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Little Jimmy Backpack Ted's Provisional Hike

Dora Olea

By Ted Hirscher

Ever dreamed of watermelon above the clouds, Fire Angels or hikers on a 2600 mile trek ? These are only a few of the highlights of the Big Fun at Little Jimmy Backpack Trip, May 14 & 15, 2016.

Our perfect dozen backpacked up the

Pacific Crest Trail high above the very thick marine layer through chaparral and pines with spectacular views of surrounding mountains and high desert to the Little Jimmy Camp. Upon our arrival to the camp, we were greeted by a group of Korean hikers who were having a picnic that included

what looked like a 20 pound watermelon. Can you imagine carrying one for 2 miles? We were amazed. They were very kind and shared their refreshing watermelon with us hot and relatively tired GLSers.

While gathered around the fire pit that

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Stunt High Trail

By Mary Pickert

Well it was a long time coming for me. But maybe that's how I operate.... After years of being an active participant in GLS activities, from the Griffith Park Wed night hikes, to longer local hikes, to even the car camps in the Sierras at Rock Creek Lake and along the Central Coast, I finally decided to take the plunge and see if I could lead a hike.

Mary's Provisional Hike

Though I have certainly done many private hikes over the years, it was a different experience to actually plan and lead an event – from picking a hike I thought would be new and fun, to scouting the hike, answering various questions from folks that were thinking about going on the hike, to monitoring weather conditions and

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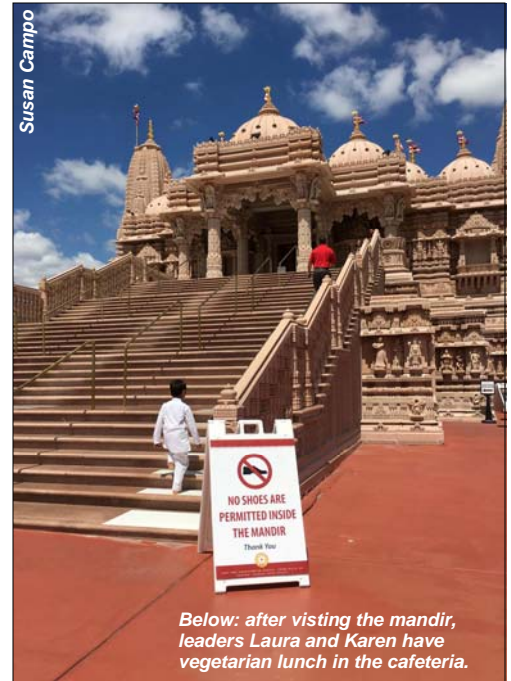


Laura Rainey

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

On May 22, Laura and Karen took a GLS group to visit the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Chino Hills, a Hindu temple complex that opened in 2012. It is the fifth mandir of traditional design in North America. The mandir is built of stone quarried

in India and Italy, then carved in India, then shipped in pieces to Chino Hills. The California location required that it be engineered for earthquake-resistance, but that is not evident on the outside. It's so convincingly Indian that Susan declared during the visit that now she doesn't have to go to the other side of the world to see India because she has seen it right here in California.



Susan Campo

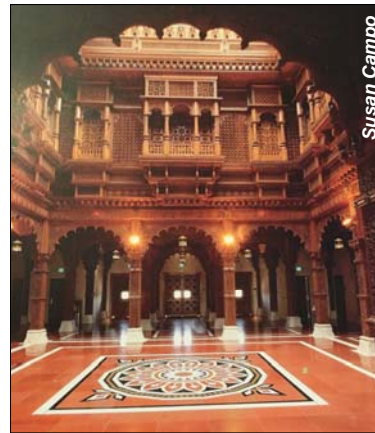
Below: after visiting the mandir, leaders Laura and Karen have vegetarian lunch in the cafeteria.



Susan Campo



Susan Campo



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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.

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Next GLS Mgmt. Comm. Meeting

The next management committee meeting is expected in July.

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.

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Clouds over Los Angeles make a dramatic view from the top of Mt. Islip. Twin Peaks in the distance.



Above and below: Settling in for the evening at the Little Jimmy Campground



Ready to go at the Islip Saddle trailhead.

Little Jimmy Backpack

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evening we were visited by Fire Angels. Let me explain. There was a group of boys camping next to us with their fathers. Their fathers wanted to teach them to be of service so the boys cheerfully kept us supplied with firewood the whole evening. That fire was toasty enough and our group lively enough to attract many of the Thru Hikers camped near-by. They were delighted when we offered to share our left-over Happy Hour snacks with them. What a joy it was to hear stories of their

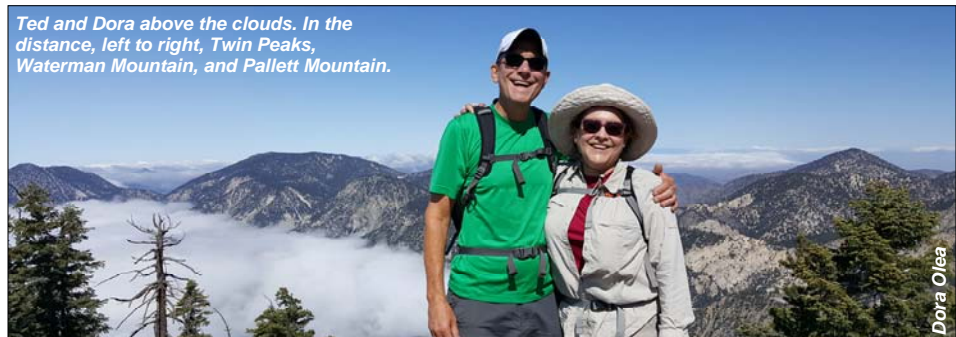
adventure traveling from Mexico to Canada on the PCT. A great evening of conversation was spent around that fire.

Imagine our surprise when we headed to the Mt. Islip peak expecting to enjoy views of the Los Angeles Basin below only to find we were just above a thick marine layer. I must say that view was more spectacular than any of us could have imagined. It was truly awesome!

It was a forever memorable Provisional Lead in which I had the pleasure of introducing four of the participants to the joys of backpacking.



Ted Hirscher



Ted and Dora above the clouds. In the distance, left to right, Twin Peaks, Waterman Mountain, and Pallett Mountain.

Dora Olea

Memorial Day Weekend Above Death Valley

By Susan Campo

Over Memorial Day weekend, 15 people enjoyed a high camp at Mahogany Flats in Death Valley National Park. The weather there is never as hot as the valley. As a matter of fact, Susan Campo and Heather Sargeant experienced a hail and snow storm on Wednesday evening before the group arrived. Susan arrived on Tuesday and transferred gear from “here to there” to acquire the best five camping sites in a row for GLS.

The higher desert was surprisingly full of wildflowers. The 8000 foot elevation was great for Mountain Mahogany; 10000 foot grows the best limber pines. We even hiked through a bristlecone pine grove near the top of Telescope Peak at 11000 feet. Susan, Heather and also Bruce didn’t waste time coming early. They did hikes each day in the local area. The rest of the group came Friday night or Saturday morning to find great campsites and plenty of parking for everyone!

On Saturday weather was perfect, but only 8 of the 15 decided to try the Wildrose Peak hike. Others were recovering from a long work week and were saving energy for Sunday. Wildrose Peak was 9 miles RT to 9000 feet and gave us good views of the lower Death Valley as well as Augereberry Peak and Roger’s Peak. That night was very memorable as Stranger Ranger visited us around the campfire with humorous tales of politics, history of the area, and a few ghost stories. After all, Stranger Ranger has been assigned as chief recorder of the “Paranormal Experiences” in Death Valley!!!!

Sunday and Monday morning we were visited by Mike Brostoff, the Kringle delivery man. Yum! That should give anyone the energy to ascend Telescope Peak! It was 14 miles RT with a 3000 foot gain, moderately strenuous. During the hike Tom and Alan assisted Heather and Susan in providing a leader and sweep at all times. By taking turns we followed all Sierra Club safety rules so that our group had a fully successful adventure experience.

That night a surprise chocolate birthday cake was given to Alan Schimpff to celebrate his reverse birthday; I think he’s getting younger!



Wednesday night, Mahogany Flat campground was covered with snow and hail; photo Susan.



Thursday, Susan and Heather took a hike to Roger’s Peak, above Death Valley; photo Susan.



Friday, scouting a “shortcut” to Wildrose Peak ended up here, at “Heather’s Peak.” Photo Bruce Chambers.



Lizard on a log; photo Susan. Susan pointing to Telescope Peak, behind Roger’s Peak; photo Bruce Chambers.



The hikers about to start up to Wildrose Peak on Saturday morning, starting from the Wildrose Charcoal Kilns, which is back down the road from the Mahogany Flat campground; photo Susan.



The USGS bench mark at the summit of Wildrose Peak; photo Susan.



On the way up Wildrose Peak, and then balancing on the windy summit; both photos Susan.



Starting up to Telescope Peak on Sunday; photo Susan.



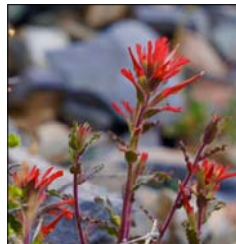
Climbing up toward Telescope Peak, with Death Valley below; photo Susan.



At the summit of Telescope Peak; photo Susan.



The Stranger Ranger visits camp Saturday evening; photo left Susan; photo right Bruce Chambers.



Alan's birthday cake; photo Susan. Cactus, white thistles, paintbrush, monkey flower, and primrose blooming in the mountains; photos Susan.

Brown Canyon Dam

Jeff Johnson photos, except as noted

A big group of us had a pleasant riparian walk up the Arroyo Seco to Brown Canyon Dam on June 11. It was cool and we found many of the expected wildflowers in bloom. And we heard the latest on Nancy's movie—Harwood in August!



Humboldt lily (*Lilium*)



Larkspur (*Delphinium*)



Primrose (*Oenothera*)



Stopping and stooping; wildflower photographer on the trail



Prickly phlox (*Leptodactylon*)



Jimson weed (*Datura*)



Photo Susan Campo

Conservation Notes

By Tom Molloy

Backbone Trail Finally Completed!

For about 50 years, the Backbone Trail, stretching 67 miles between Point Mugu State Park and Will Rogers State Historic Park, has slowly evolved as public funding and private donations allowed the acquisitions of land. Finally, it is nearing completion as 3 remaining parcels get acquired join the 180 individual tracts that have been purchased since the 1960s by the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and

Conservation Authority. One of the key parcels was a generous donation to the public from former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and fitness pioneer Betty Weider.

In the late 1960s as 3 state parks were designated, Point Mugu, Malibu Creek and Topanga -- the ethic in the mountains began shifting from one of exploiting the resource to conservation of the unique Mediterranean eco system.

Some hope for the development of campsites along the trail and for its extension one day into Griffith Park, but with wildfire danger ever present, the concept of campsites is controversial.

The park service is seeking designation of the trail as a National Recreation Trail, which would help the park service secure

additional funding for maintenance and other acquisitions.

Milt McAuley, a well known advocate of the Santa Monica Mountains, despite vowing not to die until the trail was completed, died in 2008. His obituary described him as the patriarch of hiking in the Santa Monica Mountains, and his words are preserved in trail guides that he self-published for hikers. "Come along with me," he wrote. "We'll see spectacular waterfalls, travel challenging trails and savor the beauty of hundreds of acres of California lilacs. We will make our way across ridges, down into canyons and meet head-to-head the still wild land unchanged since the days Indians walked their trails. You will discover what it is like to live with the wilderness in our back yard."



Ready to go for Mary's hike. Photo from Mary.

Stunt High Trail

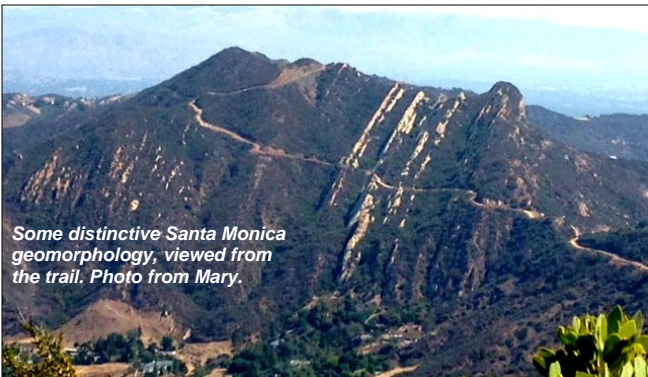
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actually being out in front, leading a group on the trail!

Though the weather had been cooler in early June, a heat wave struck LA the week of my hike. Fourteen earnest hikers met in Calabasas at 8 AM, eager to give the Stunt High Trail a go – with Ted H. as the solo male of the group. The hike began in a shaded oak grove along Cold Creek. The creek has water year round, and....lots of poison oak along the trail. Thankfully the trail was wide enough so that it was easy to avoid.

After a short bit, we left the shaded oak grove and the trail narrowed to a single track as we passed Stunt Ranch, a private UCLA preserve, and began a gradual climb.

At this point, the trail emerged into the sun and our



Some distinctive Santa Monica geomorphology, viewed from the trail. Photo from Mary.

intrepid hikers began to feel the sun and some heat as the day warmed up. We had some nice vistas of Calabasas Peak and other sandstone peaks in the area. We crossed a busy Mulholland Freeway (a caravan of VWs went racing by) and then climbed further up the trek. After a second crossing of Mulholland, we were officially on part of the Backbone Trail. Again, the narrow trail, with manzanita bushes and other shrubs on each side, was fairly exposed. There were breaks with shade, but the temperatures were rising (it was predicted to be in the low 90s by 10 AM).

My initial hope was to at least make it to an outcrop of rocks to have a nice snack break, and perhaps view some rock climbers. However, it was too hot on this particular morning, so after consulting with Teresa Nick, my co-lead, the decision was made to return back to our cars via the same route. All in all, we completed about 6 miles of our planned 8-mile hike.

The peak will remain – and I hope the 14 hikers and perhaps even more, will sign up to join me again to do this hike,



Hot and sunny in the Santa Monicas. Photo from Mary.



Resting and hydrating in the shade. Photo from Mary.

perhaps next winter, when the views from the top provide great vistas of the Verdugos and Baldy, and the Pacific Ocean – reminding us of all the beauty we have here in Southern California.

Outings & Events

July

July 10, Sunday

O: Dominguez Wetlands, Long Beach
Jeff Johnson, Laura Rainey

Visit some hidden urban green spots and wetlands in northwest Long Beach. Easy pace, 4 miles, 100 gain/loss. We cross Scherer Park, follow the Sleepy Hollow Greenbelt, skirt the Virginia Country Club by drainage channels until we reach the Dominguez Wetlands by the Los Angeles River. We circle the wetlands on two miles of paths, then we return the way we came. Expect to see birds in and around the wetlands. Bring water and maybe a snack, wear sensible shoes for walking on streets, grass, dirt, and gravel. Ice cream following the hike at the picnic tables near the parking lot. Directions: exit 405 at Atlantic, go north 2 miles to Del Amo. Left on Del Amo, then first left on 49th Street, then immediate left into the parking lot for Scherer Park. Meet at 10:00 AM. Questions? Call Jeff Johnson 562-434-8473.

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 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 23, Saturday

O: Solstice Canyon Grand Loop
Alan Schimpff, Tom Molloy

Moderate to strenuous 7 mi, 2,000' gain ridgeline hike on Solstice Canyon's Rising Sun, Sostomo, and Deer Valley loop trails, with ocean views! Hike through a dense canopy of alder, oak, and sycamore trees that shade the canyon's year-round stream. Directions: Heading north on PCH, turn right at Corral Cyn. Rd. About a quarter mile up, you will see and drive through the gated entrance to Solstice Cyn. Drive past the first parking lot to get to the upper parking area. Highly recommend carpooling as parking may be limited. Hike starts promptly at 8:30 AM. Bring min. 2 quarts water, good hiking shoes, lunch & 10 Essentials. Questions? Contact Alan, 310-589-9125.

July 24, Sunday

O: Baden Powell Mt. (9,400') in a loop
Dora Olea, Heather Sargeant

Mt. Baden-Powell stands higher than any other mountain in the San Gabriels the Mt. San Antonio (Old Baldy at 10,064') complex to the east. Baden-Powell trek is an excellent warm-up for the somewhat more difficult hike to the summit of San Jacinto Peak (10,804') and the much more difficult trip to the top of San Gorgonio Mountain (11,499'). Even though this hike is usually rated strenuous, we will make our best to transform it into a strenuous-moderate version. We will start at Vincent Gap (6593')—on the Pacific Crest Trail—ascending to the summit in 41 switchbacks that could serve as a lengthy natural-history lesson about the relationship between flora and elevation. Near the summit, we will come to the "Wally" Waldron tree, which is about 1,500 years old, one of the oldest living trees in the San Gabriels. From the summit, we will descend via Throop Junction (8790') towards Dawson Saddle (7,900'). About 10.2 mi total with 2800' gain/lost. Bring 3 liters of water (more if it's hot out), lug soles, hiking poles, your lunch, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses. Dress in layers. Adventure Pass is required for trailhead parking. If willing to drive or ride for carpooling / shuttle, meet at La Canada rideshare point at 7:15 AM, be ready to take off at 7:20 AM sharp. Rain cancels. Questions? Contact leader Dora at chamacasister@gmail.com.

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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).

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.

Outings and Events

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, separates 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. Adventure Pass is a must for parking, bring 10 essentials, 3 quarts water (more if it is hot out), lug soles, hiking poles recommended, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, snacks and lunch. Meet 8 AM 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

August

August 6-8, Saturday-Monday

O: Backpacking to San Geronio 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 in classified as a strenuous, but we will travel at an 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 with recent backpacking experience and conditioning for trip status and trip details.

August 13, Saturday

**O: Cucamonga Peak (8859') via Icehouse Canyon
Dora Olea, Carol Jeffcoate**

Cucamonga Peak is the only wilderness in Southern California that encompasses parts of two national forests – Angeles and San Bernardino. Even though this hike is usually rated strenuous, we will make our best to transform it into a strenuous-moderate version. First of all, we will start the hike from the only easy access to the peak – the Icehouse Canyon Trail. Secondly, we will hike up in a moderate-easy pace. Thirdly, we will have a relaxing snack break at the Icehouse Saddle. And finally, we will eat our lunch at the top. It is a long hike, but the view from the summit, taking in the eastern end of the range, the San Bernardino Valley and the mountains beyond, is well worth the effort. 12 mi RT; 3800' gain/lost. Bring 3 liters of water (more if it's hot out), lug soles, hike poles, your lunch, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses and dress in layers. Adventure Pass is required on your parked vehicle. Carpooling is strongly recommended. Meet at 7:45 AM ready to leave at the Icehouse parking lot off the Mt. Baldy Road in the Mt. Baldy Village. Rain cancels. Questions? Contact the leader Dora at chamacasister@gmail.com

August 19-21, Friday-Sunday

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

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

August 26 – 28, Friday - Monday

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

Now that funds are in place (BIG THANKS TO ALL GLSers WHO DONATED!!!), Nancy Beverly can shoot her short movie SHELBY'S VACATION! Part of the shoot may be in July but for sure, the crew will shoot at Harwood Lodge in August. 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. Space is limited, we'll have a film crew of nearly 20. Contact nancybeverly@sbcglobal.net by August 1st if you're interested. Much gratitude!!

August 27, Saturday

**O: Marathon Beach Bike Ride and Activities
Mike Brostoff, Susan Campo**

A 45-mile round-trip bike ride along the coast from the Palisades to Palos Verdes. This trip is a series of beach activities



Outings and Events

strung together by biking. We will meet at 8:00 AM in the Palisades. We will bike for one mile and eat a leisurely breakfast at Back to the Beach, a restaurant with tables outside on the sand. We will then bike 20 miles through many beach communities until we reach Torrance where we will relax, lie out in the sun, swim, or whatever. Afterward we will turn back and head to El Segundo where we will catch a 2:30 PM matinee at the Old Town Music Hall. The Old Town Music Hall is like walking into a movie theater from the 1930s. They have a Wurlitzer Organ complete with a wall full of neon pipes and other instruments. The movie is usually preceded by a sing-a-long and a Laurel and Hardy short. After the film, we will head to Venice for dinner at the C&O Trattoria. Following dinner, we will ride the Ferris Wheel on the Santa Monica pier in memory of Kathy Brizzard who suggested adding this event to the journey. We will complete our final leg of the journey returning to the Palisades with a magnificent view of the sunset over the Pacific.

Bring: a bike; bike lock; spare tire and/or patch kit; bike pump; helmet; headlight; bathing suit and change of clothes if you plan to swim; beach towel; water (we can refill along the way); money for breakfast (about \$12.00), movie (\$10.00), dinner (about \$20.00) and extra for snacks along the way; library books you want to return (we pass the Marina Del Rey Public Library). For more information and to reserve a spot, contact Mike Brostoff, mbros4162@yahoo.com.

Future Outings

**September 3 – 5, Saturday - Monday
O: White Mountain. (14,252')
Dora Olea, Ted Hirscher**

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 2000 ft 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 forest and re-group at a remote primitive location.

Sept. 5, Monday: At dawn drive up the 13 mi 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 leader Dora at 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.

Other Outings

The following trips are not administered by the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, which takes no responsibility and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of the trip. These trips are published here as a reader service because they may be of interest to recipients of this publication.

**October 23 - 30, Sunday - Sunday
LGBTQ Service Outing at Fort Ord
National Monument, Monterey,
California
Sierra Club National Outings**

Sierra Club National Outings is running a week-long LGBTQ service trip to Fort Ord National Monument (Monterey, CA) this October: <http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/national/brochure/lgbtq-service-fort-ord-national-monument-monterey-california>. Cost is \$445.

Leader Cara Wilson says:

"I've lead this trip for a number of years as a general trip, and I'm excited to be doing it as a LGBTQ trip this year, which I think might be the **first GLS-themed trip at a national level for the Sierra Club**. Since there is currently no organization within the Sierra Club on gay/lesbian issues at a national level (that I am aware of), I am reaching out to all of the local GLS chapters to advertise this trip.

"The trip is a week long service trip, which will be doing habitat restoration with BLM at the Fort Ord National Monument, just outside of Monterey, CA. On the two free days there will be a visit to the world renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium, a talk by a NOAA satellite oceanographer (me, the trip leader) and excursions to some local beaches. We will be car camping in an awesome undeveloped piece of land that we will have all to ourselves (and unknown to most locals). We will also have a dedicated cook on the trip who is fantastic!

"I'm happy to answer any questions about the trip or about Monterey in general."

Cara Wilson, caracaraw@yahoo.com

**August 24-25, Wed-Thurs
San Gorgonio Overnight with Susan**

Susan is looking for someone who can carry minimal overnight equipment for two for a mid-week hike to San Gorgonio—she has the permit. If interested, contact Susan, susanlucillecampo@yahoo.com.

July and August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 3	4	5	6 Griffith Park Dora, Nancy	7	JULY 1 <hr/> 8	2 <hr/> 9
10 Dominguez Wetland, Long Beach Jeff J., Laura	11	12	13 Griffith Park Mike, TBA	14	15	16 Getty Museum, LA Nancy, Jeff J.
17	18	19 full moon 	20 Griffith Park Dora, Gail	21	22	23 Solstice Canyon Grand Loop Alan, Tom
24 Mt. Baden-Powell in a Loop Dora, Heather	25	26	27 Griffith Park Dora, TBA Signal Hill	28	29	30 Ontario Peak via Icehouse Saddle Dora, Gina
31	AUG 1	2	3 Griffith Park Jan, Dora	4	5	6 San Gorgonio Backpack via Vivian Creek Dora, Jeff J. <i>Through Monday</i>
7	8 <i>End San Gorgonio backpack</i>	9	10 Griffith Park Mike, Jan	11	12	13 Cucamonga Peak via Icehouse Canyon Dora, Carol
14	5	16	17 Griffith Park Dora, Mike	18 full moon 	19 Marion Mtn. carcamp, San Jacinto dayhike Dora, Carol <i>Through Sunday</i>	20
21 <i>End Marion Mtn carcamp</i>	22	23	24 Griffith Park Mike, Dora	25	26 Harwood Lodge: Shelby's Vacation Nancy, Jeff J. <i>Through Sunday</i>	27 Marathon Beach Bike Ride and Activities Mike, Susan
28 <i>End Harwood Lodge</i> 4 New Mexico, North of Taos Mike, Grace <i>Through Sept 10</i>	29	30	31 Griffith Park Anne, Dora Signal Hill	SEPT 1	2	3 White Mountain Dora, Ted <i>Through Monday</i>

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Outings Volunteers

Mike Brostoff, Outings Schedule

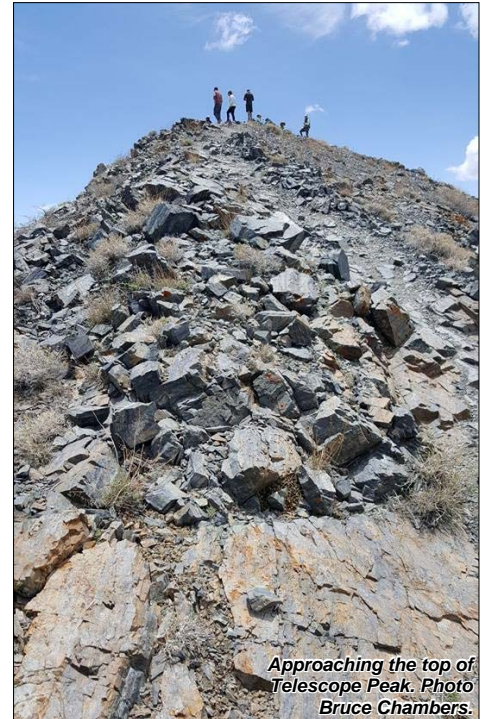
Contact Mike about scheduling outings, to check for available dates, and to submit write-ups.

Dawn Wilson, Outings Liaison to Angeles Chapter

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

Laura Rainey, Weekly Reminder

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



Important Outing Information

Waiver

To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you must sign a liability waiver. 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

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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 points in the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities or at: 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, wide, straight uphill section thru a residential neighborhood.

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