and eventually the railroads and Route 66.

Next time you're passing through, stop at the McDonald's on the way to Cajon Summit, walk to the end of the road and under Route 15, and take a stroll through history.



On a trail that goes through a culvert under the highway

Lunch during Dawn and Teresa's hike Dec. 13. Photo Nancy Beverly.



## Topanga Hikes

GLS had hikes around Topanga in November and December. One started at Los Liones and went to Trippet

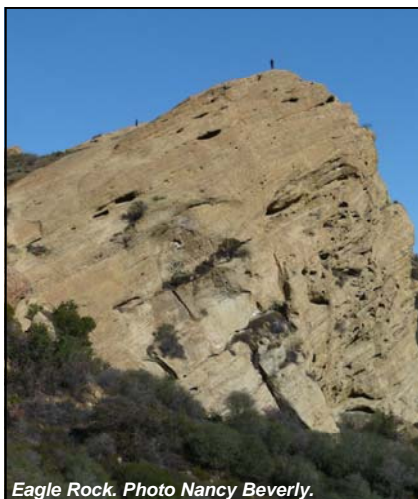
Ranch. The other started at Trippet Ranch and made a figure eight on trails around there, including a stop at Eagle Rock. Here are some pictures from those two hikes.



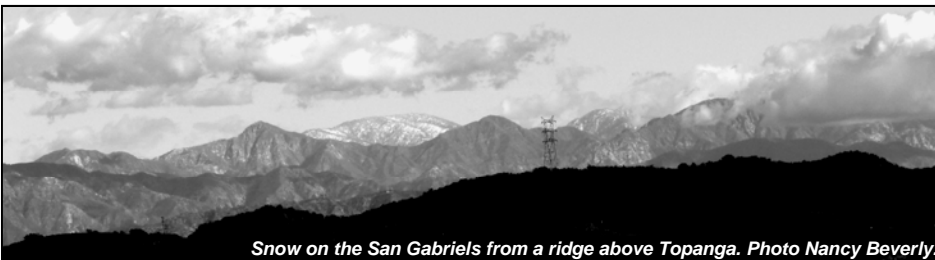
Palos Verdes Peninsula and Santa Catalina Island from a ridge above Topanga. Photo Nancy Beverly.



Photo Nancy Beverly



Eagle Rock. Photo Nancy Beverly.



Snow on the San Gabriels from a ridge above Topanga. Photo Nancy Beverly.



At an overlook on the Los Liones Trail, Nov. 29. Photo Jeff Johnson.



Photo Nancy Beverly

## Vasquez Rocks

Dora and Grace took GLS hikers out to Vasquez Rocks off I-15 on November 1. Rain clouds threatened, but it was a good hike among the rocks all the same.



Photo Nancy Beverly



Photo Pam Pritchard

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# Outings & Events

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## January

**January 4, Sunday**

**O: Hancock Park/Larchmont/Windsor Square Urban Walk**  
**Barbara Edwards, S.K. Chiou**

Come enjoy the history and architecture of this fascinating area. Hancock Park was once home to such notables as Howard Hughes, Ellen Degeneres, Nat King Cole and others. We start by strolling through Larchmont Village, a small café-laden shopping area where the locals hang out. Then we will explore a historic preservation overlay zone where the grand old mansions of Windsor Square are still standing. Next we will return to the village for a quick lunch and then meet again to continue on the second part of the walk where we will stroll by Mae West's home and other mansions in a shady tree-lined neighborhood. Meet at 8:30 AM in front of Noah's Bagels at 250 N. Larchmont Blvd. About a mile east of Highland. Walk starts promptly at 9 AM. Free all-day parking in the neighborhood south of the village. Bring water and lunch, or money if you want to eat out. Approx 5 miles, 200 ft elevation gains. Dogs welcome. Rain cancels hike. Please RSVP to leader if possible in case of last minute changes. greyhund@sbcglobal.net.

**January 17, Saturday**

**O: Mishe Mokwa Trail to Tri-Peak (3010 ft) to Backbone Trail to Sandstone Peak (3111 ft) *Gina's Provisional***  
**Gina Masequesmay, Nancy Beverly**

Want a panoramic view of the ocean, nearby islands, mountains, canyons, and areas in Ventura and Los Angeles? Want to see some cool rock formations and have a shaded rest stop with a picnic table? Want a restroom at the trailhead? Want creek crossing (if weather permits) and a challenging hike to two summits? Come to this 7.5 mile loop with a 2524 ft. of elevation gain in the Santa Monica Mountains near Malibu. The trail begins at Sandstone Peak Trailhead and warms you up with a 298 feet elevation gain workout in 0.4 mile. Then, it's a series of ups and downs on the beautiful Mishe Mokwa trail. Along the way, we will get a view of the Balanced Rock perching on another rock. After nearly 2 miles, the trail descends and crosses a creek to the Split Rock, an oak grove that provides you with a picnic table. We will have a 15-minute stop for nature's call and snacking. After everyone has replenished him/herself, we will continue about another 2 miles to Tri-Peak. Tri-Peak is 0.5 mile from Mishe Mokwa Trail. This part of the hike is semi-strenuous with 332 ft. of elevation gain in 0.5 miles; however, the summit rewards you with a fantastic view of Ventura and Los Angeles at 3010 feet. We will have lunch here for about 30 minutes. From Tri-Peak, we will descend onto the Backbone Trail and go another 1.9 miles to Sandstone Peak, the highest point

in the Santa Monica Mountains at 3111 feet. This last part of the trail is the steepest and is semi-strenuous. The elevation gain is 247 ft. in 0.3 mile. This last summit will be a 15-minute stop for you to register your name in a notebook under the W. Herbert Allen placard. Please bring the ten essentials for hiking, lunch, snacks, and at least 2 liters of water. Lug soles are a must for this hike. Orientation and introduction begin promptly at 10 am at the Sandstone Peak trailhead. The hike will begin at 10:10 am and will end by 3:30 pm. Plan to arrive between 9:40 and 9:55 am so you will have time to use the restroom and prepare for the hike. Note there is only one pit-hole restroom at the parking lot, so bring what you need if you need to go off trail to answer nature's call. Note that the drive to the trailhead from PCH or Westlake can take from 50 minutes to an hour because it's a small windy road. This is a moderate to semi-strenuous hike and not for beginners. Rain cancels. The Sandstone Peak trailhead is 14041 Yerba Buena Road, Malibu, CA 90265, 1 mile east of Circle X Ranch Office and 0.5 mile west of the Mishe Mokwa Trailhead. There is limited parking and carpooling is highly recommended. Questions? Contact masequesmay.gina@yahoo.com or call my gvoice: (818) 835-1059

**January 24, Saturday**

**O: Moro Canyon at Crystal Cove Park**  
**Jeff Johnson, Anna Baum**

Come see the gorgeous coastal hills of Laguna Beach, plus get a great workout. A loop trail about 10 miles long, with 1850'

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## Weekly Griffith Park Conditioning Hikes

**What:** Every Wednesday night, join us for a moderate (strenuous if you are out of shape) hike to Mt. Hollywood, 6 miles, 1145' gain/loss. This is a great mid-week workout. Lug-soled boots are best for traction, but some hikers wear sneakers. Bring a quart of water, snacks if you like, and a flashlight if not used to hiking in the dark. We have a few tiny breaks on the way up, stop at the top, gawk at the city lights until we get a chill, and then

return to our cars by approx. 9:30 p.m. Dogs are welcome; bring a leash and extra water. Rain cancels.

**When:** Every Wednesday, (except holidays) 7 p.m. sharp, end by 9:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Crystal Springs Griffith Park HQ/Visitors Center/Ranger Station, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, LA. (Note: Mapquest, Google Maps, etc. may be misleading.)

**Directions:**

(1) From Los Feliz Blvd. (which

you can reach from I-5 or coming from Hollywood), turn north on Crystal Springs Dr. Proceed 0.5 mi. to the 3-way stop sign, go straight, and proceed 0.6 mi. and turn right in the driveway just after the Ranger Station. Drive around behind the Ranger Station to Park. Then meet us in the courtyard in the center of the buildings (picnic tables, soda machine, big tree). (2) From Fwy. 134 East, exit Victory, turn right at bottom of ramp. Make immediate left onto Zoo Drive. Drive through

the park, passing the zoo on your right and the Gene Autry Museum on your left. Curve around and pass the golf course. You'll come to a stop sign at Griffith Park Drive & Crystal Springs Road (which is the road you're on now, it changes names). Proceed one more block to the next stop sign at the Ranger Station and turn left. Drive all the way around behind the Ranger Station to park. Then meet us in the courtyard in the center of the buildings (picnic tables, soda machine, big tree).

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## Signal Hill Conditioning Walks

**What:** Up, over and around Signal Hill. 3-4 miles, 500-750 ft. gain/loss. Easy if you are in good shape, moderate and

maybe even strenuous if you are out of shape. Walking on pavement and gravel. Sensible walking shoes,

water, layers for cool evening breezes. Drizzle goes, rain cancels. Questions? Call Jeff 562-434-8473.

**When:** Every *last* Wednesday of the month (except

holidays), at 7:00 pm. Back at the cars around 8:30 pm.

**Where:** Meet on Industry, just west of intersection with Redondo, in Signal Hill. Plenty of street parking.

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of gain/loss takes us around the perimeter of Crystal Cove State Park. We'll pass through back-country campsites as well as many steep up and downs, all the while taking in stunning panoramas that span from Catalina to snow-capped Mt. Baldy. The precious park (saved from developers) spans 2,400 acres of native wilderness, mostly the coastal sage scrub plant community. We'll traverse trails of many names; see if you can find the fake name among the following: No Name Ridge; No Dogs; No Dice Trail; Ticketron; Poles. There is little shade; bring a hat, sunscreen, lugsole shoes, lunch, and at least 2-3 liters of water, as well as the other 10 essentials. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Long Beach rideshare spot. (North side of E. Atherton St., south of 405, between Palo Verde and Bellflower, more specifically between Fanwood Ave and N. Britton Dr., next to the Gant Elementary playground.) We'll aim to meet at the Park at 9:15 to begin hiking at 9:30 a.m. Parking at Crystal Cove State Park is \$15 unless you have a State Park Pass. Sorry, no dogs allowed on State Park trails. Questions? Contact Jeff at 562-434-8473.

## February

**February 1, Sunday**  
**O: Temescal Canyon**  
**Carol Jeffcoate, Jeff Johnson**  
*Carol's Provisional*

A moderate paced hike in the ever popular Temescal Canyon in Pacific Palisades. We will follow the canyon trail past the waterfall up to Skull Rock on the Ridge Trail and nice views of the ocean. This out and back hike is about 5 miles and a little over 1000 ft elevation gain. Parking in the Temescal Canyon Park lots is \$7, parking



on Sunset Blvd is free. The canyon will be cool in the morning so wear layers, bring at least 2 liters of water. Lug soles are recommended. Due to the popularity of the trail we will start at 8 a.m. Meeting in the lower parking lot (closest to Sunset Blvd). Questions? Contact Carol, 562-985-1007.

**February 8, Sunday**  
**O: Valley Forge Trail (5090'), Kenyon Devore Trail (5630')**  
**Dora Olea, Gail Wise**

On this 7 mile, moderate hike, we start at a high point and it is all downhill from there. Just kidding, not exactly. We do start at the highest point of our journey near Mt. Wilson at 5,630'. Then we slowly descend to the campground at Valley Forge at 3,490', and then ascend back up again to Mt. Wilson Road to a different trailhead at 5,090'. The total elevation gain is about 1,600 feet. By doing this one in the winter we avoid bugs. Since our hike does not end where we started, there is a short car shuttle involved. Dogs must carry their own water.

Bring 10 essentials, a National Forest Adventure Pass, layers, 3 qtrs. Water (more if it's hot out), lug soles, hiking poles (optional), sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, snacks and lunch. Meet 8:20 am because we will take off at 8:30am sharp. Directions: 210 W. exit on Los Angeles Hwy, La Canada – rideshare for carpooling. Rain/snow cancels. Questions to Dora at [chamacasister@gmail.com](mailto:chamacasister@gmail.com) or Gail at cell: 310-433-2298, email: [gailwise2@gmail.com](mailto:gailwise2@gmail.com)

with questions. We expect the hike to take between 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours, so with the drive and car shuttle, expect to be gone until about 2:30 or so -- with an emphasis on the 'or so.'

**Feb 13-16 Fri-Mon, Presidents' Day Wknd**  
**Joshua Tree National Park**  
**Barbara Edwards, Grace Hengst,**

Join us President's Day weekend at the Black Rock Canyon campground (elev. 4000), located in the northwest corner of the park, just 5 miles from Yucca Valley. Campsites are dispersed on the hillside at the mouth of the canyon, and surrounded by Joshua trees, junipers, cholla cacti, and desert shrubs. Trailheads to scenic hiking trails in the hills are easily accessible from the campground. They take hikers to ridgelines overlooking the snowy peaks of San Jacinto and San Gorgonio via Eureka Peak, Panorama Loop, and Warren Peak trails. If you get tired of scenic hikes, you can head into town.... Yucca Valley offers restaurants, and shopping. Flush toilets and water are available at the campground. Showers nearby. Expect daytime temperatures in the mid 60s and nighttime temps to dip into the 30s. Dogs permitted in campground, but not on most trails. Cost is \$32 per person for 3 nights camping. A few RV sites (no hook-ups) are available. Please send check (made out to GLS) and email address to: Barbara Edwards, 1739 S. Sherbourne Dr., L.A. 90035. Questions? Contact Barb, [greyhound@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greyhound@sbcglobal.net).

**February 22, Sunday**  
**O: Backbone Trail-Newton Canyon**  
**Kyla Hjertstedt, Karen Lovett**  
*Kyla's Provisional*

Come enjoy an easy day hike along

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Newton Canyon in the Santa Monica Mountains. Approx. 4.5 miles round trip with a 520' gain/loss. This segment of the Backbone Trail parallels Newton Canyon transitioning from densely wooded canyon into chaparral-blanketed slopes. On clear days, possible ocean views and views of vineyards in upper Newton Canyon. Dogs (on leash) welcome. Bring lug soles, snacks, water, 10 essentials, and layers. Meet at 9am in the trailhead parking lot. From the Ventura Freeway (101) in Agoura Hills, take Kanan Road towards the beach for about 8 miles. The parking lot is on your right between the second and third tunnels. Rain Cancels. Questions? Contact Kyla at 626-419-4193 or khjertstedt@gmail.com.

## Future Outings

**March 1, Sunday**

**O: Josephine Peak (5558') Josephine Saddle (4720')**

**Dora Olea, Grace Hengst**

Does Josephine have a Peak? Siii. And a Pass? Siiii. Come and hike both earthly features in an easy moderate pace with 2100' gain and 1900' loss in about 8 mi r/t loop. We will hike the Colby Cyn and an abandoned road to summit her saddle and her peak, and have lunch at the top. Even though the peak is not too high, it offers a 360 degree view of the Angeles Forest. Bring National Forest Adventure Pass if you have one. Dogs carry their own water. Bring 10 essentials, 2 liters water (more if it's hot out), lug soles, hiking poles (optional), sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, snacks and lunch. Hike will take 4-5 1/2 hours. Dress in layers. Directions: Take 210 Fwy, and exit north, CA-2, Angeles Crest Highway, to the La Canada rideshare point. Meet at 8:50am, we will take off at 9:00am sharp in carpools to the trailhead. Join us at Señor Fish in Eagle Rock for fish tacos after the hike. Questions? Dora at [chamacasister@gmail.com](mailto:chamacasister@gmail.com).

**March 7, Saturday**

**O: Whitewater Preserve  
Mike Brostoff, Grace Hengst**

Just north of Cabazon is the Whitewater Preserve. Whitewater Preserve is 2,851 acres surrounded by the Bureau of Land Management's San Gorgonio Wilderness, and includes the year-round Whitewater River. We will be hiking 12 miles (6 miles each way) on the Pacific Crest Trail starting at the Park's headquarters. After hiking along the river and crossing it twice,

we will cross one ridge and head over to second horseshoe shape ridge. From the center of the second ridge, we will climb to the top and walk around the horseshoe appreciating panoramic views of San Jacinto and San Gorgonio. Bring water, sun protection, layers especially if it is cold, lunch, 10 essentials. Hike starts at 9:30 AM. If raining, the hike is canceled. If the river is too dangerous to cross, we will find an alternate hike. For more information and to RSVP, contact Mike Brostoff. [mbros4162@yahoo.com](mailto:mbros4162@yahoo.com) or (818) 399-4035.

**March 21 - 22, Sat - Sun**

**O: Backpack: CHRT, Joshua Tree National Park [2nd half]  
Dora Olea, Jeff Johnson**

Backpacking at Joshua Tree on the California Riding and Hiking Trail is our next adventure. This time we will hike the second half of this extraordinary trail

The second-largest park in L.A. County, second only to the expanses of Griffith Park on the opposite site of the Valley, offers the best view of the San Fernando Valley. We will take a stroll along citrus groves, grassy fields, and a riparian canyon in this tranquil park situated in Granada Hills. The first 0.9 mile explores the initial section of the well-maintained lawns shaded by oaks and eucalyptus trees extended over a quarter-mile into Bee Canyon Trail. For a better view of the Valley and a good workout we will hike up the challenging Mission Point Trail that climbs over 1,000 ft in 1.5 miles. A moderate pace hike with approx. 4 miles round trip. 1,400 ft. elev. gain/loss. Short car shuttle. Bathrooms and water at the trailhead. K-9 welcome. Bring water, lug soles, sunscreen, and your lunch. Meet 9 am. From CA 118, exit at Balboa Blvd. and head north 2.3 miles to Sesnon Blvd. Make a left on Sesnon, following it for just over 0.5 miles to the entrance of O'Melveny Park



covering about 21.5 miles in two days. It is a beautiful experience that you cannot miss. We will look out for the oldest Joshua tree, hoping to see it alive, or its remains. On Saturday, we will pack in about 10 miles and set up the camp in the middle of nowhere. On Sunday, we will hike out around 11 miles. This trip requires backpacking experience and involves a car shuttle. Optional Mexican Feast on Sunday. Space is limited, RSVP by Feb. 28th, 2015. For more info and RSVP Contact Ldr: Dora at [chamacasister@gmail.com](mailto:chamacasister@gmail.com).

**March 29, Sunday**

**O: O'Melveny Park to Mission Point  
Dora Olea, Jeff Johnson**

on the right. Free parking, carpooling is recommended. Questions leader Dora at (213) 200-0239 or [chamaca1954@att.net](mailto:chamaca1954@att.net).

**June 5-7, Fri - Sun**

**Marion Mountain carcamp, San Jacinto day hike**

**Dora Olea, Teresa Nick, Grace Hengst**

**Jun 19 - Jun 21, Fri - Sun**

**O: Kearsarge Pass (11,660') Onion Valley carcamp**

**Dora Olea, Heather Sargeant**

**Jul 11 - 12, Fri - Sun**

**O: Backpack to Twin Peaks: Eastern Twin (7761'),**

**Dora Olea, Grace Hengst**

# January and February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>DEC 28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> no Griffith Park or Signal Hill hikes tonight	<b>JAN 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> full moon LA Urban Walk Barb, SK	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Griffith Park Gail, Mike	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Griffith Park Mike, Dora	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Tri-Peak, Sandstone Peak Gina, Nancy <i>Gina's provisional</i>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Griffith Park Nancy, Dora	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Moro Canyon at Crystal Cove Jeff J., Anna
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Griffith Park Dora, Nancy Signal Hill	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>FEB 1</b> Temescal Canyon Carol, Jeff J. <i>Carol's provisional</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> full moon	<b>4</b> Griffith Park Dora, Gail	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Valley Forge, Kenyon Devore Trails Dora, Gail	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Griffith Park Nancy, Dora	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Joshua Tree N. P., President's Day Weekend Barbara, Grace <i>Through Monday</i>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>End Joshua Tree</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Griffith Park Dora, Mike	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Backbone Cyn, Newton Canyon Kyla, Karen <i>Kyla's provisional</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Griffith Park Nancy, Mike Signal Hill	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

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## Outings Volunteers

### Mike Brostoff, Outings Schedule

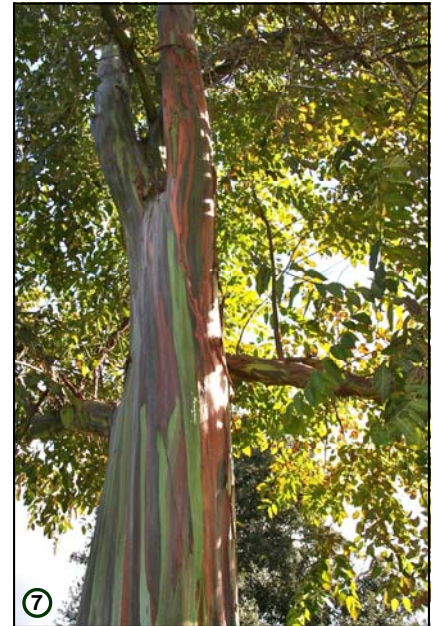
Contact Mike about scheduling outings, to check for available dates, and to submit write-ups.

### Dawn Wilson, Outings Liaison to Angeles Chapter

Contact Dawn about questions of leadership requirements and Sierra Club Outings Policy. Dawn is the primary person to read the communications from the Angeles Chapter regarding outings and inform the other leaders.

### Laura Rainey, Weekly Reminder

Laura sends out the weekly email announcing upcoming events. If an event must be altered or canceled after publication, e-mail Laura and cc Mike.



## Important Outing Information

### Waiver

To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you must sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver before the outing, go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or call 415-977-5630.

### Rating Codes

*These codes indicate the technical difficulty, not the strenuousness.*

**O** Applies to uncomplicated outings such as hikes on trails or the equivalent (with minimal navigation skills).

**I** Includes outings that involve cross-country travel where navigation is necessary. Rougher ground than "O" outings may be traversed, and use of hands for balance may be necessary. Climbing level: 2nd class terrain.

**C** Events under external

control of a non-Sierra Club entity, (i.e. ranger, guide, concessionaire).

### Outing Reservations

Reservation fees of from \$5-\$15 are refunded only when you show up and if they aren't needed to offset costs.

Cancellation policy on more expensive trips is as follows: Cancellation within 30 days, no refund without replacement. If your spot is filled, 90% will be refunded. This policy is in effect unless the leader states otherwise in writing. Always send two SASEs, contact and drive/carpool information. Make checks payable to "GLS".

### Dogs

For most people, the presence of a well-behaved dog can be entertaining, or at worst a mild annoyance. However, this is not true for everyone. Some people suffer from various

levels of fear of dogs. Because of this, and the potential intrusion on wildlife, the Sierra Club policy is that dogs are not allowed on Club outings unless the write-up states DOGS OK. Make sure you bring adequate food, water, a bowl, and a long leash.

### Seller of Travel Notice

CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

### Adventure Pass

National Forests in Southern California (Los Padres, San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and Cleveland) require parked cars to display an Adventure Pass. The pass is available from ranger stations, sporting goods stores, and other local merchants and costs \$5 per day or \$30 per year. Plan on getting it before your outing, as most outlets do not open early. Many Sierra Club members dispute this user fee and

protest it by not buying a pass, possibly incurring a ticket. The choice is yours.

### Carpooling

To facilitate the travel logistics for outings, participants often make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride-sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

### Rideshare Points

Directions to all rideshare points in the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities or at: [http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/get\\_outdoors/know\\_you\\_go/rideshare\\_meeting\\_places](http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/get_outdoors/know_you_go/rideshare_meeting_places)

### La Canada Rideshare Point

Exit 210 at Rte 2 / Angeles Crest Hwy. Go N (uphill) 1/4 mi on Rte 2, park at curb on right, on long uphill.

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