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Photo Tedd Wenrick

Day Hike at Vasquez Rocks

By Dora Olea

On April 3, the majestic and historic Vasquez Rocks were invaded by gorgeous hikers from modern times. Uplifted by the

mood of excitement, we climbed to the highest point of these colossal rocks, the “sanctuary” rock and, like a parade of ants, we were up and around the misshaped hulks. Not everybody believed that we could make it but we did. Not everybody attempted the summit, but more

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GLS Fundraising Events

By Alan Schimpff

We are the Gay and Lesbian Sierrans. Note that the word “Sierrans” is part of that title. GLS does not require Sierra Club membership from all its participants (except if you want to be a leader or if you want to serve on the GLS Board), but I think I can say that we all enjoy and cherish the outdoors, that nature (both the preservation of it and the recreation in it) is important to all GLS participants. And I think we can also all agree that the Sierra Club plays a key role in promoting both of these concepts.

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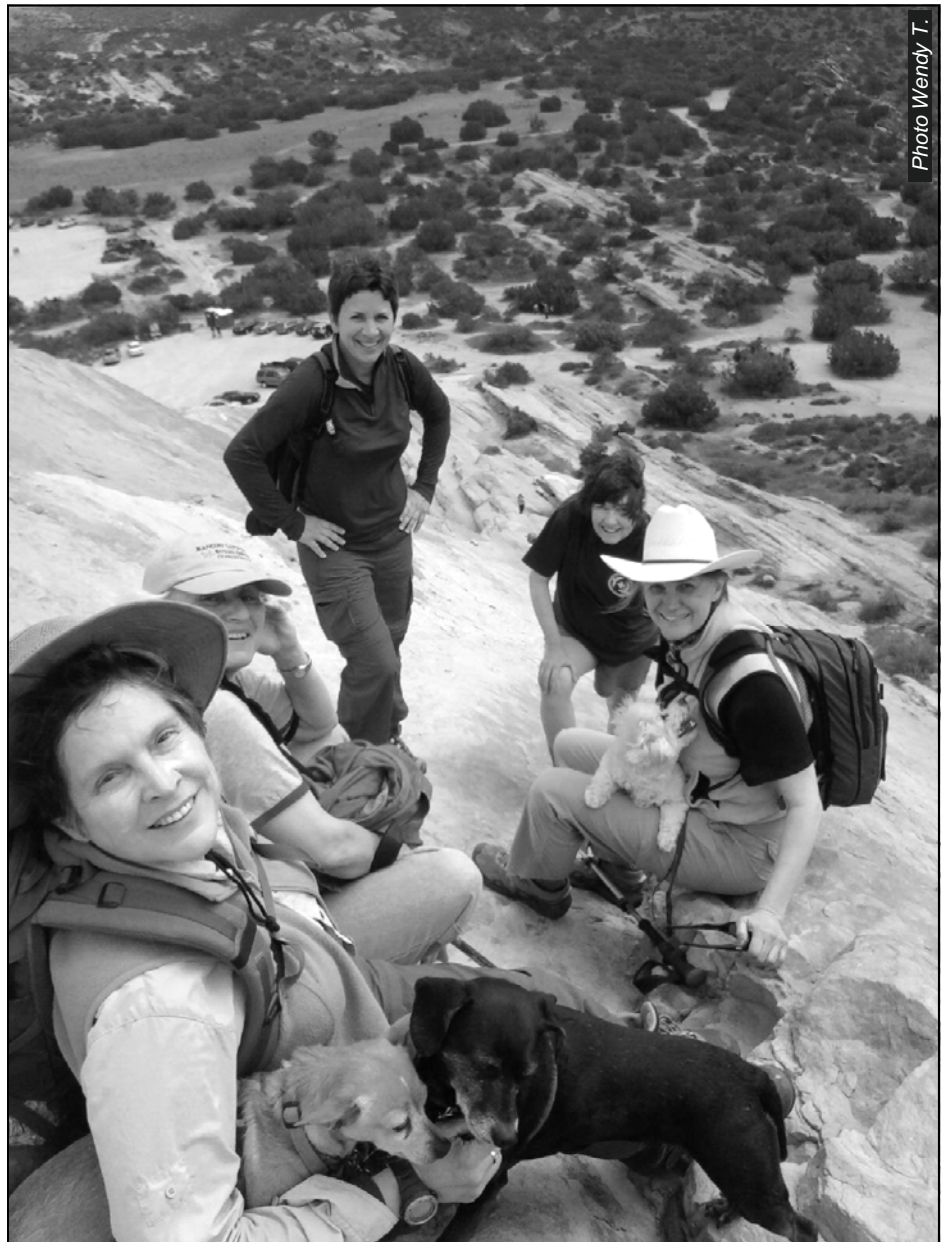


Photo Wendy T.

Message from the Chair

Long Beach Pride is upon us – and we could use your help at the GLS booth. It's easy, it's fun, you get to meet lots of nice folks – flirting opportunities! – and we'll reimburse your entrance fee. Contact Jeff Johnson at 562-434-8473 if you'd like to volunteer for a few hours either May 21 or 22.

Thanks in advance to Laura & Karen for doing the final shift on Sunday afternoon – you rock!

Nancy Beverly

If You're a Leader...

Think about asking someone to co-lead who hasn't led an outing in awhile. If you're someone who hasn't led in several months, L.A. and surroundings have a lot to offer. Take us some place you love or you'd love to explore. Mountains, museums, music festivals – we're game!

The Other Ten Essentials...

...the ones that you should keep in/on your car. From the Angeles Chapter website.

- Water, pack, boots
- Spare motor oil and tools
- Spare clothes and personal items
- Extra car keys outside car
- Jumper cables
- Car jack
- Tow cable and shovel
- Maps
- Alarm clock
- Blanket or tarp to cover visible items

GLS Mgmt Committee Meeting, Mar. 5, 2011

Present on the call: Nancy, Sharon, SK, Amanda, Jeff J.

We discussed sending out an email offer to lapsed subscribers to re-subscribe by a certain date at a discounted rate. Sharon will draft a message. Amanda found from Mike that he can provide a list of lapsed email subscribers back any length of time. In this discussion, Sharon suggested that we state current goals and objectives for the group and the management committee. We named these goals: offer more activities, cultivate more leaders, bring in some younger members.

Nancy found that advertising with Women On A Roll is not cheap, and the ads usually end up at the bottom of long emails. We decided not to pursue that.

Getting items listed in the Southern Sierran requires planning months ahead of time, but goes to 41,000 members, so we should try to get more outings listed. We should make an effort to get leaders to participate in the May 14 trail maintenance day.

We now have 157 members in our meetup group. We discussed offering the same discounted subscription rate to our meetup members as to lapsed subscribers.

SK reported that our bank balances will dip quite low in the next few months as we refund leaders' up front expenses for some upcoming outings. This will increase our bank fees temporarily, but all the outings should more than cover their expenses, so we should be in good shape again by the end of the year.

We voted to have a table again at Long Beach Pride, and to offer the same discounted subscription rate for a limited period to people who pick up a special subscription form from our table at the festival.

We discussed marching in the West Hollywood pride parade. We would need a commitment from at least 20 people to make it worth it. The deadline to sign up is May 5.

We discussed including in Tracks an extra sheet encouraging people to give it to their friends, to subscribe at the same discounted rate for the same limited period. That might depend on the price of including the extra sheet in Tracks.

Next meeting set for Tuesday May 3, 7:00 pm, again by conference call.

Jeff Johnson

Information about GLS

General questions about GLS, call Grace at 323-227-6444 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.

Next GLS Management Comm. Meeting

The next GLS management committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 3, at 7pm**. Committee members will meet by conference call.

GLS management committee meetings are (usually) 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.

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.

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

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Our outing volunteers are listed on page 11.

GLS Fundraising Outings

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All of this comes with a monetary cost — which is the reason for this article.

First, I would like to make special mention of two individuals, Mike Brostoff and Tom Molloy, who take time each and every year to plan two GLS annual events, the *Point Dume Whale Watch and Giant Coreopsis Beach Walk & Brunch* and the *Channel Island Day Hike*. These are fundraiser events where all profits go

towards supporting activities of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. The Point Dume walk occurred on Feb 26th, was attended by 15 participants, and raised \$317.93. No whales were spotted this year, but there was a splendid display of giant coreopsis blossoms.

The Channel Islands Day Hike is scheduled for May 7th. Last year, Mike and Tom raised almost \$400 from this event. Please support these two events as they not only raise money, but they are a whole lot

of fun!

Second, if you are reading this and are already a Sierra Club member, thanks for supporting the GLS and the Sierra Club and I hope that you are active members to the capacity that is possible for you.

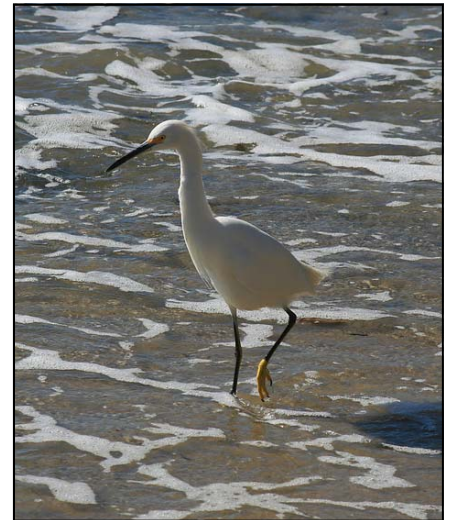
If you are reading this article and you are not a Sierra Club member, do consider joining NOW! In these lean times, the club needs all the help it can get to further its citizen-based advocacy and lobbying efforts.

Pt. Dume Giant Coreopsis Tidepool Fundraiser, Feb 26

The famous giant coreopsis, indigenous to the area around Malibu, was in full bloom when GLS walkers and brunchers made their way around Point Dume to see the sights high and low to raise money for the Sierra Club.



Photos by Tedd Wenrick



Poppy Preserve Walk, April 16

Not the best year on record at the poppy preserve, but a pleasant walk around with Barb and S.K.



Photos from Barb Edwards



Crystal Cove, April 9

The Laguna Coast Ridge Walk was diverted at the last minute due to a park closure. We had a pleasant ramble on the beach at historic Crystal Cove, and even saw a roadrunner!



Vasquez Rocks

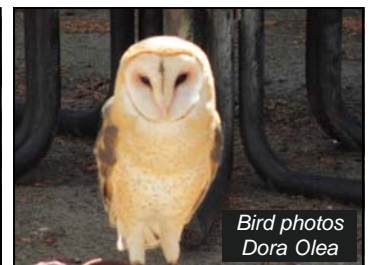
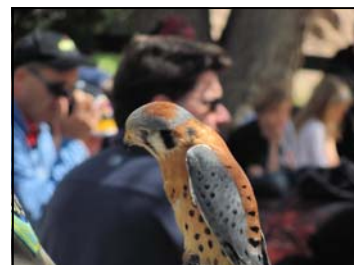
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than 30 women and men made it. We finally took a bite and a well-deserved deep breath before we went back down among these fantastic rock formations again.

While at Vasquez Rocks, we were also lucky to be part of the lively show about captive wild birds presented by a volunteer from a bird rescue center. I learned that not all birds are born knowing how to fly or how to hunt, some have to be taught by their parents. Some of the birds we saw were an eagle that does know how to fly, a little blind falcon, and an earless boohoo.



Photo Wendy T.



Bird photos
Dora Olea

Descanso Gardens in Springtime

by Marie Ammerman

Sunshine, flowers, good company, and cake at lunch - what more can you ask? A large group of GLSers met at Descanso Gardens March 13 to take in the wide variety of plants, birds, and people. The first leg of our outing took us through the Camellia Forests, past the pond, and around to the bird watching stand next to the Lake, where a cormorant was spotted keeping watch over the turtles in the water. From there we rambled through the International Rosarium. Alas, the roses were not in bloom, but there were irises and daffodils to keep us happy. After sampling what the Gardens have to offer, we went to the picnic area for lunch. Some folks brought their lunches, while others took advantage of the small food concession stand that sold

great Wolfgang Puck sandwiches, soup, and other good stuff. After lunch our leaders treated us to some fantastic cake - carrot and chocolate raspberry - in honor of Leader Barb's birthday.

The cake gave us the strength to follow the next leg of our journey - a hike around the perimeter of Descanso Gardens, stopping at the Japanese Gardens, the lilac gardens with their lovely perfume, and then a lengthy stop to tour the gracious Boddy Mansion, which housed not only family artifacts and items of historical interest, but a small art show as well. A new art gallery is being built adjacent to the mansion, and will certainly be a great addition when done. The perimeter trail took us off into some wilder, less manicured areas, as well as around the California Garden area. We saw a huge amount of Descanso Gardens, but there's always more to discover as new plants begin to bloom. Go take a look for yourself - it's worth it!



Camellias in bloom, and there was even a camellia show!

Most photos by Susan Campo. Group photo by Heather McNaught.



Conservation Notes

By Tom Molloy

Stop the Grand Canyon from becoming just another Las Vegas entertainment option

The National Park Service has released a draft environmental impact statement on how to manage airtour rides in the Grand Canyon. The Park service has increased the number of tour rides permitted by an astounding 8000 trips per year. Please write the Park Service and

ask to have the Park's natural quiet protected. Tell them that you support Alternative E of the plans that they are considering. This is the alternative recommended by the Sierra Club as least damaging to the park experience. Comments can be mailed to Planning and Compliance, GCNP, PO Box 129, Grand Canyon AZ 86023. See the EIS or submit comments at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca>, click "special flight rules..." scroll to "open for comment" Comments accepted either way through June 20th.

Take action in just a minute on the Sierra Club Take Action site

Become a one minute activist and make a difference with a choice of dozens of worthy causes to associate your name with.

Click on:

http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TakeActionAll&src=610GS_CAC01

Placerita Canyon, March 6

A hike around Placerita Canyon State Park with Dora and Jude, and then potluck and birthday cake for the numerous GLS March birthdays!



Photos from Susan Campo



Outings & Events

May

May 7, Saturday

O: Channel Island Day Hike
Mike Brostoff, Tom Molloy

Regular registration for this trip is now closed, but you may check with Mike to see whether space is available.

For five years running, this popular trip has attracted over two dozen participants each time. 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.) 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 and we should return to Ventura Harbor by 6:30 PM. The cost for the trip is \$60.00. Most of the fee pays for the ferry, the extra will be sent to Sierra Club conservation. Registration is now closed, but there may be space. Contact Mike to check for availability at 818-763-5799. The group will be having dinner afterward at a local restaurant. 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 will indicate if the boat is canceled.

May 14, 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 available, from picking up trash to hard digging; there's something for everyone. A potluck lunch follows, with a special treat from Porto's Bakery to be provided (please don't bring a dessert!) We hope to add an even deeper sense of purpose to the GLS section, so please take this opportunity to come out and make a difference. What to bring: work gloves (if you have them), water, lug soles, potluck item. If interested, contact Anne Mullins.

May 21 - May 22, Sat - Sun

Long Beach Pride

Jeff Johnson, GLS volunteers

Volunteer to staff our table, to meet and greet festival-goers, GLS pays/refunds your entrance fee and parking fee. Volunteer for a few hours at our table, then come early or stay late and enjoy the festival. Contact Jeff Johnson for more information. 562-434-8473

May 28, Saturday

O: Betty B. Dearing Loop
Nancy Beverly, Marie Ammerman

Here's a trail smack in the middle of Studio City – and we've never done it as a GLS event, so let's rectify that, shall we? The Betty B. Dearing loop is a moderate 4-mile hike that features a lot of shade and pretty Valley vistas as well as one short VERY

steep uphill climb, a couple of miles of moderate climbing, and a tricky rocky stream crossing. Directions to trailhead: Turn onto Fryman Canyon off Laurel Canyon (the Fryman with the light at the intersection, southwest side of Laurel Canyon), which is .6 of a mile south of Ventura Blvd. Travel straight up Fryman 0.6 mile until Valley Crest. Look for parking and meet at the yellow gate at the end of Fryman, a few feet up from Valley Crest. Meet at 8:30 a.m. Bring one to two liters of water (depending on the heat), a snack, hiking boots or sturdy trail runners, hiking poles if you like, and sunscreen. Dogs welcome but MUST be on leash – this is a busy residential neighborhood with a lot of dogs.

June

June 4, Saturday

O: Museum Day – Getty Center
Dora Olea, Jeff Johnson

A new installation of medieval and Renaissance European sculpture and decorative arts in four galleries displays two- and three-dimensional objects, arranged by periods and themes, and features innovative technologies. "Renaissance Art in Italy and Northern Europe, 1450–1600" evokes the atmosphere of a studio, a room in which a Renaissance collector would have reveled in the study of classical antiquity. "Collecting in Northern Europe, 1450–1600" reflects an art patron's refined taste and love of beautiful objects, which were often displayed in magnificent cabinets. Interactive screens enable viewers

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Weekly Griffith Park Conditioning Hikes

Please note changes in directions due to the closure of part of Crystal Springs Dr. between the LA Zoo and the Ranger Station, Mar-Nov 2011

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) If driving north on I-5, 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 Riverside Drive, which becomes 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) Driving on Fwy 134 going west, exit at I-5 south toward Los Angeles. Exit I-5 at Los Feliz Blvd West toward Hollywood. Proceed to Signal light and turn right at Riverside Drive. Proceed as in (2) and (1) above to Ranger Station

parking lot.

(4) From Fwy 134 East, exit Forest Lawn, turn right at bottom of ramp. Proceed one block and turn left. Proceed one block and turn right on Griffith Park Drive (you'll be in front of Travel Town). Stay on Griffith Park Dr. and come all the way through the park – it's very dark and not lit with street-lights. Pass the golf driving range on your left, pass the playground/picnic area on your right. You'll finally come to a T-stop (Griffith Park Drive & Crystal Springs Road). Turn right. Proceed to the next stop sign at the Ranger Station and turn left. Drive all the way around behind the Ranger Station to park.

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to virtually explore its many facets. "Sacred Art, 1150–1600" evokes a late-medieval cathedral treasury at a time when religious devotion inspired the making of sacred objects to be placed on altars for use in holy mass. Stained glass panels, on view for the first time, take advantage of the height of the gallery. "European Glass and Ceramics, 1400–1700" showcases glass and maiolica. Meet at 10 am at the top of the hill. Lunch available at a few places at the Getty Center. Museum is free but parking cost \$15 per car. Carpooling is encouraged. Parking reservations not required or accepted. RSVP Dora 213-200-0239

June 11, Saturday

O: Laguna Coast Ridge Walk Jeff Johnson, Grace Hengst

Ridgetop walk in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park, 6-7 miles, 1100' gain/loss, mostly on fire roads, some steep sections. Single track climb the first mile or so toward the ridge. Ocean and mountain views from exposed ridges, bring layers for weather possibilities, sun protection, trail footwear, lunch, water. Meet 10 a.m. at the Big Bend Staging Area, approx. 6.2 miles south of 405 on 133, in Laguna Beach (opposite Jeeps R Us, 3231 Laguna Canyon Road). Parking fee. If rain has fallen a day or two before, call Jeff, 562-434-8473 the night before to check for possible changes of plan.

June 18, Saturday

O: Docent-led Tour of Bailey Cyn, San Gabriel Mountains + Jones Peak hike Nancy Beverly, Marie Ammerman

Learn some of the rich natural history of the San Gabriel range, hear about the Gabrieleno Indians who lived in the canyon, and straddle an earthquake fault that stretches for miles. The 1-hour tour will be led by Bailey Canyon trail docent and GLS member Wendy Thermos. For those who are interested, it will be followed by a moderate hike to the top of Jones Peak, elev. 3375, 6.6 miles round trip, 2100-foot elevation gain, with



panoramic views in 3 directions. Poles recommended for final 100 feet. Dress in layers, bring lunch and 2 qts of water. Dogs welcome but must be on leash. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Bailey Canyon parking lot, just north of 500 Grove St. in Sierra Madre. From the 210 Fwy, exit at Baldwin, go north 1.2 miles on Baldwin to Grand View and turn left, go a half-mile to Grove, turn right, go to the end of the street. Rain cancels. Questions? Nancy, 818-379-9940.

Jun 25-26 Sat-Sun

History Committee/Harwood Lodge/ Wilderness Adventures

O: Centennial Hikes and History Weekend at Harwood Lodge, San Antonio Ski Hut, Baldy Notch

Sat 8 a.m. hike to San Antonio Ski Hut and Gold Ridge Mine ruins (5 mi rt, 2500'), followed by Happy Hour, dinner and evening program on the Great Hiking Era. Sunday options include hike or ski lift ride (fee) to Baldy Notch, followed by 1.5-mi rt hike from top of lift to Hocumac Mine remains and site of the Baldy Cabin, used by the Chapter 1920-1930. Cost per person of \$32 (\$35 for non-Sierra Club member) includes Sat night lodging, 3 meals (D,B,L) plus Happy Hour refreshments. Send check payable "Wilderness Adventures" and SASE with contact info to Reservationist/Asst Ldr. Peter Ireland (33905 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265-2316). Lodge will be available Friday night for additional standard overnight fee (\$12/\$15) payable when registering at lodge. Ldr: Bob Cates, bob.cates @ att.net; Asst Ldr: Mary Morales.

June 26, Sunday

O: Valley Bike Ride Nancy Beverly, Mary Conte

Join us for an easy bike ride on the Orange Metro bike path from Valley College in Sherman Oaks to lovely Balboa Park. Both road bikes and mountain bikes are welcome. Out and back it's 13 miles – and if participants want to do a little more, the leaders will accommodate (no more than 15 miles, we promise). Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the northwest corner of Fulton and Burbank in Sherman Oaks – lots of street parking but do NOT park at Valley College, it's permit only. Bring: water, snack, spare inner tube, bike lock, helmet (mandatory!), and cash if you'd like to join us for lunch at Sharkey's after the ride (yum!). Please note: restrooms are at Balboa Park but not at the start of the outing. Questions? Contact Nancy at 818-379-9940.

Future Outings

June 30-July 4 (Thu-Mon)

O: 4th of July Celebration - Red's Meadow

Alan Schimpff, Laura Rainey, Karen Lovett

Sometimes, lack of planning opens up new opportunities. I failed to call early enough to reserve our regular group campsite at Bishop Creek, but Karen found a wonderful spot west of Mammoth Lakes on the San Joaquin River, elevation 7,700'. So, join us for the whole four nights or just a few nights at Pumice Flat Group Camp, site #002. Pets (well-behaved) and one RV allowed (might be able to accommodate a second RV, so RV'ers need to coordinate with me). Flush toilets, potable water, and best of all, trailheads are near the Ansel Adams Wilderness, Pacific Crest and John Muir Trails. Bring your fishing pole. Red's Meadow Pack Station is 2.5 miles at the end of Red's Meadow Road with a small general store and cafe. Expect several great hikes, a delicious 3rd of July BBQ (*no, this is not a typo*), and other surprises – all included in the price of the trip. Bring an appetizer to share for the 3rd. Because of the terrain and altitude, the hikes will be moderate to strenuous. There will be two sets of hikes for each day -- an easy to moderate and a moderate to strenuous. Cost for the weekend is \$60 (written out to GLS & mailed to Alan Schimpff, 29549 Harvester Road, Malibu, CA 90265). Space will be limited to 20 campers. Note that over and above the GLS cost for the trip, there is also a \$7/person access fee, and a maximum of \$20 per car. Please call Alan at 310-589-9125 if you have questions on this event. More details to follow.

July 1-2, Friday

O2: Ediza Lake Backpack Marie Ammerman, Dora Olea

Seven miles one-way, but less than 2000 feet of gain- sound good? We'll hike in from Agnew Meadows, through soaring

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trees, alongside rocky streams, past Shadow Lake to Ediza Lake, lying under the dramatic peaks of the Ritter Range. We'll set up camp and explore the area; spend a night by Ediza under the stars, and head back the next day. Participants are strongly encouraged to also sign up for the GLS July 4th car camp, which will place you just down the road from the trailhead. Otherwise, you'll need to join us at the trailhead by taking a shuttle from Mammoth. NOTE: The July 4th car camp has a separate sign up and separate fee—please be sure to contact those leaders if you wish to sign up for that trip. Sign up for Ediza Lake runs from June 1st to June 20th; fee is 8 dollars/person. Space is limited, but no sign-ups accepted until June 1st to be fair to all. Send recent conditioning and check made out to GLS for 8 dollars to: Marie Ammerman 423 E. Elmwood Ave. Apt. F Burbank CA 91501. Stats: 14 miles RT, approx. 1500' gain, beginning above 7000'. Questions, contact Marie at 818-842-6401 or via e-mail: ammermanm@yahoo.com.

July 16, Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm **Sierra Club – Angeles Chapter** **Centennial Picnic for Posterity** **Malibu Nature Preserve**

Includes barbeque lunch, nature walks, visit with famed mountaineers – Glen Dawson, Royal Robbins, Mountain Historians/Authors – Dan Arnold, Andy Selters, John Robinson. Book sales & book signings. Pose for personalized centennial poster. Continuous Chapter history presentations in our mini-theater. Historical photographic exhibit. Displays of vintage outdoors hiking/climbing/camping Gear. roll call of chapter groups and entities, Group photos of leaders & activists, A day of visiting with friends and fellow sierrans! \$20 Adults/ \$10 Children Under 12 Includes barbeque lunch and beverage. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope with check made out to “Sierra Club” to



High in O'Melveny Park in Rohnert Park, April 23. To the right, a toothy creature peaking out of its hole.

Elizabeth Pomeroy, 2111 E. Mountain St., Pasadena, CA 91104-4130. A map to the Malibu Nature Preserve will be included with the tickets. Please indicate if vegetarian menu preferred.

July 31, Sunday **GLS Splash Bash Potluck!** **Sherry Thomas** **O: Neighborhood Walk** **Nancy Beverly and Grace Hengst**

GLS member Sherry Thomas is hosting a pool party at her Thousand Oaks home. Please bring bathing suits, towel, flip flops and a dish to pass. Easy-to moderate 3-mile loop hike in Sherry's neighborhood. Two miles on pavement, one on dirt, sneakers with tread are fine or hiking boots if you need them. Dogs welcome at party, must be on leash for hike (coyotes are in the 'hood). 2:00PM - 8:00 PM. Mark your calendar. More info later.

August 27, Saturday **O: Verdugos in a Loop** **Dora Olea, Amanda Smith**

Come on out for a local hike in the Verdugos and enjoy a potluck among the trees while looking at Griffith Park from a new angle. A moderate challenge 6-mile rt., with 1700' feet elevation gain. Approx time 4 hrs. After going up on a challenging steep winding uphill we will take a break to share a potluck and to enjoy the magnificent San Gabriel Mountains to the right, and the Griffith Park to the left. We then go on a moderate fire road downhill and back down to the Stough Cyn Nature Center. Wait!, we are not there yet! We need to go around and between the bottom of the canyon and the golf course before we can reach the cars. Bring lugsole shoes, water, something to eat to share, trekking poles, and a hat. Dogs must bring their own water. Meet at the trail head at 9:00 am. at the Wildwood Canyon Park on Harvard Rd. in Burbank. From the I-5, take Alameda Avenue exit east and follow to Sunset Canyon Blvd. Left on Sunset Canyon, then about a mile to a right on Harvard Rd.; park is on your right about a quarter mile up. Park in the large lot along the road. Rain cancels. Questions? Contact Dora at 213-200-0239.

Sep 2 - Sep 6, Fri - Mon **O: Morro Bay State Park** **Barbara Edwards, Grace Hengst,** **Heather Sargeant**

The Morro Bay trip is SOLD OUT. Please contact leader if interested in wait list.

Join us for an end of the summer Labor Day camping trip. Morro Bay is considered

to be the largest, least disturbed saltwater marsh on the California coastline. This magnificent natural area provides a haven for an extraordinary range of bird life. It is a major stop on the pacific flyway for migratory birds, and around 70,000 birds may be seen on the bay on a given day. It is both a State and National Estuary. Morro Bay State Park is within minutes of a heron rookery, Montaña de Oro State Park, the El Moro Elfin Forest and Audubon's Sweet Springs Nature Preserve. The park is located 200 miles northwest of L.A. Some activities include: hiking at nearby Montana de Oro, kayaking or walking in estuary, birdwatching, or strolling into town for fresh seafood. We have a group campsite and hot showers are available. Dogs are permitted but are not allowed on any state park trails and must be on leash at all times. Per person, \$55 for 3 nights camping and all parking fees. Some RV space available. Send check (made out to GLS) and email address to: Barbara Edwards 1739 S. Sherbourne Dr. L.A. 90035.

September 25, Sunday **O: Barbecue (asada)-Potluck and Hike** **at Sycamore State Beach** **Dora Olea, Judith Demarah, Grace Hengst**

Details in the next Tracks.

Nov 24 - Nov 27, Thu **O: Thanksgiving Desert Outing** **Susan Campo, Barbara Edwards**

This is just an early heads-up to save the dates for a great trip in Nov 2011. It will include 3 nights lodging in a hotel in Beatty, Nevada. Each day some strenuous, unique NEW hikes for those up to the challenge, also some easy walks offered. We will have 2 persons per room or there will be the option of single supplement also available. Thanksgiving dinner will be with your GLS family on the afternoon on Thurs. You can drive home on Sunday through near-by Death Valley National Park. SAVE THE DATES and look in the next TRACKS for how to reserve.



May and June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 1	2	3	4 Griffith Park Amanda, Grace	5	6	7 Channel Islands Day Hike Mike, Tom
9	8	10	11 Griffith Park Dora, Eva	12	13	14 GLS Trail Maintenance Day Anne, Mike
15	16	17 full moon 	18 Griffith Park Nancy, Marie	19	20	21 Long Beach Pride Jeff J., GLS volunteers
22 Long Beach Pride	23	24	25 Griffith Park Dora, Nancy	26	27	28 Betty B. Dearing Loop Nancy, Marie
29	30	31	JUNE 1 Griffith Park Eva, Dora	2	3	4 Getty Center Dora, Jeff J.
5	6	7	8 Griffith Park Marie, Grace	9	10	11 Laguna Coast Ridge Walk Jeff J., Grace
12	13	14	15 full moon 	16	17	18 Bailey Canyon tour and Jones Peak Nancy, Marie
19	20	21	22 Griffith Park Marie, Dora	23	24	25 Harwood Centennial Weekend Angeles Chapter outing <i>Through Sunday</i>
26 Valley Bike Ride Nancy, Mary	27	28	29 Griffith Park Amanda, Nancy	30 July 4th at Red's Meadow Alan, Laura, Karen <i>Through Monday</i>	JULY 1	2

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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/>, 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>

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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