

# TRACKS



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by Wendy T.

One of the most fun things about going on a GLS hike is that you never know who you are going to meet. Luckily, with GLS, there's no shortage of interesting people who show up for our hikes. Our regulars span all sorts of backgrounds and careers,

and newcomers always seem to add something different to the group.

That proved to be true once again on our Josephine Peak hike in the Angeles Forest in April. We started early, to beat the summer-in-spring heat. I soon found myself chatting with a lady from Spain who knows

several languages and translates documents for a living. Being an inquisitive journalist, I learned a few things about how the translation business works and about the political system in her homeland. Spain, by the way, can pat itself on the back for being

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## Building Our Community

By Kyla Hjertstedt

Since its inception, GLS has diligently cultivate an outdoor focused community resource for gays and lesbians in the greater Los Angeles area. For over two decades we've been blessed to have steadfast leaders, volunteers, and board members donate their time to provide the infrastructure, resources, activities, and

leadership needed to sustain our section's hard fought existence within the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. I believe it's no exaggeration to say that GLS is the wonderful group it is because of the dedication of its founding members and current leaders.

Yet leadership is only useful if an

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## GLS Management Committee Meeting, April 21, 2016

In attendance: S.K., Tim, Tammie, Kyla, Jen.

S.K. and Tim updated the board regarding the transition status of treasurer from S.K. to Tim and the transfer status of the GLS P.O. Box from Pasadena to Long Beach.

Kyla reported on GLS' attendance at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center's Women's Health and Wellness Fair earlier this April.

Kyla also shared a request from the Sierra Club's Nominating Committee (NomCom) and the board decided to have

that request shared with GLS members via a write up in an upcoming issue of TRACKS.

Lastly the board discussed possible upcoming fundraising events suggested by GLS members.

Next board meeting date TBA.

## Help Make Angeles Chapter Committees More Diverse

The Executive Committee of our Angeles Chapter is looking for GLS members interested in volunteering at the chapter level. So if you have some time to give, let's bring a little of our LGBT color into the Angeles Chapter Committees!

- **Opportunity 1:** Angeles Chapter Nominating Committee (NomCom)
- **Opportunity 2:** Angeles Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom)
- **Opportunity 3:** Angeles Chapter Parks Committee

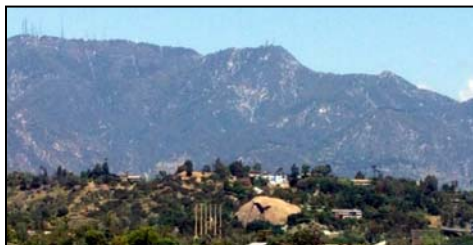
Charming Evelyn is an Executive Member of the Angeles Chapter Sierra Club and Chair of the Water Committee. She is actively working to bring more diversity to the management side of our Angeles Chapter Sierra Club and would love to hear from you. She can answer any questions you have about the Nominating, Executive, or Parks Committees. For more information contact charming at bcharmz@aol.com

## Eagle Rock Walk

By Nancy Beverly, photos Rodney Hoffman

We had a nice turn-out of 11 folks for the Occidental College walk / pub crawl (not everyone went to the pubs).

Rodney Hoffman was a teacher at Oxy when Barack Obama was there as a student,



so Rodney brought along some fun literature and souvenirs (including a class roster book from back in the day when "Barry" was a freshman!). Rodney and Gail took us to an exhibit in the library that featured some photos and writings connected to Mr. Obama, and then over to the photos a fellow student, Lisa Jack, took of him, now blown up and on display outside at the college.

We stopped by two pubs for some beer tasting, and then we went back to Gail and Lynne's home in Eagle Rock for some pizza and fun chatter.

Beautiful spring day, too.

*Left: Eagle Rock from a hill on the Occidental College campus. Right: GLS walkers by some of Lisa Jack's photographs of Obama as a freshman.*



## Information about GLS

**General questions about GLS**, call Marie at 818-406-3529 or Mike at 818-399-4035. **Questions about a specific event**, please call the leaders listed in the schedule.

Contact info is inside the back page.

**GLS Tracks** online: <glstracks.org>

Requires username/password, provided to GLS Tracks subscribers

**Sign up for the FREE GLS email list**, with a weekly email digest of GLS events, go to: <[http://angeles.sierraclub.org/mailling\\_lists](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/mailling_lists)>. Your email address remains confidential and is not displayed to others.

**On Meetup:** <[www.meetup.com/GLS-Gay-and-Lesbian-Sierrans](http://www.meetup.com/GLS-Gay-and-Lesbian-Sierrans)>

**On Facebook:** <[www.facebook.com/groups/87511347304](http://www.facebook.com/groups/87511347304)>

## Next GLS Mgmt. Comm. Meeting

The next management committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 18.

GLS management committee meetings are held about every two months, usually on evenings during the week, 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.

### Management Committee 2016

- **SK Chiou**, Chair
- **Kyla Hjertstedt**, Co-Chair
- **Tim Vo**, Treasurer
- **Tammie Barta**, Secretary
- **Jen Dooley**, Member at Large

### Other GLS Volunteers

**Membership**,  
Tammie Barta and  
Kyla Hjertstedt  
**Conservation**,  
Tom Molloy  
**Webmaster**,  
Tammie Barta  
**TRACKS Editor**,  
Jeff Johnson

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## Serrano Canyon

*Photos by Susan C.*  
Tom and Alan led a hike March 19 in Malibu, starting and ending in Sycamore Canyon, looping through Serrano Canyon. Cool and foggy with lots of flowers in bloom.



*Wishbone plant, Mirabilis californica*



*Purple nightshade, Solanum xanti*



*Bleeding hearts, Dicentra species*



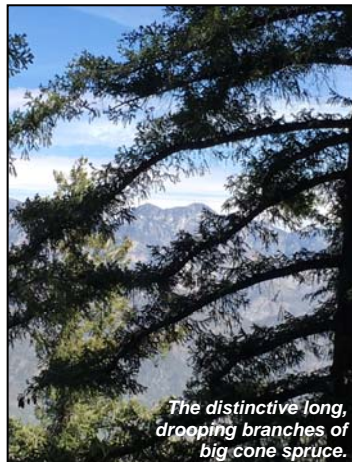
*California poppies, Eschscholzia californica*



*The light in the forest*

## Paul Little

*Photos by Susan C.*  
Susan and Diane led a hike in the Angeles National Forest to the Paul Little picnic area in the Arroyo Seco. Here are some things photographed along the way.



*The distinctive long, drooping branches of big cone spruce.*



*A wild brassica, related to radishes and mustard.*



*Toyon hanging over the trail.*

## Josephine Peak

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one of the first countries in the world to legalize gay marriage -- years before that happened in the U.S.

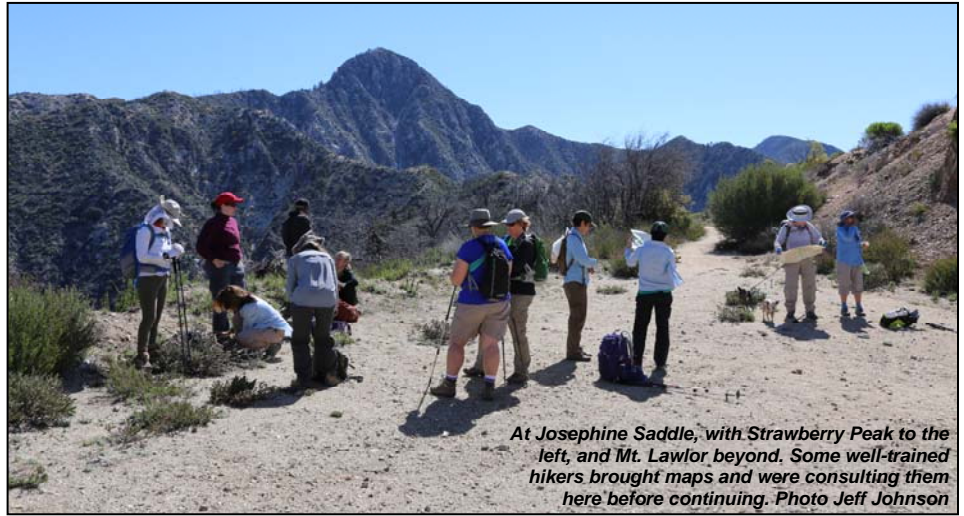
The first segment of the hike was a steady uphill climb, the kind that makes most of us a bit breathless. When I started hiking with GLS a couple decades ago, every time the path inclined upward, I would have to tell my talkative hiking companions, "Sorry, I can't talk here!" because I was out of shape and out of breath. Now, long after becoming a fairly fit hiker, I still congratulate myself on trails like the one leading to Josephine Peak because I can carry on a normal conversation while marching straight uphill.

The scenery changed from bleak chaparral to shady and even lush vegetation as the group headed higher and the air temperature cooled a bit. Despite the drought and recent heat, it was refreshingly green up there!

Halfway through our eight-mike trek, the group made it to the peak. It's about the same elevation as Mount Wilson, which we could see far across a plunging canyon. We had marvelous 360-degree views of the Angeles National Forest and beyond.

After that vigorous climb, we were all ready to have lunch. The peak was unusually windy, and our leader, Dora, pointed out that we'd have a more sheltered spot if we went farther down the trail. But we quickly discovered that if we sat down on the ground, the wind would skip right over us, so we enjoyed our lunches while admiring the panoramic vista.

For the next part of our trek, I struck up a conversation with one of our members who is originally from England. We philosophized about whether the U.S. government system is better or worse than Britain's. The electoral college method of



At Josephine Saddle, with Strawberry Peak to the left, and Mt. Lawlor beyond. Some well-trained hikers brought maps and were consulting them here before continuing. Photo Jeff Johnson

choosing a leader seemed odd and less-than-democratic to my trail companion. But then I pointed out that having a House of Lords (sort of the counterpart to our Senate) that's chosen by heredity isn't exactly an enlightened form of governing either. So, we cheerfully declared a tie.

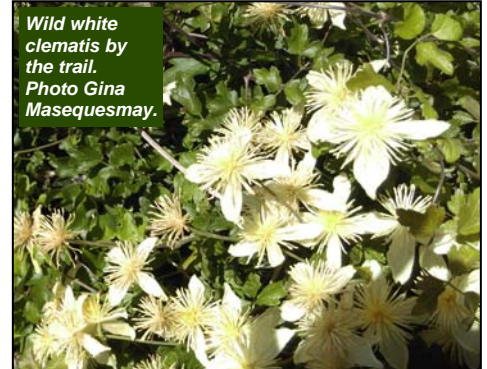
For the last part of the hike, through a cool and shady woodland that, alas, was dotted with poison oak, I chatted with a newcomer who is (gasp!) half my age. She's from another part of the country where they don't have poison oak. When she mentioned that she didn't know how to spot poison oak, I told her about the "leaves of three, let them be" mantra.

I also mentioned that poison oak is the reason I wear long sleeves, long pants, and (unlike just about everyone else in GLS) gloves on the trail. I gave her one more bit of advice... toss the trail clothes in the washing machine when you get home, to wash out the invisible and tenacious poison oak oil that might be sticking to them.

All in all, a superb hike on a glorious day... and it's always good to know that you can learn a few things on the trail as well as pass on a bit of knowledge.



Looking west from Josephine Peak. Mt. Lukens to the left, Big Tujunga Reservoir below to the right. Photo Jeff Johnson



Wild white clematis by the trail. Photo Gina Masequesmay.



Left to right: Mt. Wilson, San Gabriel Peak, Mt. Disappointment, and Mt. Deception, as seen from Josephine Saddle. Photo Jeff Johnson.

# Joshua Tree Backpack

*Photos Jeff Johnson*

Some pictures of our short backpack in Joshua Tree with Dora, March 11-13, starting at the Black Rock Canyon trailhead, heading up toward Eureka Peak, then circling around to return to our starting point.



*Left: Starting at the Black Rock Canyon trailhead. Right: On Eureka Peak.*



*Looking toward Cajon Pass from Eureka Peak. It was breezy enough that the marine layer was blowing all the way to and partly through the pass.*



*Left: Dora preparing the garbage bag salad in a garbage bag. Center: A Dr. Seuss-looking Joshua Tree. Right: Afternoon shade on our back country camp site.*



*Left: Garbage bag salad served on a Joshua tree. Center: Leaving our camp Sunday morning. Right: Tortoise burrow by the trail.*



*Left: Bright yellow flowers—sadly, fewer flowers in bloom this year than last year. Right: Back at the trailhead, ready to head for La Casita Nueva.*

## Conservation Notes

By Tom Molloy

### Proposed Major Expansion of the Santa Monica National Recreation Areas

With more than 17 million people, the Los Angeles metropolitan area has less open space than all other large urban areas on the west coast. The Rim of the Valley proposal, which would expand Santa Monica National Recreation Area, represents an opportunity for the National Park Service to protect some of the last wild lands and historic sites in the greater Los Angeles area.

The proposed expansion would help:

- Create new outdoor recreation opportunities for more 17 million area residents
- Preserve critical wildlife habitat
- Protect cultural sites that allow the National Park Service to tell the story of the region's nationally significant history, including El Pueblo de Los Angeles, the City's downtown historic district
- Local governments and schools to connect youth with the outdoors

This significant expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley would expand the boundary of the existing

recreation area to include more than 170,000 acres, bringing it to 323,000 acres and more than doubling its size.

The study to consider expanding the area was authorized following the passage of legislation sponsored by Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) in 2008. The final report is available to the public and has been delivered to Congress. Please write to Congressmen and Senators to encourage them to swiftly pass legislation to make the expansion a reality. You might remind them that when the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area was first legislated in the 70s, it had envisioned even more acreage than he proposed expansion. This simply gets us moving in the right direction to fulfill the original legislation.

## Wellness Fair

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organization can retain and grow enough participants to make all the volunteered hours feel meaningful or worthwhile. So, on April 16th, with membership in mind and advertisement flyers and banners in hand, three GLS leaders (Laura Rainey, Carol Jeffcoate, and myself) gladly attended The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center's: 360 Health and Wellness Fair for LGBTQ Women; a community event providing speakers, workshops, vendors, and resources focused on Women's Health.

As we tended our booth at the Wellness Fair I looked around the courtyard to the other vendors and to all the women coming through the event and I was reminded of not only the power of networks and community but also of the importance of being one part of a larger voice. The Los Angeles Center has long been a haven for gays and lesbians in need, and over time has developed into an incredible resource and advocate for our ever expanding, alphabet soup of a community. How awesome it was to see booths from all sectors of physical, mental, and social health coming together to provide support and resources to our diverse community! As a U.S. History teacher I am continually encouraged when I reflect on how far our community has come in the last decade and as a lesbian I am inspired by the work of our forefathers and foremothers in carrying us past the most difficult of times so that we, as a community, could reap the benefits of their sacrifices as we enjoy the advantages of being part of the post-DADT/DOMA/Prop 8 era.

Our participation in the Center's event provided GLS with an avenue to share our



passion for the preservation and exploration of nature with a receptive, LGBTQ-Women, audience and we came away from the event with a not-too-shabby list of names and emails to add to our weekly email update list. It's exciting to see healthy numbers show up to our events, particularly when it's a mixture of longtime members and first-timers or newbies; for in that mix we see our friends and history but also our future. I enjoyed volunteering to represent GLS at this event for two reasons: (1) I got to attend with two awesome GLS leaders; during the carpool I learn about geology, chemistry, environmental cleanup, patents, and engineering as part of their casual conversations - the philosopher part of me was ecstatic!!! (2) because it was encouraging to see that there are queer Los Angelenos of all ages who are excited when they hear about our organization.

With new and sustained membership in mind, a big THANKS to Nancy Beverly for her work in keeping our GLS MeetUp page up and running, to Jeff Cuevas for doing the same on Facebook, to Laura Rainey for



sending out weekly email reminders of upcoming events, to Tammie Barta for designing and maintaining our new TRACKS website, and to Jeff Johnson for the amazing amount of work he's put in over the years providing us with a written and visual history of our organization as editor of our bi-monthly TRACKS Newsletter.

Active membership is everything to an organization like ours and I hope that each and every one of us works to encourage new and sustained membership in GLS. I may be biased, but I think we're a pretty awesome group! So next time you have a chance, spread the word about GLS; invite a friend (or a stranger) to a hike, post outing photos to your social media sites and don't forget to include GLS in the comments and captions, and if you're part of another LGBTQ group encourage their membership to check out our events and perhaps help facilitate an occasion where we can have cross-organization collaboration such as our recent GLS involvement at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center's Health and Wellness Fair.

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## Outings & Events

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### May

**May 14-15, Saturday-Sunday**

**O: Little Jimmy Backpack, Angeles National Forest *Ted's Provisional* Ted Hirscher, Dora Olea**

Join us for "Big Fun at Little Jimmy Camp" on Ted's Provisional. 7 mi rt, 1621' gain/loss in this easy to moderate backpack with day hikes. Our hike starts in the Angeles National Forest at the Islip Saddle parking lot (elevation 6593') at 9:00 am (optional carpool from La Canada Ridesharing Point at 7: 30am SHARP). We pick up the Pacific Crest Trail and follow the well-graded trail 2.5 miles climbing through chaparral and then pines to the Little Jimmy Campground at 7500' elevation. The campground has 16 campsites and pit toilets are available. There is a year-round spring with a pipe for a faucet 1/4 mile from camp that can be a source where we can filter water. If you plan on using a portable backpacking stove, you need a California Campfire Permit. You can get one free and print it to bring at [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov). After setting up camp we will day hike to the Windy Gap saddle 7588' for lunch and great views of Crystal Lake, the surrounding mountains such as Baden-Powell, and the Los Angeles Basin below. Sunday's day hike will be to Mt. Islip 8214' and then returning to break

camp and hike back to cars. Bring food for your Saturday lunch, a Happy Hour snack to share and your dinner. For Sunday, breakfast, lunch and snacks. Let's play UNO under the stars Saturday night after our HAPPY Happy Hour!!! Interested? Please contact Ted at [Ted12339@aol.com](mailto:Ted12339@aol.com).

**May 22, Sunday**

**O: Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Chino Hills**

**Laura Rainey, Karen Lovett**

Please join us as we explore this beautiful traditional Hindu Mandir located in Chino Hills. Opened in 2012, this is the fifth traditional Hindu Mandir in North America. Constructing a traditional Hindu Mandir in the 21st century requires the perfect combination of state-of-the-art engineering methodology and ancient carving techniques. From cutting-edge earthquake protection technology to hand-carved marble archways, this Mandir represents a unique fusion of traditional Indian architecture and modern construction. The exterior is beautifully carved Indian pink sandstone, with an intricately carved interior of white Italian marble. To protect the Mandir for thousands of years against natural disasters such as earthquakes, ancient engineering practices were combined with modern technology, utilizing cutting-edge seismic technology. The Mandir is also powered by green energy. Please respect the dress code - all clothing must cover shoulders and knees. Meet at 11: 00 am. We'll explore the

buildings, have lunch at the on-site Shayona vegetarian cafe, then continue our visit of the site. Meet in front of the Cafe at 11:00am. The Mandir is at 15100 Fairfield Ranch Road, Chino Hills. Parking and entry is free. Questions? Contact Laura Rainey at [geowmn@verizon.net](mailto:geowmn@verizon.net).

**May 27-30, Friday-Monday**

**O: Telescope Peak, Memorial Day Weekend**

**Susan Campo, Heather Sargeant**

This is the leader's favorite hike in S. California because from the top of Telescope Peak you can see the lowest point in our nation (Badwater in Death Valley) and at the same time swing around to see the highest point in the USA (Mt. Whitney)! There will be Primitive camping at the trail head for TELESCOPE PEAK, which we will hike on Sunday. The hike is 14 miles RT with 3000 ft. gain to top. The campground is at over 8000 ft. (cold at night). Telescope Peak is 11,049 feet elevation. Saturday we will hike WILDROSE PEAK as a beautiful warm-up! Wildrose Peak is 9000 feet elevation. The trail for that begins 2000 feet lower in elevation and is an 8 mile RT day hike. (Disclaimer: The road up from the Charcoal Kilns to the trailhead at Mahogany Flats Campground is 2 miles and marked as 4x4 only.... However, most vehicles can make it since it was "improved". If you do not want to try it, I could pick up your gear on Saturday before or after the Wildrose hike which will begin

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### Weekly Griffith Park Conditioning Hikes

**What:** On Wednesday nights, join us for a moderate (strenuous if you are out of shape) hike to Mt. Hollywood, 6 miles, 1145' gain/loss. This is a great mid-week workout. Lug-soled boots are best for traction, but some hikers wear sneakers. Bring a quart of water, snacks if you like, and a flashlight if not used to hiking in the dark. We have a few tiny breaks on the way up, stop at the top, gawk at the city lights until we get a chill, and then return to our cars by approx. 9:30 p.m. Dogs are welcome;

bring a leash and extra water. Rain cancels.

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

**Where:** Near the flagpole and picnic tables at Crystal Springs Griffith Park HQ/Visitors Center/ Ranger Station, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, LA. ( Note: Mapquest, Google Maps, etc. may be misleading.)

**Directions:**

(1) From Los Feliz Blvd. (which you can reach from I-5 or coming from Hollywood), turn north on Crystal Springs Dr.

Proceed 0.5 mi. to the 3-way stop sign, go straight, and proceed 0.6 mi. and turn right in the driveway just after the Ranger Station. Drive around behind the Ranger Station to Park. Then meet us in the courtyard in the center of the buildings (picnic tables, soda machine, big tree). (2) From Fwy. 134 East, exit Victory, turn right at bottom of ramp. Make immediate left onto Zoo Drive. Drive through the park, passing the zoo on your right and the Gene Autry Museum on your left. Curve around and pass the golf

course. You'll come to a stop sign at Griffith Park Drive & Crystal Springs Road (which is the road you're on now, it changes names). Proceed one more block to the next stop sign at the Ranger Station and turn left. Drive all the way around behind the Ranger Station to park. Then meet us in the courtyard in the center of the buildings (picnic tables, soda machine, big tree). (3) From Fwy. 134 West, take the Zoo Drive exit, turn left onto Zoo Drive and proceed as above (directions 2).

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### Signal Hill Conditioning Walks

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

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

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

**When:** Every *last* Wednesday of the month (except holidays), at 7:00 pm. Back at the cars

around 8:30 pm.

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

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and end at the tourist site called the Charcoal Kilns which every car can reach. IF needing a pick up you must bring 1 bag or backpack with all your gear and food plus several gallons of water jugs. Then you would camp with us for Sat. and Sun. nights. Monday we plan to leave, and we could drop you off back at the Kilns. Others driving up can get to the campsites by Friday afternoon.)

Bring all your own food, potluck on Saturday night and at least a gallon of water per day. Appropriate hiking clothes for all weather (rain or shine, windy or cold). Telescope Peak area is at high elevation and is not HOT like the low lands of Death Valley. You may even see some snow along the trail!

To reserve send a check made out to GLS for \$20 to Susan Campo, 308 Fillmore St., Pasadena, CA 91106.... limited spaces available. **IF YOU SHOW UP AND HIKE WITH US, YOUR CHECK WILL BE HANDED BACK TO YOU.... IF YOU DO NOT SHOW UP, YOUR CHECK WILL BE CASHED AND USED FOR GROUP SUPPLIES, thanks!** When you reserve be sure to tell me if you need a pick up at the KILNS.... those spaces will be limited as to how many need this service. Reserve soon when you are sure!

## June

### June 4, Saturday

**O: Serrano Canyon and Valley**  
**Alan Schimpff, Anna Baum**

This hike starts out moving north on the pleasant Sycamore Canyon trail for about a mile and a half, where you come to the junction with Serrano Canyon Trail. The Serrano trail takes you east into a wooded narrow canyon. As the trail begins to gain elevation and move north away from the stream, a stunning vista begins to emerge. The trail traverses gently rolling grasslands set against the steep outlines of Boney Mountain. You continue through to Serrano Valley, where we will look for a good spot for an early lunch or snack. We will then head back, retracing our steps. An easy 8 miles, 700' elevation gain. Meet at 8:30 AM in the parking lot in the Big Sycamore Canyon Campground, located about 5 miles south of Point Mugu on Highway 1 (PCH). Questions? Contact Alan at 310-589-9125.

### June 11, Saturday

**O: Arroyo Seco: Brown Mountain Dam**  
**Gail Wise, Jeff Johnson**

This is an easy, 8 mile hike along the wooded Arroyo Seco canyon. The stream generally flows year-round, so expect numerous stream crossings. We'll start near JPL and head up the Gabrielino Trail. We'll pass Gould Mesa campground, honoring Will Gould, who homesteaded here in the 1890s. This area was once extensively built up with bridges, cabins and campgrounds, most of which are now ruins. You'll see lots of live oaks, wildflowers, cactii, blooming yucca and birds. We'll break at the dam before returning. If the water is flowing, you'll be able to walk behind the waterfall that cascades down the side of the dam and cool down before returning. Bring lunch, two liters of water, sun protection and decent shoes. Dogs on leash are welcome. Meet at the west end of West Altadena Drive in Altadena where the street terminates at 8:30 a.m. This is a residential neighborhood and there should be plenty of parking. From the I-210 West, exit Lincoln Ave. Go north on Lincoln. Turn left on West Altadena Drive and park at the end of the street. 9 miles RT. 800 ft. elevation gain. Call / email Gail or Jeff with questions. Gail's cell 310-433-2298, gailwise2@gmail.com, or Jeff 562-434-8473, jgj@cheerful.com.

### June 17-19, Friday-Sunday

**O: Harwood Lodge**  
**Nancy Beverly, Jeff Johnson**

Two mints in one: it's a GLS weekend in the mountains near Mt. Baldy AND a movie shoot. As we go to press, writer/producer/GLS leader Nancy Beverly is planning on shooting part of her short film SHELBY'S VACATION up at Harwood Lodge on this weekend. She could use some volunteers for things like prepping food, washing dishes, fetching equipment and acting as background hiking extras (it's your big chance to be on the silver screen!). In exchange for some work, she will cover your overnight fee and feed you. You are then welcome to go on a hike, although the area is at a high altitude, so be a smart hiker. If you'd like to hike only and not volunteer, there is a remote possibility you can come up (space is limited, we'll have a film crew of nearly 20) but we will not cover your costs. Contact nancybeverly@sbcglobal.net by June 1st if you're interested. Much gratitude!!

### June 26, Sunday

**O: Stunt High Trail to Saddle Peak**  
**Mary Pickert's provisional**  
**Mary Pickert, Teresa Nick**

Years in the making, it's time for Mary's provisional hike! Are you looking for a mostly shady trail (check), some incline (check), views of the ocean (check), views of the mountains (if we're lucky), oak woodland (check), and the chance to bag another peak (check)? Come join us for this scenic hike in the Santa Monica Mountains, which starts creekside in an oak woodland, and ends with panoramic views of the Pacific. Dogs are welcome; bring a leash and extra water. Rain or extreme weather cancels. Bring 10 essentials, lug soles, sun-protection, layers, 2 liters of water and snack/lunch. This hike is approximately 7.5 miles round trip with estimated elevation gain of 1,675 feet. Meet at 8 AM at the Stunt High Trail pull out.

Directions: From 101 North, exit Topanga Canyon Blvd South (CA-27), go 1.6 miles, turn right at Mulholland DR for .5 miles, turn left at Mulholland HWY and go 5.3 miles, turn left at Stunt RD for 1.0 mile to the pullout on the right. From 101 South, exit on Las Virgenes Road and head south for 3 miles to Mulholland Highway. Turn left and continue 4 miles to Stunt Road. Turn right and drive 1 mile to the pullout on the right.

From Santa Monica, drive north on PCH/ Highway 1 to Topanga Canyon Blvd (CA-27) and go 4.3 miles. Turn left at Old Topanga Canyon RD, go 3.7 miles. Turn left to stay on Old Topanga Canyon for 1.6 miles. Turn left to stay on Old Topanga Canyon Rd for .4 miles. Turn left at Mulholland Hwy for 3.6 miles. Turn left at Stunt Rd for 1.0 mile to the pullout on the right. Questions? Contact Mary, mmpick@yahoo.com

## Future Outings

### July 16, Saturday

**O: The Getty Museum**  
**Nancy Beverly, Jeff Johnson**

Join us for Jeff and Nancy's seemingly-annual trip to the Getty for some cultcha. This time, fasten your seatbelts, we'll be taking in Robert Mapplethorpe's homoerotic photographs! Be parking your car at 9:30 in the Getty Center garage and getting on the shuttle up the hill shortly thereafter so we can meet at the top of the steps before the museum entrance at 10 a.m. to beat the crowds. Location: 1200 N. Sepulveda. Los

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Angeles. Entrance is free, parking is \$15. Bring water, snacks, lunch money if you like and your camera for the outdoor views and flowers. Contact Jeff (jgj@cheerful.com) or Nancy (nancybeverly@sbcglobal.net) about carpooling from either Long Beach or the Valley.

### July 30, Saturday

**O: Ontario Peak (8693') via Icehouse Saddle (7580')**

**Dora Olea, Gina Masequesmay**

From Icehouse Saddle the long, multiple humped Ontario Ridge just southwestward, standing above 8000' for some 2 miles, separating the San Antonio Peak from the Cucamonga watershed. Blanketing the upper north slopes of the ridge in a lush forest- rather dense in sheltered recesses, thinning out on crest of white fir, ponderosa and sugar pine and, higher up, lodgepole pine. The Ontario Peak Trail traverses this ridge, staying just on the north side of the crest, from Icehouse Saddle. En route it visits Kelly's Camp – established as mining prospect by John Kelly in 1850, turned into a trail resort by Henry Delker in 1922, and now an unimproved wilderness campsite with its cabin foundations and small spring, flowing in early season beyond the camp as one of the best camps in the eastern high country. 13 miles rt., 3600' elevation gain/lost. This hike is rated as moderate to strenuous; however, we will hike a moderate pace. National Forest Adventure Pass is a must, bring 10 essentials, 3 quarters water (more if it is hot out), lug soles, hiking poles recommended, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, snacks and lunch. Meet 8 a.m. ready to hike at the parking lot. Because parking is tight, carpooling is recommended. Directions: 210 E. exit on Baseline Rd. Turn left, next light turn right on Padua Av., right onto Mt. Baldy Rd. Go past Mt. Baldy Village 2mi. Turn right at Icehouse Cyn. Questions? Contact Dora at [chamacasister@gmail.com](mailto:chamacasister@gmail.com)

### August 6-8, Saturday-Monday

**O: Backpacking to San Gorgonio Mt. (11,502') Via Vivian Creek**  
**Dora Olea, Jeff Johnson**

This impressive but majestic mountain is the highest mountain in the South California. Our backpack trip is classified as a strenuous, but we will travel at easy pace over two days. Saturday: We will backpack 5.5 miles with 3360' gain from

Vivian Creek Trailhead to High Creek Trail Camp, set up camp, explore the area and enjoy Happy Hour, the Leader's Garbage Bag Salad and dinner (on your own) as we prepare for an early start the next day. Sunday: In the morning we will travel 3.8 miles to the peak with a light load, then return to camp. Monday: We pack up, break camp, and hike down to the trail. Experienced backpackers only. Cost of the trip is \$15.00 per person. Questions? Contact Dora at [chamacasister@gmail.com](mailto:chamacasister@gmail.com) with recent backpacking experience and conditioning for trip status and trip details.

### August 19-21, Friday-Sunday

**O: Marion Mt. camp, San Jacinto Mountain (10,804') day hike**  
**Dora Olea, Gina Masequesmay**

San Jacinto is considered a strenuous hike because of its altitude (10,804') and length, about 12 miles rt. 4689 gain. We will trek at a moderate pace to its summit. However, if you prefer to stay in the camp and relax, you are welcome to do so. On Friday, we will acclimate in the camp with a delicious meal of your own. On Saturday, we will hike up to conquer the mountain and return to camp for happy hour, Leaders' Garbage Bag Salad, dinner, and good night's sleep. On Sunday, we will break up the camp and leave. The campsite has limited space for participants and parking. Cost is \$ 20.00 dollars per person for 3 days and 2 nights or partial time. Carpooling is strongly recommended. Space is limited, for more info and RSVP, contact Dora at [chamacasister@gmail.com](mailto:chamacasister@gmail.com)

### August 27, Saturday

**O: Beach Bike Ride**  
**Mike Brostoff, Susan Campo**

Details in the next issue of Tracks.

### September 2016

#### September 3-5, Saturday-Monday

**O: White Mountain. (14,252')**  
**Dora Olea, TBA**

This is a classic hike on a trail to a non-classic but very famous, majestic mountain – WHITE Mountain. On Sunday there will be an Open House at the USC Research Station which means we can drive up a bit more to the higher trailhead making this hike 10 mi rt. And 2000ft gain/loss. DO NOT underestimate this hike as the elevation can make it extremely difficult. NO BEGINNERS!!! Please do not attempt this hike if you are inexperienced with altitude and its effects on your body!!! Sept. 3, Saturday: Drive up from LA and meet at a primitive site for camping.

Sept. 4, Sunday: we will acclimatize with a moderate hike in the interesting Bristlecone Pine forest and re-group at a remote primitive location.

Sept. 5, Monday: At dawn drive up the 13 mile gravel road to the gate of the research facility and start at the highest possible trailhead to climb WHITE MOUNTAIN!!! After the hike you are free to depart... Cost is of the trip \$15.00, carpooling is recommended. RSVP to Dora at [chamacasister@gmail.com](mailto:chamacasister@gmail.com).

### September 4 – 10, Sunday-Saturday

**O: New Mexico: North of Taos**  
**Mike Brostoff, Grace Hengst**

Spend a week in Northern New Mexico at Takoja Retreats. Nestled on 40 acres, 28 miles north of Taos, the Takoja Retreat Center is surrounded by tall mountains and wide expanses of sage and cedar. There are many activities to suit everyone from exploring unlimited hiking trails and mountains, (including Wheeler Peak, the highest mountain in New Mexico standing at over 13,000 feet) to Taos with its pueblo and diverse artist scene. The mountains offer much more wildlife viewing than we are accustomed to in California. Bighorn sheep, black bears, and marmots are common, with an occasional mountain lion or porcupine sighting for the off trail adventurer, and don't forget, the coyotes will sing you to sleep every star-filled night. There will be a few group activities, but most of the week is left free to spend the time as you wish.

You have your option of camping on the property or staying in the two adobe domes complete with kitchen, bathrooms and showers. They've added authentic New Mexico cuisine to complement the full buffet breakfasts served every day. In addition, there are three complete evening dinners and one supper of gourmet leftovers. Price for the trip varies depending on the accommodations you choose:

- Dome: Two person loft with private bathroom: \$410 (per person)
- Dome: Communal sleeping area: \$375
- Camping: \$325

Since the acoustics of the domes can generate a lot of noise, we are encouraging people to camp. Campers will have access to the bathrooms and showers. Please send check payable to GLS, phone number, address and email address to Mike Brostoff 11220 Moorpark #110 North Hollywood, 91602. If interested in the loft, please contact Mike first to check for availability. The trip is open to 15 people.

# May and June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Griffith Park Dora, Mike	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Griffith Park Gina, Dora	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Little Jimmy Backpack <i>Ted's Provisional</i> Ted, Dora Through Sunday
<b>15</b> End Little Jimmy backpack	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Griffith Park Dora, Gina	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> full moon 
<b>22</b> Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Laura, Karen	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Griffith Park Gina, Dora Signal Hill	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Telescope Peak Memorial Day Weekend Susan, Heather Through Monday	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> End Telescope Peak	<b>31</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b> Griffith Park Mike, Dora	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Serrano Canyon and Valley Alan, Anna
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Griffith Park Dora, Mike	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Arroyo Seco, Brown Mtn. Dam Gail, Jeff J.
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Griffith Park Gina, TBA	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Harwood Lodge Nancy, Jeff J. Through Sunday	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> End Harwood Lodge	<b>20</b> full moon 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Griffith Park Jan, Dora	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Stunt High Trail to Saddle Peak <i>Mary's Provisional</i> Mary, Teresa	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Griffith Park Dora, Mike Signal Hill	<b>30</b>	<b>JULY 1</b>	<b>2</b>

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## Outings Volunteers

### Mike Brostoff, Outings Schedule

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

### Dawn Wilson, Outings Liaison to Angeles Chapter

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

### Laura Rainey, Weekly Reminder

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



On the  
Serrano  
Canyon hike  
March 19

## Important Outing Information

### Waiver

To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you must sign a liability waiver. To read a copy of the waiver before the outing, go to: <http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/local-outdoors>. Questions? Call 415-977-5528.

### 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, (such

as a ranger, guide, or a concessionaire).

**SE** Social event.

### Outing Reservations

Reservation fees of from \$5-\$15 are refunded only when you show up and if they aren't needed to offset costs. Cancellation policy on more expensive trips is as follows: Cancellation within 30 days, no refund without replacement. If your spot is filled, 90% will be refunded. This policy is in effect unless the leader states otherwise in writing. Always send two SASEs, contact and drive/ carpool information. Make checks payable to "GLS".

### Dogs

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

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

### Seller of Travel Notice

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

### Adventure Pass

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

buying a pass, possibly incurring a ticket. The choice is yours.

### Carpooling

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

### Rideshare Points

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

### La Canada Rideshare Point

Exit 210 at Rte 2 / Angeles Crest Hwy. Go N (uphill) 1/4 mi on Rte 2, park at curb on right, on the long, straight uphill section in a residential neighborhood.

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