

# TRACKS



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## Snowshoeing on Mount San Jacinto

By Nancy Beverly, story and photos

While the rest of America was watching the Superbowl (go Saints! Yeah, I'm from Indianapolis and don't give a rat's ass about the Colts...), a hardy group of GLSers took the aerial tram from Palm Springs up to the glorious snow at Mount San Jacinto State Park on Sunday, February 7, 2010. Our wet winter had left a solid 4' of base and the most recent storm, just the day before, had dumped another 4 to 8 inches of pretty powder on everything. Getting our snowshoes adjusted was a little tricky (snowshoe experts like Judy Holloway offered tips), and then we were off. We stopped to rent snowshoes and boots for newcomer Quinn and then headed for Round Valley. According to the sign (which was buried up to its neck), the destination

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## New Year in Death Valley

By Jamie Nixon, story and photos.

*Above, Zabriskie Point and the Panamint Range at sunrise*

I arrived at our Death Valley campsite to find Grace, Mary, and a couple of other campers preparing to attend a ranger-led hike to Natural Bridge. Our ranger was quite informative about the geology of Death Valley. Did you know that the ground level of Death Valley is at or below sea level, but the bedrock beneath it is actually 9000 feet lower? Millions of years of sediment runoff from the mountains have filled in the valley. She pointed out the mountains that are a few million years old and then picked up a rock that is 1.5 billion years old. Wow. I'm no geologist, but that is impressive.

This is rated an easy 1 mile hike, but it does go uphill. By the end of the hike I overheard Mary A. having a conversation with the ranger about the hike rating. The ranger was quite open to changing the rating of the hike from easy to "moderate for couch potatoes", and "easy for conditioned hikers". All in one's perspective. ©

On our way back to our campsite, we drove through Artist Drive to view the last rays of the day reflecting off of the rocks. Nice.

Back at camp our fellow campers were preparing for a traditional GLS

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## Message from the Chair

I wanted to write for Mad Magazine when I was a kid. That didn't come to pass (is it too late??), but I now have this

nifty corner of TRACKS from whence to educate and amuse readers. Spy vs. Spy anyone?

Even though 2010 is but a month old as I write this, the other members of the board and I have already gotten a few things rolling: we're creating

new banners for our booth at gay pride festivals, drafting detailed guidelines for leading trips, designing an electronic survey for members to give us feedback on how GLS is doing, and publishing a hot bodies calendar for our latest fund-

raising scheme. Kidding. Or maybe not....

Feel free to contact me or any of the other board members with suggestions of how to make GLS even better. Until then, see you on the trail!

*Nancy Beverly*

## If You're a Leader...

By Nancy Beverly

Please keep GLS the great organization that it is.

**Waivers** Make sure you have participants fill out the sign-in sheets/waivers completely. Griffith Park sign-ins in particular have gotten a little lax over the years. Fortunately, we haven't needed to make any emergency phone calls on a Wednesday night hike, but let's not come up

short with crucial phone numbers if we ever need them.

**Dogs** In your write-ups, don't forget to mention that dogs are not allowed on the backcountry trails of Topanga, Malibu Creek, Leo Carillo and Point Mugu State Parks.

**Multi-day Outings** Remember that all participants must sign a waiver when attending a multi-day trip. It is advised that the waivers be signed at the beginning of the trip. Once signed

in, participants are the responsibility of the leaders for the entire weekend; they cannot be signed out temporarily even if they decide to do their own hikes — so the leaders are advised to know what participants plan to do and make sure they get back safely. Of course they can sign out and leave early, like Sat evening on a Fri-Sun car camp trip — but from then on they cannot be a part of the outing. Trip leaders are responsible for the well-being of the participants for the duration of the outing — even on free days.

## GLS Management Committee Meeting Jan. 9, 2010

Barb, Christy, Jeff J., Nancy, and SK were present at Stough Canyon Nature Center after the trail maintenance day outing.

Committee members took positions for 2010: Nancy, Chair; Barb, Co-Chair; SK, Treasurer; Jeff J., Secretary; Christy, Member at Large.

Discussion of handing over GLS Treasurer responsibilities and materials. Karen, past Treasurer, and SK, future Treasurer, need to arrange the handoff. Nancy would like to be there as well.

Discussion of the amount to be contributed to Sierra Club conservation from the proceeds of the 2009 Santa Cruz Island trip. The Treasurer is waiting for a final accounting from the organizers. After that accounting, and after SK takes over as Treasurer, we can decide.

Discussion of Angeles Chapter financial situation and whether GLS should make a

contribution to the Chapter and, if so, how much. Action deferred until we have the financial resolution of the Santa Cruz Island trip, so we can consider the overall picture.

Discussion of plans, designs, banners, etc. for pride festival booths. Jeff J. will take on that project and come up with ideas. Still looking for appropriate banner pictures.

Discussion of producing an updated promotional handout that could be placed in lesbian and gay centers. Jeff J. will come up with one, using outing text from Tracks, and make available for people to copy and place in appropriate spots.

Discussion of GLS subscription cost, and perhaps making PDF subscription cheaper, or free, to encourage greater membership. We believe our print subscription cost covers the actual related costs, with a small cushion. The PDF subscription

is virtually all profit, to cover other expenses. No decision made.

Discussion of placing ads in the Lesbian News or other publications, perhaps before 2010 pride festivals. Nancy will look into this.

Discussion of making GLS more attractive to potential subscribers. Should we do an online/email survey of GLS members/participants, or people who have let their subscriptions lapse, to see what we can find out? Nancy will look into this.

Discussion of how much of our schedule should be included in the weekly email announcement. The unvoted consensus was to include outings for something like two weeks into the future, plus anything farther ahead for which we want to stir up interest and which require advance planning. Some subscribers have noted that there is less incentive to subscribe if it looks like you get the whole schedule for free in the weekly email.

*Jeff Johnson*

## Information about GLS

**General questions about GLS**, call Grace at 323-227-6444 or Mike at 818-763-5799

**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.

## Next GLS Management Comm. Meeting

The next GLS management committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 2, 7 PM**, Committee members will meet by conference call.

GLS management committee meetings are (usually) held an evening of a weeknight early in odd-numbered months. All GLS members are welcome to attend.

You may call one of the committee members to confirm meeting time or to ask about the agenda. Contact a committee member for the conference call number.

### 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.

### Mgmt. Committee

**Nancy Beverly**,  
Chair  
**Barbara Edwards**,  
Co-Chair  
**S.K. Chiou**,  
Treasurer  
**Jeff Johnson**,  
Secretary  
**Christy Varni**,  
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.**

## Death Valley

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potluck and campfire. Daytime weather in Death Valley was warm and sunny, but when the sun goes down, it's time to layer-up. Overnight temps dipped to the low 30s the first night and down to 27 degrees the second night. Brr.

On Saturday, our group of 13 campers was off in different directions to hike or sightsee. I chose to drive to the old mining town of Rhyolite outside the eastern edge of the park. Rhyolite dates back to the late 1800s and has several buildings still standing, including a house made of bottles. In recent years, artists have added some interesting art work to the desert landscape. With plenty of daylight left, I made my way back into the park and down to Badwater Salt Flats. Badwater is the lowest elevation in the nation at 282 feet below sea level.

After getting in a quick shower at the Furnace Creek Ranch, it's time for another evening around the campfire. This night we were all introduced to "Mary's Delight" by Grace. Sounds sexy right? Well let me just say it was delicious. Anything that involves bananas, marshmallows, graham crackers, and Amaretto melted to gooey mess over the campfire, count me in.

At 6 am on Sunday morning, I was wide

awake so decided to climb out of my sleeping bag and head over to Zabriskie Point to see the sunrise. I joined a few other photographers who had set up their tripods and waited for the sun to rise. The first rays of sun illuminated the peaks of the Panamint Mountains in the distance and slowly made its way towards our location, lighting all the rocks in front of us at the point. Good morning Death Valley.

Unfortunately, some of us had to head home on Sunday so I packed up and headed toward the park exit. I stopped at Stovepipe Wells to ask a ranger about visiting the Charcoal Kilns on upper Wildrose Canyon Road. The road climbed steadily uphill and turned into a dirt road the last 2 miles. Here I saw 10 perfectly preserved Charcoal Kilns that were made in the late 1800s to make coal for the mining process. They look like bee hives. I wished I had time to climb the peak, but will have to save that for my next trip. The kilns are at almost 7000 ft in a pine forest with snow on the ground and abundant fresh air. As I headed back down the unpaved road I knew I would be back in the LA rat race soon. I also knew that I was already planning my next adventure.

If you haven't visited a State or National Park lately, consider it for your next trip. They belong to all of us. Cheers.



## Backbone Trail and Wildflowers

GLS will be offering the famous Backbone Trail near the end of March and beginning of April in a series of 7 hikes. Back in 1981 Assemblyman Berman sponsored a bill for funding to complete a trail running from Will Rogers State Historic Park to Point Magu State Park, making it the longest trail within a metropolitan area. The vision became a reality with the exception of a few miles that are still being negotiated through the remaining private property. When completed, there will be a full 65 miles for the trail. We started with 32 miles and land acquisition has resulted in 59 miles completed in 2009.

Susan Campo has led the complete Backbone Trail before for GLS back in 2000. Something new is that these 7 hikes will be consecutive (almost) within about a week. Unfortunately this means that you weekend warriors will only be able to attend two of the hikes. However, if you are having days off during the week, or need to de-stress from job-hunting, or if you are retired or if you simply want to hike for a full week, then this is the economical vacation for you. The pace will be moderate and the scenery should be spectacular in our spring wildflower season. We will hike at a steady pace, but will on



occasion stop to appreciate the colorful fields of wild blooms.

While the hikes may seem moderate when compared to hikes done at other elevations, there is still a challenge in doing them consecutively. There will definitely be a nice PRIZE given to every person COMPLETING THE FULL 7 HIKES WITH US. Also it is REQUIRED THAT YOU CALL OR E-MAIL the leader at least one day prior to the hike or hikes which you plan to attend in order to have a shuttle available, and so leader can contact you with more up-to-date and specific info. Rain may cancel or cause an alternate date to be chosen. PLEASE NOTE that you are welcome on one or all of this series of hikes...two of them happen on Saturdays (See list of Outings).

# Presidents' Day Weekend at Joshua Tree

By Wendy T., photos Jeff Johnson

Three dozen GLS members and their friends celebrated Valentine's Day weekend in a warm way... by camping in the desert. Led by Barb Edwards and Grace Hengst, we had part of Black Rock Canyon Campground all to ourselves, in the remote northwest corner of Joshua Tree National Park.

Among the highlights of the camp-out was a 4-mile trek through nearby Big Morongo Canyon Preserve. Winding paths led to an oasis nestled in rolling hills, with a stream, a marsh, and thickets of cottonwood and willow trees.

That night, famished from our hike, we

pigged out in usual GLS fashion – with a sumptuous potluck dinner. We retired to the campfire ring, but quickly abandoned our lounge chairs for a special treat we've never had on a GLS camping trip. One of our guests had the fanciest telescope any of us had ever seen.

All you had to do was push some buttons on a thing like a TV remote, and bingo, the telescope would start whirring and clicking and pivoting. Various stars, galaxies and planets then swung into view on a TV monitor that everyone could look at. The heavenly body that got the most compliments was Saturn, with its flirty set of rings.

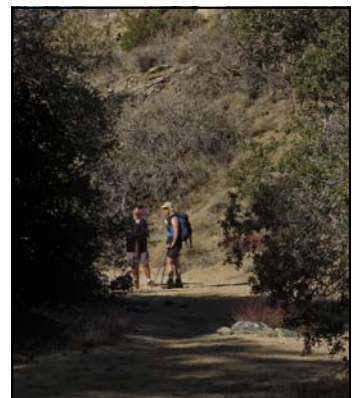
On Valentine's Day, Teresa and Dawn led us on a 6-mile hike to a nearby dome peak. We saw patches of snow – not altogether surprising, considering the nighttime temps at the campground plunged to about 32.

While stopped for lunch, several hikers bounded to the top of a hill that had something very strange at the top. From below it looked like the knobby back of a giant turtle or armadillo. Our scouts reported back that it was a huge clump of symmetrical-looking cacti lounging together.

At night, as the cold crept through the desert and we hunkered down in our warm sleeping bags, the coyotes and owls serenaded us to sleep.



Photos left to right, top to bottom: Organizer Barb at the Sat. lunch spot in the marsh at Big Morongo Canyon Preserve; Panorama Dome hikers on Sun., by a perfect Joshua tree; Anna welcoming all to the Sat. evening potluck; around the campfire after the potluck; snowy San Bernardino Mtns seen from Warren Peak on the Sun. hike; returning down a wooded canyon from Warren Peak on Sunday.



# Trail Maintenance Day in Burbank

By Jeff Johnson

As you must know, the areas of the Angeles National Forest where GLS volunteers have done trail maintenance are still closed after the Station Fire. So, for our January 9 trail maintenance day, Anne and Marie found us another spot to do some maintenance work — at the Stough

Canyon Nature Center in Burbank.

GLSers old and new carried GLS shovels and scrapers up the road above the Nature Center to spots where runoff had rutted the road and clogged the drains, and spent a couple hours filling and emptying.

Afterward, we had a potluck lunch on the shady deck of the Nature Center where the Potluck Principle was again validated: whatever the situation or number of people, you can always get a balanced meal at a GLS potluck.



Photos, Jeff Cuevas: above, heading up the hill with our road repair tools; far left, Nancy by a previously buried drain that she and Jeff C. have just cleared out; center left, Becky digging out another drain; left, the same drain after the work was done.

# Snowshoeing

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was only two miles away. Well, when you're chugging uphill in snow at 8415' and beyond, two miles is a loooooong walk. We didn't quite make it to the Round Valley, but it didn't matter. The views were gorgeous in every direction. Kudos to leader Kirk and co-leader Dora for a breath-taking (in more ways than one) outing.



# Bedford Peak

By Jeff Johnson

A small group of GLS hikers met Jan. 31 at a trailhead in Silverado to hike with Susan up to Bedford Peak, a prominent blip on the ridge between Orange County and Riverside County. We had great weather and, once up high, clear views of the snowy peaks of the San Gabriels, San Bernardino, and San Jacintos. In past years, GLS winter hikes in the Santa

Anas have been fogbound, with views of very little. This year, we could see it all.

You might be interested to hear that Susan spent the couple days after this hike scouting other interesting areas in the Santa Anas, already planning new hikes for next year!

Photos, Jeff J. and Susan: left, lunch at the top of Bedford Peak, with the snowy San Gabriels in the distance (JJ.); below left: at the trailhead in Silverado (JJ); below center, climbing out of the canyon (JJ); below, at the favorite geology photo spot, almost up to the ridge (Susan).



## Conservation Notes

By Tom Molloy

### Conservation strategies for pets

Sustainable collars: [www.agginggreen.com](http://www.agginggreen.com),  
[www.itzadog.com](http://www.itzadog.com)

Bowls for your pack - BPA free:  
[www.polkadog.com](http://www.polkadog.com)

Recycled dogpack: [www.mountainsmith.com](http://www.mountainsmith.com)

Recyclable toys: [www.planetdog.com](http://www.planetdog.com)

Recyclable jute fiber pet tote:  
[www.luggage.com](http://www.luggage.com)

### Loaded and concealed guns now to be permitted in Nat'l Parks

Could it be true that an overwhelmingly Democratic-leaning Congress just passed a new Law, effective Monday February 22nd, which makes carrying a concealed and loaded gun legal in our National Parks? That they did this despite protest from the National Park Service employee association and the National Park retirees organization, and many conservation groups including Sierra Club? That they did this even though legally today gun owners can

carry their guns in National Parks as long as they are locked and stored away.

I wish it were just a bad nightmare, but alas it's true. Our last bastions of peace, tranquility and absence of fear of gun violence have just been opened up to join in with the gun carnage we see everyday in the streets and in America's homes on the nightly news. When noisy, boisterous adjacent campers get out of hand, we'll now have to worry about gun battles instead of just a bad night's sleep. And good luck to the person who complains to them about the noise.

Rather than feel I can do nothing about it, I researched and found the home page of the Brady Campaign, signed up to receive their action alerts and made a contribution:  
<<http://www.bradiycampaign.org/>>.

The Brady Campaign works to pass and enforce sensible federal and state gun laws, regulations, and public policies through grassroots activism, electing public officials who support common sense gun laws, and increasing public awareness of gun violence. I hope you consider going to their site as well, to hopefully, in the long term right this horrendous decision.

## 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, 5 miles, 1145' gain/loss. This is a great mid-week workout. Lugsoled 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 PM Dogs are welcome; bring a leash and extra water. Rain cancels.

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

**Where:** By the flagpole near the vending machines at the Crystal Springs Griffith Park HQ/Visitors Center, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, LA. (Note: Mapquest, Google Maps, etc. may be misleading.)

**Directions:** (1) From I-5 north, exit at Griffith Park exit, 0.25 mi. beyond Los Feliz Bl. Make a right turn at the 3-way stop sign. Proceed 0.6 mi. and turn in the driveway just before the Ranger Station. If you miss the driveway, proceed 0.1 mi, turn right at the stop sign, drive 0.15 mi. to the parking lot. (2) From Los Feliz Bl., turn north on Crystal Springs Dr. Proceed 0.5 mi. to the 3-way stop sign, go straight, and then follow (1) above directions to the Ranger Station. (3) From Fwy. 134 East, exit Victory Bl. Turn right at the stop sign, then immediately left onto Zoo Dr. Wind around about 2 miles and turn onto Crystal Springs Dr. south. There may be detours. Proceed approx 1 mi. Turn left at the 4-way stop sign at the Ranger Sta./Crystal Springs area. Drive 0.15 mi and park. (4) From Fwy. 134 West, keep to your right coming out of Glendale. Exit at Zoo Dr, just past San Fernando Rd. Wind around past the Western Heritage Museum to Crystal Springs Dr. Turn left, and proceed as in (3) above.

## Birdwatching at Bolsa Chica Wetlands

By Christy Varni

A small group showed up for this walk Saturday, January 16. We had perfect weather considering that the forecast called for a huge storm coming in on Sunday. We started from the parking lot of the nature center. They are installing a new bridge from the parking area over the wetland waters to the beginning of the trail so we will no longer have to start out walking in the bike lane along Warner. We were treated at the beginning of the walk with a coyote hunting out in the field along a flock of Canadian Geese and Great Blue Herons. Along the walk we saw numerous species of birds, including a few young green herons. We walked by what little remains of a seal that died last January. The Preserve decided that, instead of removing the remains, they would let nature take its course. After a year, all that remains is the



Christy pointing out a coyote in the distance.

skin and bones of this unfortunate seal. As we were trying to identify a bird in a tree (juvenile Redtail Hawk) a gentleman told us that there was a Great Horned Owl sitting on a nest. As we continued our walk to see the owl, we spotted the resident Kingfisher sitting in his favorite tree. We found the owl sitting on the nest and had a somewhat up-close look with binoculars. This was a very relaxed and enjoyable hike through the wetlands with great weather.



Green Heron, hunting in the grass



Assorted shore birds large and small



Snowy Egret

# Outings & Events

## March

**Mar 5 - Mar 7, Fri - Sun**

**O: Wind Wolves**

**Marie Ammerman, Jeff Cuevas**

The attendance list has gone to the Wildlands Conservancy. Participants, see you there at 2 p.m. sharp. Questions? Contact the leaders.

**March 13, Saturday**

**O: Liberty Canyon Photo Shoot**

**Nancy Beverly, Amanda Smith**

We had such a good time doing this last year, let's do it again. This is a 7-mile loop that starts at the end of Liberty Canyon and takes us through California Valley Oaks and up some sizable climbs (on a par with Griffith Park's Wed. night hikes). The emphasis this time will be on capturing wildflowers and fabulous views of the rugged mountains of Malibu Creek State Park with our cameras. We'll go at a moderate pace, slow enough for shutterbugs. Bring: two liters of water, lunch, hiking boots, sunscreen and layers for unpredictable March weather. Rain cancels. Directions: From the 101, exit Liberty Canyon Road in Calabasas and head south, going less than a mile. Park near the end of Liberty Canyon Road – do not park in the housing development. Meet at 9 a.m.

**March 14, Sunday**

**O: Kathy Brizzard Memorial Bench Dedication in Griffith Park**

Everyone is invited to attend. Several activities have been planned and participation is welcome for any part of the day.

**7:40 a.m.**, meet at the Griffith Park Ranger Station flag pole (regular Wed. night meeting place; plenty of parking in the back of the Ranger Station). We will walk less than a mile to the site of the bench dedication with Councilman Tom LaBonge.

**9 a.m.** approximately, after the dedication, Grace Hengst will lead the traditional "Wed. night conditioning hike" to the top of Mt. Hollywood in honor of Kathy starting at the bench site (less than 5 mi. RT, 1145' gain/loss). **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, potluck brunch, at the home of Beth and Ann: 1283 Journey's End Drive, La Canada, CA, 91011. RSVP to Mary Conte <mcaconte@hotmail.com>.

**March 20, Saturday**

**O: The Living Desert Wilderness Trail Hike and Zoo Visit**

**Kirk Olsen, Christy Varni**

Join us for a fun day of hiking at The Living Desert in Palm Desert, <www.livingdesert.org>. If we're lucky, the desert will be in full bloom! Meet at the wilderness trail gate (next to Bighorn Sheep) at 10:30 a.m. Allow time to park, enter and walk to back of zoo. We will follow the trail past educational exhibits, through a boulder-strewn canyon and up the side of Eisenhower Mountain until we reach a picnic area with a wonderful view of the Coachella Valley. After

eating lunch, we'll continue on the trail down the mountain and tour the zoo at leisure. About 5 miles, gain/loss approx. 500'. Admission fee required to hike trail and tour zoo. Leader has guest passes available – send SASE to Kirk Olsen, 845 Obispo Ave., Long Beach, CA 909804. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen and hat.

**March 27, Saturday**

**O: 1st Backbone and Wildflower hike Susan Campo, Diane Ru**

The Backbone Trail begins with a hike from Will Rogers State Historic Park to Topanga State Park, 10.5 miles, 1600 ft. gain and 800 ft. loss. A car shuttle will begin at Trippet Ranch in Topanga State Park. Meet in front of the entry kiosk at 8:30 a.m. You can park outside the park along the road, especially if you are going to be part of the voluntary shuttle. Bring some cash for parking fees, water, lunch, lug soles, appropriate clothing. Remember to please call or email Susan with your contact info prior to this hike. Directions: Go south on Topanga Cyn. Blvd from the 101 Fwy. (or go north from Pacific Coast Hwy.). Then go EAST up Entrada Rd. to Topanga State Park.

**March 28, Sunday**

**O: Point Dume, Whale Watch, Tidepools, Giant Coreopsis, Brunch Tom Molloy, Alan Schimpff**

This year, I'm doing this popular event as a conservation fundraiser which includes brunch at the Paradise Cove Beach Café. Please join us in this 4 mile hike to help our club to wage the many battles to preserve our wildlands. This year's event coincides with the probable new designation of our entire route as a State Marine Preserve. We will meet in front of the Sunset Restaurant on Westward Beach Road in Malibu at 9:00 a.m. We'll hike at low tide along the beach, then ascend Point Dume to take in the annual Giant Coreopsis display (this time during its peak bloom season). From the viewing platform, we'll hopefully also take in the California Gray Whale migration back to Alaska. Then we'll to the Point Dume St. Beach tidepools, to experience the kaleidoscope of marine life. Then we'll walk several more coves to get to the Paradise Cove Beach Café where we'll have brunch from the breakfast menu. We'll return from the restaurant the way we came, but this time, we'll linger at the tidepools and whale viewing platform, and fully take in the Coreopsis bloom. I hope you can join us for this fundraiser. Reserve your spot by sending a \$45.00 (brunch included in the contribution) check payable to GLS to Tom Molloy at P.O. Box 2210, Port Hueneme CA 93044. Checks need to be received by March 25th so restaurant reservations can be made. Rain does not cancel as we'll be walking on sand.

**March 29, Monday**

**O: 2nd Backbone and Wildflower hike Susan Campo, Diane Ru**

This hike is through Dead Horse Cyn. and is only 6 miles, 300 foot loss, 1500 ft. gain. We will set up a shuttle BEFORE the hike begins so please email leader with contact info, at least

one day prior to this hike. We will meet at Trippet Ranch (same directions as hike on March 27.) We will hike over to the Schureren Rd. saddle. Meet at 9:00 a.m. just outside the kiosk for Topanga State Park.

**March 30, Tuesday**

**O: 3rd Backbone and Wildflower hike Susan Campo, Diane Ru**

This hike is especially delightful if you like gentle downhill. It is a moderate 7 miles, 200 foot gain and 2400 foot loss. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Tapia Park approx. halfway thru Malibu Canyon on the west side of the road. We will then shuttle up to the Schureren saddle to do the hike one way. Bring lunch, water, lug soles. Be sure to contact leader prior to showing up.

**March 31, Wednesday**

**O: 4th Backbone and Wildflower hike Susan Campo, Diane Ru**

This hike is 11 miles total, 1700 feet gain and 200 feet loss, in one direction, with a rather long car shuttle over to Topanga Cyn. Meet at 9:00 a.m. sharp at the Latigo Cyn. parking area. From the 101 Fwy, exit Kanan Dune Rd. and go south 6.7 mi. Turn east on Latigo Cyn. Road and go 3 mi. to the parking area pullout on the left. Or drive up PCH past Malibu Cyn to Latigo, turn right into dirt lot (before road descends to Kanan). Allow enough time for coming up the windy road. Bring lunch, water, lug soles. Be sure you contact leader with your info prior to showing up. *Remember*, there will be a good prize for *everyone* who completes all the Backbone trail hikes with the leaders!

## April

**April 1, Thursday**

**O: 5th Backbone and Wildflower hike Susan Campo, Diane Ru**

There will be no April Fools or Tom Foolery on this fun hike. And we ain't foolin' when we say this hike is only 7 miles. We will be backtracking on the last half mile of the newest section of the trail to a more convenient shuttle spot. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Latigo Cyn. parking area described in the above (March 31) hike. Bring lunch, water, lug soles. Be sure to contact leader prior so they know who is coming.

**April 2, Friday**

**O: 6th Backbone and Wildflower hike Susan Campo, Diane Ru**

Hey, we are just warming up for the weekend! Make your weekend a bit longer by joining the diehards for this Friday's day hike. We will do 10 miles (with shuttle), 884 feet elev. gain, 3000 feet loss. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the entry kiosk for Sycamore Cyn. on PCH. We will then drive over to the trailhead at the first parking area on your left after you pass Circle X Ranch at the top of Yerba Buena Rd. in Malibu. We can have a "look-see" from Sandstone Peak and follow the Backbone Trail to where it leaves us in Sycamore Cyn. Then we finish hiking on down Sycamore Cyn. to the cars, which isn't pure

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## Outings and Events

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Backbone Trail. But hey, you got to go home sometime and sleep!

**April 3, Saturday**

**O: Backbone and Wildflower Hike  
Gourmet Finale**

**Susan Campo, Diane Ru**

Come celebrate our spring wildflowers and do this moderate hike, 8 miles with shuttle, 1000 foot gain and loss. Come to the "I Can't Believe I hiked The Whole Thing Celebration" even if you didn't! The gourmet potluck lunch will be worth it! Bring something delicious (like a special cheese) or other interesting items you can carry on this hike to share for lunch.

Everyone bring their own plate and silverware. We will meet at the Ray Miller Trailhead at 9:00 a.m. and shuttle over to the hike's start at Big Sycamore Cyn. Bring water, lug soles and appropriate clothing plus yummy gourmet items. The Ray Miller Trailhead is located up a short road off the Pacific Coast Hwy. and is on the right about 1.5 miles north of Big Sycamore campground.

**April 4, Sunday**

**O: Ojai Bike Trip**

**Alan Schimpff, Tom Molloy**

This is a moderate 20 mile round-trip via the Ojai Valley bike path (there's a little bit of street riding once we get to town). We will enjoy a very gradual uphill climb to Ojai (750' loss/gain), where we will have brunch before returning to Ventura. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Foster Park (the 101 to 33 north towards Ojai, exit at Foster Park). Bring appropriate clothing, helmet, bike lock, water, spare inner tube, money for brunch and parking. Call Tom and Alan to RSVP. NOTE: helmets are mandatory—you won't be allowed to participate without one. Rain cancels. This is a great time of year to do this ride, hope to see you there!

**April 10, Saturday**

**O: Outdoor Leadership Training Class**

Outdoor leadership training will be offered at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena. The all-day seminar costs \$25. The application is online at <angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc>. Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. Applications and checks due March 27.

**April 11, Sunday**

**O: Zuma Cyn Traverse, Mostly Downhill**

**Tom Molloy, Alan Schimpff**

Downhill ocean view extravaganza, with car shuttle. We'll do this hike going all downhill, except for the first part which goes up through a cool riparian oak forest. 8.5 mi., approx 600' gain, 2400' loss, 4.5 hrs. We'll go through beautiful oak and riparian terrain at the head of the canyon, and then again when we finish the hike at the mouth of Zuma Canyon. Most of time we'll wind our way down Zuma Ridge viewing panorama after panorama of ocean, island and mountain views, weather permitting. We'll meet

at 10 a.m. at the end of Bonsall Road in Zuma Canyon, and then car shuttle 10 minutes uphill to our starting point. Bonsall Rd is a sharp right hand turn off of PCH, just before you get to the Zuma Beach parking lot (if you're coming from the south), and just before you get to the stop light at Busch Drive. Make a right on Bonsall and drive to the very end where you'll see a dirt parking lot. Bring water, lunch, and lug sole hiking shoes, and of course your 10 essentials! Call Leaders to RSVP.

**April 17, Saturday**

**O: Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve  
Barbara Edwards, S.K. Chiou**

Each spring, the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve comes alive with the seasonal surprises of the Mojave Desert Grassland habitat. This Reserve is located on California's most consistent poppy-bearing land. Other wildflowers: owl's clover, lupine, goldfield, cream cups, and coreopsis, to name a few, share the grassland to produce a mosaic of color and fragrance. The duration and intensity of colors and scents vary from year to year. This year, we can expect the abundant rainfall to paint the 1,760-acre reserve profusely with wildflowers. We will meander through some of the seven miles of easy trails crisscrossing the entire reserve. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of the visitor center. Bring lunch, water, snacks, sunblock and a hat. There is no shade at the reserve. The Reserve is located 15 miles west of Lancaster at 15101 Lancaster Road. From Highway 14: Take the Avenue I exit and head west 15 miles. Avenue I becomes Lancaster Road. Free parking is available in small legal parking areas on Lancaster Road. Parking in the reserve's lot is also free if you have a "State Parks Pass", otherwise, cost of parking is \$8. No dogs permitted. Rain or excessive heat cancels hike.

**April 18, Sunday**

**O: Mugu Peak -- La Jolla Valley  
Tom Molloy, Alan Schimpff**

A comprehensive trek through the western quadrant of Pt. Mugu State Park. The hike begins in La Jolla Canyon, then crosses a field to ascend Mugu Peak. The trail then descends into La Jolla Valley, a large grassy meadow, and then joins up with a well-graded and scenic trek along the ridge dividing La Jolla Cyn and Big Sycamore Cyn. Curving down the rounded slopes east of La Jolla Canyon, the trail takes in sweeping views of the Pt. Mugu coastline and the distant Channel Islands. Round-trip: 10 miles, 1950' elevation gain. Bring at least 2 quarts of water, lunch, and the 10 essentials. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the parking area for the Ray Miller Trailhead. Drive north on PCH about 35 miles past Santa Monica. Take the first turn off to the right after passing the Big Sycamore Campground and "the great sand dune." Parking fee \$4 per car. Usually free parking on PCH. Call leaders to RSVP. Rain Cancels

**April 24, Saturday**

**O: Verdugo Traverse**

**Jeff Johnson, Nancy Beverly**

Cross the Verdugos from north to south, with detour along the ridge toward the radio towers. Approx. 6 miles, 1650' gain, 1500' loss, on trail and dirt road, with car shuttle. Shady canyons on the north, open views on the ridges and on the descent to the south. Appropriate trail footwear, layers to shed as the day warms, water, snack/lunch. Meet 9 a.m., park curbside (not in the parking lot) outside the entrance to the Stough Canyon Nature Center at 2300 Walnut Ave., Burbank, we will drive approx. 10 mi. from there to the trailhead. Rain cancels.

## Future Outings

**May 1, Saturday**

**O: Channel Island Day Hike**

**Mike Brostoff, Tom Molloy**

For the past four years, over 25 people attended this outing. So we are offering it again this year. We will be taking a ferry to Santa Cruz Island where we will be offering a variety of hikes for different levels. There is no drinking water or food on the island, so pack your pack like a normal outing. After returning to the mainland, we will head over to a nearby restaurant (optional). This event is being cohosted with Perfect Pace. We will meet at Island Packers 1691 Spinnaker Drive Ventura Harbor 93001 at 7:15 AM, (805) 642-1393. The boat leaves at 8:00 AM. The ride is an hour. We should return to Ventura Harbor by 6:30 PM. The cost for the trip is \$55.00. Most of the fee pays for the ferry, the extra will be sent to Sierra Club conservation. We need to purchase our tickets in advance, please send a check by April 1 payable to GLS to: Mike Brostoff, 11220 Moorpark #110, Studio City CA 91602. Please include a note indicating whether you are interested in dinner afterwards, email address, the best phone number to reach you. If you do not have email, please include a SASE. Bring minimum 2 quart water, lugsole hiking boots, snacks, & 10 Essentials. Note: in the rare case that weather may be poor, call 805-642-1393 after 5:30AM on the day of the trip. A recording indicates whether the boat is canceled.

**May 8, Saturday**

**O: All GLS Trail Maintenance Day**

**Anne Mullins, Mike Brostoff**

Here's a chance to give back to the environment, have fun with the rest of the GLS, and find something good to eat, too! All members are encouraged to come out and help. There will be a range of activities, something for everyone. A potluck lunch follows. Due to the Station Fire in the Angeles N. F., our exact cleanup location won't be decided until closer to the date. Cleanup is expected to start at 9:00 and continue for 2 -3 hours, followed by the potluck, and then a leaders meeting. Questions, call Anne. Details in the next Tracks.

**May 15 - May 16, Sat - Sun**

**O: Long Beach Pride**

**GLS Volunteers**

Come staff the GLS table at Long Beach Pride, and spread the word. GLS pays parking and admission for volunteers. Contact Jeff Johnson

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for info and to sign up for a time slot.

**May 23, Sunday**

**O: Matilija Canyon**

**Tom Molloy, Alan Schimpff**

Highlights views of mountains, wonderful cascades and pools along stream. Distance: 6 miles round trip with only 600 feet elevation gain. The destination of this hike is a spectacular section of Matilija Creek that flows over unusual rock slabs. The last 1/2 mile of the trail follows beautiful cascades and pools of clear water. Details to come in later Tracks.

**May 28 - May 31, Fri – Mon.**

**O: Big Bear Lake**

**Barbara Edwards, Heather Sargeant**

Serrano Campground is located in Big Bear Valley in the San Bernardino Mountains at elevation 6800 ft. It is situated in a pine forest on the north shore of beautiful Big Bear Lake. In late Spring, we can expect wildflowers. The National Forest surrounding the valley offers hundreds of miles of some of the most beautiful and serene hiking trails in all of Southern California. The Cougar Crest trailhead leading to the PCT is within walking distance, and there is a paved 3 mile biking/hiking lakeside trail right out of our campground. If hiking and biking aren't your thing, there are lots of other activities to fill your Holiday weekend. Boat rentals are available for fishing, or just a tour on the lake. Or you can stroll a mile down to the Big Bear Discovery Center, a visitor center that can serve as a portal to your weekend adventures. Also, the resort town of Big Bear Lake is just a few miles away on the south side of the lake, offering cute shops and numerous restaurants. Free hot showers and flush toilets are available at our campground. Cost for 3 nights camping is \$55 per person. A few RV sites (no hook-ups) are available. Please send email address and check (payable to GLS) to: Barbara Edwards, 1739 S. Sherbourne Dr., LA 90035.

**June 5, Saturday**

**O: Urban Stairways**

**Nancy Beverly, Jeff Cuevas**

More info to come in next Tracks

**June 20, Sunday**

**O: Big Sycamore Trail & Wood Canyon Bike Loop**

**Tom Molloy, Alan Schimpff**

Mountain bike ride. Join us for a 14 mile loop of some easy flats, some steep climbing (on pavement), some technical dips in the dirt, some speedy downhill. This is an intermediate ride – not for complete novices. The ride should take about 2.5 hours (1200' of gain). Feel free to join us for a picnic lunch and optional boogie boarding, or relaxing at the beach afterwards. More info and directions in the next Tracks.

**Jul 1 - Jul 5, Thu - Mon**

**O: Bishop Carcamp**

**Laura Rainey, Karen Lovett**

Come celebrate Independence Day weekend with us in the eastern Sierra! Bishop Park Group is located 15 miles west of the town of Bishop,

California. This campground is adjacent to Bishop Creek. Facilities provided include flush toilets, picnic tables, and fire rings. Popular activities include horseback riding, wildlife viewing, hiking, and fishing in a stocked trout stream. The campground is located near John Muir Wilderness trailheads and is on the road to Lake Sabrina, just before North Lake Campground. Variety of activities, depending on people's interests. Tent camping only. Sorry, no RV camping in parking lot. Maximum of 25 people on this group site. Room for only 8 vehicles on this group site. This site is not suitable for RVs or trailers. If you have an RV and still want to hang with us during the day, maybe we can work something out. Caution: Bears are frequent in this area. All food must be kept in approved containers. Two bear proof storage lockers are located on site. There will be a potluck Friday night, and we'll provide food for lunches and Saturday night dinner. We'll also provide firewood. Cost for trip \$50. Please make check payable to "GLS" and mail to Laura Rainey at 2408 East First St., Long Beach CA, 90803. Getting there: Bishop Park Group Camp, 70519 Bishop Park Group, Inyo CA. From Highway 395 in the center of Bishop, turn west on Line Street (Highway 168) west for 15 miles to the campground on the left. Forest Service info: <<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/recreation/camping/bishop-park-group.shtml>>.

**July 10, Saturday**

**O: Beach Bike Ride**

**Pete Geissler, TBA**

More info to come in later Tracks

**July 11, Sunday**

**O: Sandstone Peak via Mishe Mokwa**

**Tom Molloy, Alan Schimpff**

6 miles RT, 1400 ft altitude gain/loss, approximately 4 hours hiking. This moderately paced hike takes us on a lovely loop through a shady canyon and past stunning sandstone rock formations then on to the highest peak (3,111) in the Santa Monicas. Great views of the ocean, and a breezy cool location for the hot summer. The middle part of this hike is shaded, but the rest of it is exposed so please bring plenty of water (3 liters at least), sunscreen, hat, snacks/lunch. Details in later Tracks.

**July 25, Sunday**

**O: Corral Canyon**

**Tom Molloy, Alan Schimpff**

Corral Canyon easy hike, fish lunch, and optional afternoon on the beach. We'll meet at the Corral Canyon trailhead at 10:00 a.m. The trailhead is next to Malibu Seafood (the restaurant with the lobster picture out front), between Kanan Dume and Malibu Canyon Rd. on Pacific Coast Highway. We'll do this easy 2.5 mile ocean view loop trail with about 800 feet gain, looping up the ridge down to follow the creek with riparian trees and vegetation and ending at a salt march where we started. Details in later issues of Tracks.

**Aug 12 - Aug 16, Thu - Mon**

**O: Sequoia**

**Christy Varni, TBA**

Details to come in later Tracks

**November 25-28, Thu-Sun**

**I: Thanksgiving Outing 2010**

**Susan Campo, Alan Schimpff**

Enjoy Thanksgiving week-end, 3 nights at Panamint Springs, a private resort located near Death Valley National Park. We will begin our outing with a traditional buffet at noon on Thursday, turkey, all the trimmings and homemade pumpkin or apple pie. The first organized walk will be short but help our tummies. Susan has scouted and planned all NEW hikes for GLS for every day, including Sunday. All hikes are rated I (off trail), but only require the ability to walk 6 miles with less than 1000 ft. gain/loss. The group will be doing similar hikes with 2 levels offered...a total of an easy 6 miles per day or the 7- 9 mile moderate option. Most participants will be leaving on Sunday morning, but there will be a final strenuous level hike on Sunday...16 miles, 2200 foot gain/loss offered to those capable and willing to drive home to LA later that day. Unlike Susan's past trips, this time we will try TWO cost options. If you go under the "hotel option", you will be in a room with private bath for two thru Sunday morning. There is a restaurant on the premises. For those wanting the "camping option" you will sleep in your van or tent. You can economize by bringing all your own food EXCEPT for the Thanksgiving buffet which is for everyone. There is a gas station and store on the premises, but the supplies of healthy food are not dependable. It is 50 miles to Olancho and farther to a good grocery store. While daytime temps can be very enjoyable, if you choose to camp, you must have the equipment to stay warm and dry on cold nights. Remember

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## Outside Events

*The following is/are privately sponsored and administered trip(s). Sierra Club takes no responsibility and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of these trips. They are published as a reader service because they may be of interest to recipients of this publication.*

**Sunday 3/7/2010**

**How Many Billboards Bike Tour**

10-12 mi. bicycle ride through Weho/L.A. with Kimberli Meyer, MAK Center director, viewing and talking about prominent billboards in the L.A. landscape. <[howmanybillboards.org/](http://howmanybillboards.org/)>. More info about participating, contact Amanda <[queenpin@earthlink.net](mailto:queenpin@earthlink.net)>.

**7/16/2010 - 7/18/2010**

**Whitewater Rafting**

This is going to be a awesome rafting season due to the large snow pack in the Sierras. Camping at Mariah Wilderness campground on the American River. For the more adventurous, I will try to get one raft on Sat. to go down the Middle Fork of the American River, then on Sun., that raft joins the others on the South Fork. All meals provided, three meals on Sat., breakfast and lunch on Sun. Camp Fri. eve for free. Tentatively scheduled Jul 16-18, can possibly move to Jun 18-20. If interested, please email promptly <[cvarni2001@yahoo.com](mailto:cvarni2001@yahoo.com)> or call 562-489-4599.

# March and April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FEB 28</b>	<b>MAR 1</b>	<b>2</b> Management Committee Meeting	<b>3</b> Griffith Park Amanda, Dora	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Wind Wolves Marie, Jeff C. <i>through Sunday</i>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <i>Wind Wolves end</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Griffith Park Nancy, Grace	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Liberty Canyon Photo Shoot Nancy, Amanda
<b>14</b> Kathy Brizzard Memorial Bench Dedication in Griffith Park	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Griffith Park Dora, Ginger	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Living Desert Visit and Hike Kirk, Christy
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Griffith Park Amanda, Dora	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1st Backbone & Wildflower Hike Susan, Diane
<b>28</b> Point Dume, Whale Watch, Coreopsis Tom, Molly	<b>29</b> <small>full moon</small>	<b>30</b> 3rd Backbone & Wildflower Hike Susan, Diane	<b>31</b> 4th Backbone & Wildflower Hike Susan, Diane Griffith Park Dora, Grace	<b>APR 1</b>	<b>2</b> 6th Backbone & Wildflower Hike Susan, Diane	<b>3</b> Backbone & Wildflower Hike Gourmet Finale Susan, Diane
<b>4</b> Ojai Bike Trip Alan, Tom	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Griffith Park Amanda, Grace	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Outdoor Leadership Training Angeles Chapter LTC
<b>11</b> Zuma Canyon Traverse Tom, Alan	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Griffith Park Nancy, Dora	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve Barbara, SK
<b>18</b> Mugu Peak, La Jolla Valley Tom, Alan	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Griffith Park Dora, Grace	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Verdugo Traverse Jeff J., Nancy
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <small>full moon</small>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>MAY 1</b> Channel Island Day Hike Mike, Tom,

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daylight hours are short in Nov., but on a happy note, the campground has heated showers with indoor restrooms. In the evenings Susan has

planned for both GLS campers and hotel guests to socialize together. PRICES (check made out to GLS and sent to leader) are : Hotel option \$190 each or Camping option \$42 each. Both include your lodging fees and Thanksgiving dinner. Susan will start a reservation list immediately. If you are

90% sure you want to attend and know which option you prefer, email her now to be put on the list. Full payment for everyone due Oct.1. Full refund will be given until Nov. 1. Trip limited in size!!! If you are sure you can attend, email Susan now, stating the OPTION you want to reserve.

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## GLS Outings Volunteers

### Mike Brostoff, Outings Schedule

Contact Mike about scheduling outings, to check for available dates, and to submit writeups

### 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 rest of the leaders.

### Laura Rainey, Weekly Reminder

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

### Dave Benson, Outings

**Submission to Angeles Chapter**  
Outings to be published in the Angeles Chapter Schedule must adhere to Chapter formatting guidelines. Mike B. forwards outings for the chapter schedule to Dave, who ensures that they meet these guidelines before sending them to the Chapter.

### Anne Mullins, Trail Maintenance/Leader Meetings

Three times a year, we volunteer for trail maintenance for one of the local parks. Afterward, we hold a potluck followed by a leaders meeting. Anne coordinates the trail maintenance work and the potluck. Mike facilitates the leaders meeting.

## 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/>](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

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### 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/ carpool points in the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities or at: [<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/pvsb/pages/rideshare.html>](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/pvsb/pages/rideshare.html)

### La Canada Rideshare Point

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

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