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Remembering Pete Geissler

Pete Geissler died on July 18. Pete was one of the founders of GLS. In this issue of Tracks, three GLS members who knew Pete from the earliest days of GLS remember him.

By Susan Campo

I first met Pete Geissler when I began attending hikes with the newly forming GLS section of Sierra Club. We weren't an official section yet. We thought it may be a long struggle to gain section approval from National Sierra Club. Pete, I and Steve Green formed a pact that we would do a letter writing campaign to help get us approved. We all promised to go from being regular Sierra Club members to Life members IF the National Sierra Club and the Los Angeles chapter would give us their stamp of approval. At that time GLS was mostly men, but on one hike Pete came up to me, and asked if I would begin leading hikes. I was already involved in leading many trips for a women's hiking club. Therefore, I said I was too busy. With Pete's friendly smile and sweet powers of persuasion, I signed up for the Sierra Club training to become a leader. I began leading trips for GLS before we were approved as a

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Pete on Jean Peak, south of San Jacinto Peak, in July 1989. Photo from Beth Epstein.

By Murray Aronson

Pete Geissler was among the first people who responded to my Southern Sierran letter back in the summer of 1986. (Editor: A decisive moments in the origins of GLS was a letter from Murray describing efforts to establish a gay and lesbian group in the Angeles Chapter, published in the Sept. 1986 issue of the Southern Sierran.) Not long after that Pete and I met and Pete joined us in organizing what would become Gay and Lesbian Sierrans.

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By Beth Epstein

This is how I remember Pete: his eyes twinkling, as if he always had a secret funny thought crossing quietly in the background; always thinking of what good could come; delighted to see you and never unkind, but willing and able to tease you about something serious, like where the heck you'd been when GLS needed volunteers. Pete was hopeful about the world and encouraging of the potential of others; always willing to try something

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Remembering Pete Geissler

Some photos of Pete Geissler on the trail with GLS in the early days. Beth Epstein provided these photos.



Upper left: On Jean Peak, south of San Jacinto Peak, July 1989. L to R: Murray Aronson, Pete Geissler, Bea DeRusha, mystery man standing, mystery man sitting, Steve Robert (Green).

Upper right: Liebre Mountain, north of Castaic, April 1, 1989. Pete is the tall guy in the back row.

Left: Mineral King mulepack, Bullfrog Lake, July 4, 1992.

Left to right:
Back row: Pete Geissler (the tallest guy), mystery guy, Steve Robert (Green).
Middle row: Edith Read, Linda Lalamentik?, Susan Lucille (Campo), Janis Bowbeer, Lois MacDonald, Nansea Gratz?, Sally Lewis.
Front row kneeling: Beth Epstein, Cookie Matson, Barbara Edwards.

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>

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On Meetup: <www.meetup.com/GLS-Gay-and-Lesbian-Sierrans>

On Facebook: <www.facebook.com/groups/87511347304>

Next GLS Mgmt. Comm. Meeting

The next management committee meeting is expected in September.

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/Sierra Club, 65 Pine Ave. #326, Long Beach, CA 90802.

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- **Jen Dooley**, Member at Large

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

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Remembering Pete Geissler

Susan Campo

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section but as Pete and Murray said, “We have to act as if we are approved; follow the rules; lead trips; have meetings; do conservation work as part of the road to true inclusion in the Sierra Club”. Pete really believed that we should become a fully accepted part of the Sierra Club and not just another gay hiking group. And WE DID IT! Because of my friendship and encouragement from Pete I was soon fully involved in GLS and put 100% of my time into the outings.

Pete was full of good ideas, and our friendship developed deeper in 1993 when Pete suggested we do a trip to Nepal. I took my chances and discovered what a truly

wonderful person Pete really was. We had a lot of fun times on that trip! Pete suggested that while in Nepal we go to the Chitwan National Park to see rare Black Rhinos and Bengal Tigers. We had quite an adventure getting there. We rode elephants and looked for Bengal Tigers. I smile whenever I think about the look on his face when I got off my elephant to photograph tiger tracks by the river.

Pete and I found we had much in common since we were both only children from a Catholic family. I enjoyed visiting his family home in Arcadia. We shared many outings in GLS together. I will never forget the time we took GLS to Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra Camp. I was in charge of leading a smaller group up Half

Dome before we reconvened at the camp. In spite of some challenges that developed, I could always count on Pete to back me up. We made a lot of history together.

In later years, Pete’s knees gave him more trouble, but that didn’t stop him. Diane and I kept seeing him often around Pasadena. He always was positive and loving and had stories to tell about his latest classes at PCC. He rose in the ranks of the Toastmasters organizations as well. What really impressed me was how he took a beginning plumbers/home construction class more than once. He said he wanted to do some work himself on his home. He never let his mind stop learning. He will be missed by many people!

Murray Aronson

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In the planning for our first hike, Pete came up with choice of La Jolla Canyon at Pt. Mugu State Park. I don't recall whether Pete was yet a rated SC leader, but he must have been because the idea was regardless of our status, we were going to do our hikes by the Sierra Club book. Pete insisted that we scout our proposed hike, which was a good idea.

The La Jolla Canyon hike was a great

success. We had about fifty men and women on this very first GLS hike. I was the leader and Pete was the sweep. It was a beautiful January day, just perfect for an outing. We made new friends and knew we were doing the right thing. Pete played a major part in that day's success.

Pete either led or participated in many GLS events in the late 80s and early 90s. One that I remember fondly was our car camp in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument some twenty five years. We had

spent the day going up Ajo Mountain Peak, now it was already dark and there were Beth Epstein, Pete Geissler, and a few others including myself hiking down the mountain. It was a gloriously bright full moon night - a lunar eclipse was also in the works - and we were scrambling over rocks and trying to avoid getting impaled by some desert plant. It was all great fun.

There were other adventures and excursions to come, but I'll always think of my friend Pete at Ajo Mountain Peak.

Beth Epstein

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new, and difficult, and forgiving himself and others and considering it another adventure when the results were imperfect. Deep intelligence combined with wit and compassion.

When the GLS was first gathering itself, there were only a few officially rated hike leaders. It took a village of different talents to organize the section, but the ability to conduct official outings was at its heart. Pete Geissler was one of those rated leaders, as were Asher Waxman and Murray Aronson. Because of them we were able to have official outings. Without their leadership and their willingness to mentor other leaders the GLS never would have become a true Sierra Club section. They had been leading for other groups and sections – Pete for the Twenties and Thirties Singles, Murray and Asher for The International Committee, the Hundred Peaks and Sierra Peaks and Desert Peaks sections. Their experience with those groups, their longing for a Gay and Lesbian home within the club and their imaginative

personal leadership styles have rippled out over the years and affected more people than they will ever know.

Pete offered to evaluate my provisional O hike. We climbed Strawberry Peak the hard and beautiful way, up from Colby Canyon, a trail only recently rebuilt many years after the Station fire. Pete was a big man, who tried hard to maintain fitness despite the struggle that we all know that can entail. When we stopped to take a break from the hot ascent in the shade of the water tank at the saddle, Pete especially wanted that shade, and when the rattlesnake who was there first rattled, Pete jumped higher than I ever imagined someone his size might be capable of going. At the end of the hike, Pete did something that surprised and entertained us all – he opened the evaluation to the group, reading the form out loud and affirming approval of my qualifications. It was a generous and funny act that gave the process much deeper meaning and impact.

Several years later Pete was a participant on a backpack to the Cady Mountains led by Edith Read. He hadn't

backpacked much or recently, much less a waterless desert trudge. It was typical of his willingness to try something new and hard and he remained good natured despite what was clear to me as the sweep was his misery. Not many people would have continued without complaint as he did.

When there were conflicts or difficulties in our struggle for approval as a section, Pete never wavered in his optimism and confidence in our cause. Even in an occasional flash of anger, he would envision the most hopeful path forward with clarity and wit. As Susan Lucille expresses in her remembrance, she and Pete shared a conservative Catholic upbringing, and I know that his belief in justice and service and his hope for humanity were deeply rooted in his faith (I believe he was active in the Dignity USA movement, a very hopeful act indeed). When I think of the Kennedys, and the folks in the world who think “Why not?” who help us change the world, I think of Pete. I hope he was proud of what the GLS became, and I hope we can continue to honor him with its success.

Hiking Local High Peaks with Dora this Summer



Above: July 24, Starting at the Vincent Gap trailhead toward Mt. Baden-Powell.

Center: Stopping at the Wally Waldron tree, an ancient limber pine near the summit of Mt. Baden-Powell.

Right: Smoke rising from the Sand Fire, then burning out of control in the Antelope Valley.



Above: July 30, at the Icehouse Canyon trailhead, starting toward Icehouse Saddle and Ontario Peak.

*Far right: From the ridge before Ontario Peak, looking east over Cucamonga Peak and the ranges to the east.**

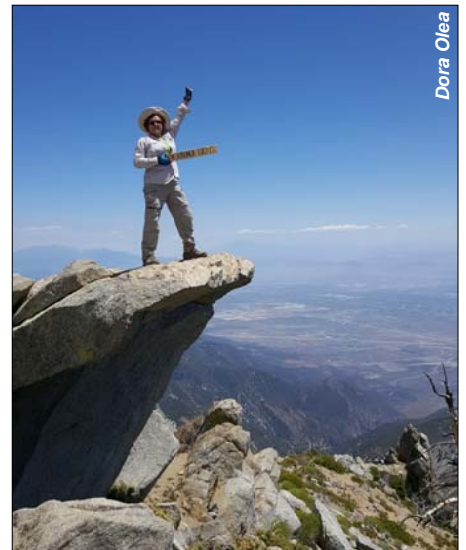
*Below: Bighorn Peak above the trail, east of Ontario Peak.**

*Below right: The Santa Ana range far away to the south.**

** Library photos, 8/2013 Ontario hike.*



Below and right: On Cucamonga Peak, 8854', (that's what the sign says), starting from Icehouse Canyon.



More Hiking with Dora

August 6–8 was Dora's longest trip so far this summer, a backpack trip on San Geronio by way of Vivian Creek. Heather Sargeant was able to step in at the last minute to be co-leader.



Jen Dooley



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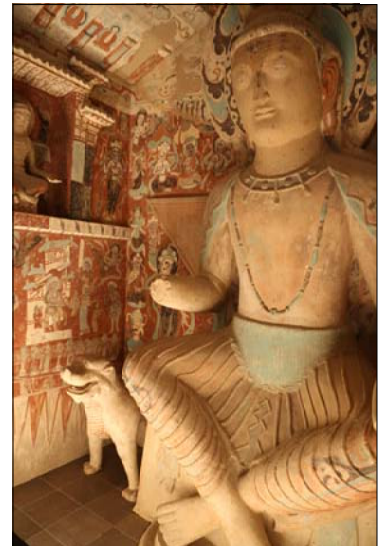
Dora Olea

Getty Museum

At the Getty Museum July 16 for the Cave Temples of Dunhuang and Mapplethorpe exhibits. The Mapplethorpe show was about looking at the pictures closely, no photos allowed. The cave exhibit seemed to be about taking pictures as quickly as possible, no dawdling allowed.



Brad K. and Robert M. at the Getty. Photo Nancy. Cave photos from Jeff J.



Teamwork for Shelby's Vacation Proves Invaluable

By Nancy Beverly

One of the things that I love about GLS is the sense of community and family that we have in our group. We not only hike and camp together, we care about each other. I got to witness this first-hand during the Harwood Lodge shoot for my film SHELBY'S VACATION Aug. 26 – 28. We literally could not have gotten our footage without the help of my GLS pals who drove up Mt. Baldy Road to the Sierra Club's historic Harwood Lodge to pitch in. Boy, did they pitch in!

Jeff J., Devorah S., Diane P., Sherry P., and Ren K. helped make the food, clean it up, move furniture, set props, take photos, and act! And like the rest of our crew, they did it with smiles and good cheer and did not complain about 13 hour days. (We did feed them well, and good food is a great incentive, right?)

Some other good news to report: the footage we've gotten, from both the Harwood shoot and the Topanga Canyon / Switzer shoots, is stellar. Our actresses are compelling to watch and our director and

cinematographer made sure the gals (and nature!) look beautiful.

Putting together a film is a very long and challenging journey. We overcame many obstacles (losing a cast member, losing crew members at the last minute, losing a location because of the Sand Fire... to say nothing of trying to raise several thousand dollars with just a couple of team members!), and yet, we did it – and we did it with the help of our friends. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



Above left: Stars Brynn Horrocks and Laura Grimaldi prepare for a scene in the Harwood living room.
Above right: In the Harwood dining room, set up to be a cozy living room with homey touches. Getting ready for the scene with...The Big Kiss.
Far left: In front of Harwood, Nancy takes some pictures while folks get ready for the scene where Shelby drives away after...no, I won't give it away.
Left: Devorah sets out some prop food that we (yes, us) will poke at in front of the camera for half an hour.
Below left: Devorah and Nancy repacking prop books.
Below center left: On-site accounting work as well.
Below center right: Brynn Horrocks, Nancy, Laura Grimaldi, and director Vickie Sampson photographed in front of Harwood as the weekend draws to a close.
Below right: Emptying the trash cans—Harwood trash goes down with the guests, even in the movies.



Outings & Events

September

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.

September 17, Saturday

O: Mount Hillyer (6215')

Nancy Beverly, Jeff Johnson

An oldie but goodie we haven't done in awhile: Mt. Hillyer. This is a moderate hike amongst the Jeffrey pine trees and giant boulders in the Angeles National Forest, 1000' feet of elevation gain, 6 miles 'round trip. Meet at 8 a.m. at the La Canada Rideshare point, Adventure Pass is needed for parking up at the trailhead. Bring water, snacks, hiking boots, and perhaps money for a trip to nearby restaurant Newcomb's Ranch for libations afterwards.

October

October 1, Saturday

O: Islip Saddle (6,670') to Mt.

Williamson (8,214')

Gail Wise, Amanda Smith

From Islip Saddle, we'll head west and have a steep ascent up the Pacific Crest Trail. There will be lots of shade and beautiful vistas. After about 1.6 miles, we will come to a spur trail that will take us to the summit of Mt. Williamson, which many will agree is among the most attractive and welcoming summits in the San Gabriels. Broad and flat, it has plenty of trees, like the top of Mt. Waterman, but with more expansive views. We'll have a snack on the top and come down the same way we came. The hike will be a total of approximately 5.0 challenging miles, as we will gain approximately 1,550 feet in that distance. Sun screen is a must, as are layers, appropriate footwear and two liters of water. Dogs welcome if on-leash. Snow/rain cancels. Meet at 8:00 am at the La Canada rideshare point. The drive to the trailhead will be about an hour and 15 minutes. For questions contact Gail at gailwise2@gmail.com or 310-433-2298.

October 8, Saturday

O: Waterman Mountain

Dawn Wilson, Teresa Nick

Join us for a 6 mile, out and back hike to the peak of Waterman Mountain. Our trail will meander through a beautiful mixed conifer forest to the summit with some of the best views in the San Gabriel mountains. This will be a moderate hike of approximately 1300 feet elevation gain. Bring at least two liters of water, sturdy hiking shoes, the "10 Essentials," and lunch

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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.

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or snacks. We will meet at the La Canada Ride Share at 7: 30 am sharp, located on the Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy 2), just north of the Foothill Fwy (I-210). Park on the Angeles Crest Highway only. Dogs on leashes welcome, bring extra water. Rain cancels. Please contact Dawn with any questions at dawnxwilson@gmail.com or 612-384-0180.

October 23, Sunday **O: Brewery Art Walk** **Laura Rainey, Karen Lovett**

Come join us at the old Pabst Blue Ribbon Brewery as we enjoy the open studio Brewery ArtWalk at the world's largest art complex. With over 100 participating resident artists, you will have the opportunity to see new works, discover new favorites, speak with the artists and purchase artwork directly from the artists' studios. The ArtWalk takes place from 11: 00 am – 6: 00 pm. Admission and parking are free. Come and support LA's finest artists, take home some great works and dine at the on-site restaurant. The Brewery is located at 2100 North Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90031, just off the I-5 Freeway at Main Street. There is free parking in the UPS lot next door and on the street. Though you will want to get here early, it fills up fast!. We'll meet in front of Barbara's at the Brewery (620 Moulton Avenue, between South Ave 21 and Moulton Avenue) at 11: 00am. Questions? Contact Laura Rainey at geowmn@verizon.net



At the Getty Museum



At Icehouse Saddle.
Photo Jeff J.

October 29, Saturday **O: Mt. Wilson (5710') in a loop** **Dora Olea, Susan Campo**

Mount Wilson can be climbed by trail from more directions than any other peak in Southern California. The mountain is laced with footpaths. Our trail goes from Chanty Flat over the old Sturtevant Trail to Winter Creek, then climbs steeply up through a dense forest of big-cone spruce and oak to the Winter Creek-Little Santa Anita divide, where it joins the Old Mt. Wilson Trail and continues on to the toll road and the summit. About 16 mi RT with 3600' gain/lost. Water and bathrooms at the top. And if we are lucky, the café at the top might be open. Bring 2 liters of water (more if it's hot out), lug soles, hike poles, your lunch, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses and dress in layers. Dogs must bring their own water. Adventure Pass is required on your parked vehicle. Carpooling is strongly recommended. Meet next to the first restrooms on your right hand-side in the parking lot at 8: 00 am sharp and ready to take off. Directions: from the Foothill Freeway in Arcadia take the Santa Anita Av. off-ramp and drive north to Chanty Flat, 6 miles. Rain cancels. Questions? Contact Ldr: Dora at chamacasister@gmail.com Future Outings

Future Outings

November 5, Saturday **O: Ventura to Ojai Bike Ride** **Kyla Hjertstedt, Tammie Barta**

Join us for a bike ride on the Ventura River Trail, casually-paced, 32 miles round-trip with a very gradual uphill climb from downtown Ventura to downtown Ojai. The paved path is about 3-5% grade, with approximately 750' total gain/loss. Along the way, we'll enjoy the natural scenic beauty of the Ventura River watershed as well as some public art. Once we get into downtown Ojai, we'll stop at the Ojai Café Emporium for a yummy lunch. The ride, including pit-stop breaks & lunch, is expected to take approximately 4-5 hours. Directions: The bike path starts in the city of Ventura at the west end of Rex Street, a couple of blocks north of Main Street and just east of the 33 freeway. There is parking on Main Street nearby, or in the paved lot 100 yards west of the 33 underpass on the south side. Meet at 9: 00 a.m. sharp (we'll aim to hit the trail by 9: 10am; 9: 15 a.m. at the latest) at the Ventura entrance to the bike path, the end of Rex Street at Dubbers Street. From Los Angeles, take the 101 North and exit in Ventura at California Street (exit 70A). Turn right on California, then left on Main Street, right on N. Olive and left on Rex, where you'll see the entrance to the bike path. From Santa Barbara, take 101 south, and exit in Ventura at Ventura Avenue (exit 70A), go straight on Ventura Avenue, left on Main St., right on N. Olive and left on Rex. What to bring: Along with a multi-speed bike (mountain bikes, hybrids and road bikes are all fine; beach cruisers are not), helmets are mandatory! Please also bring a bike lock, patch kit/spare inner

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tube, money for dining, and layered clothing, sunscreen, and plenty of water. RSVP required—Kyla at khjertstedt@gmail.com

November 19, Saturday

O: Mt. Lowe (5603')

Dora Olea, Nancy Beverly

Join us for a hike up Mt. Lowe once known as "Railway to the Sky," Los Angeles' first funicular. Only a few foundations exist today! A moderate paced hike. We will pass a beautiful waterfall in the distance, nice trees and views of the



On the trail to San Gorgonio. Photo Jen Dooley

city. Gain/loss 3,798 ft in 13 miles RT. From the summit we will see Mt. Markham, Brown Mountain, Mt. Disappointment and San Gabriel Peak. Dogs welcome on a leash. Must bring Adventure Pass, 2 liters of water, lug soles, sunscreen, and your lunch. Meet at 8:30 am in the Millard campground parking lot. Directions: from the 210 East exit on Lincoln Av. head north 1.9 miles. Turn right on W. Loma Alta Dr., make a left on Chaney Trail (flashing red light) 1.5 miles to the parking lot. Rain Cancels. Question at Ldr: Dora at chamacasister@gmail.com

December 17, Saturday

O: Christmas Tree Count

Susan Campo, Diane Zaepfel

JOIN US TO WALK FROM 6 miles (to a much longer option) as we see all the pretty downtown decorations and count all decorated trees just for fun. Wear good walking shoes and bring money for lunch. Meet at 9 am sharp in front of the red line Metro entrance....out on the street at the corner of 7th and Figueroa St, LA.



On the trail to San Gorgonio. Photo Jen Dooley

Other Outings

The following trip is 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. This trip is published here as a reader service because it 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



At the Getty Museum

September and October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPT 4 New Mexico Mike, Grace <i>Through Saturday</i>	5	6	7 Griffith Park Nancy, Jan	SEPT 1 <hr/> 8	2 <hr/> 9	3 <hr/> 10 <i>End of New Mexico</i>
11	12	13	14 Griffith Park Jan, Nancy	15	16 full moon 	17 Mount Hillyer Nancy, Jeff J.
18	19	20	21 Griffith Park Nancy, Dora	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Griffith Park Dora, Gina Signal Hill	29	30	OCT 1 Mount Williamson Gail, Amanda
2	3	4	5 Griffith Park Gina, Dora	6	7	8 Mt. Waterman Dawn, Teresa
9	10	11	12 Griffith Park Dora, Gina	13	14	15 full moon 
16	17	18	19 Griffith Park Ted, Dora	20	21	22
23 Brewery Art Walk Laura, Karen	24	25	26 Griffith Park Dora, Mike Signal Hill	27	28	29 Mt. Wilson Loop Dora, Susan
30	31	NOV 1	2 Griffith Park TBA	3	4	5 Ventura Ojai Bike Ride Kyla, Tammie

GLS Leader Contact Information

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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 trail to Ontario Peak. Photo Jeff J.

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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