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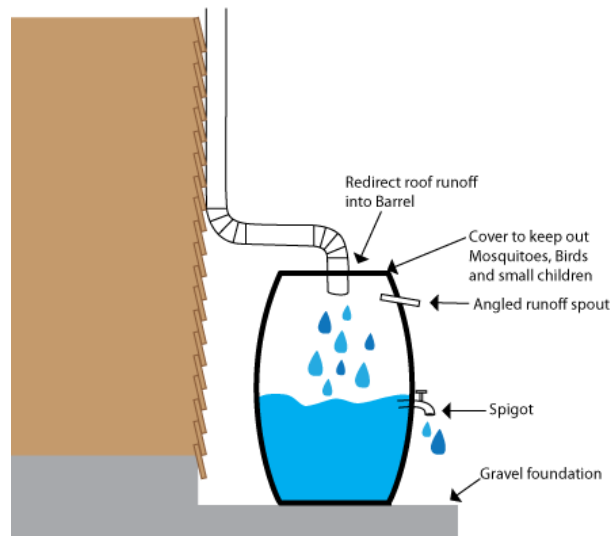
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Where Do We Go From Here?

By Terry Ginsberg



On May 22 I attended a Sierra Club Forest Committee program wherein a Pomona College Environmental Analysis Professor Char Miller conveyed his thoughts about the future of the San Gabriel Mountains over the next hundred years. In short he predicted the San Gabriel area will come to resemble the current Baja area because there will be hotter weather, less rain, less snowpack and whip-lash weather. He foresees urban fires more than forest fires. He recommends that we try to recapture rain water throughout the year and recycle water as much as possible. We cannot reverse climate change. We may be able to slow it down but ultimately we will have to adapt to it. ■

Hiking In 3D

By Terry Ginsberg

For the past few months my wife and I participated in the Eaton Canyon Nature Center Docent Training Course which involved 12 Tuesday night classes of about two hours on subjects such as geology, history, plants, birds, animals, etc. At age 69 I can grasp concepts but find it increasingly difficult to memorize words that do not have any readily identifiable connection to what I already know. Also I had difficulty distinguishing between various rocks and plants that seem to look identical. But I figured in the worst case I won't lead any tours to misinform visitors; I will pull out non-native plants.

Although I don't remember everything, I did retain an appreciation of how "things" in nature seem to have developed and fit together. Regardless of its origin, step by step, life continues to change and transform influenced by both the environment and the innate drive to survive. So the next time you are on the trail and have available a piece of mind separate from aerobic exercise, look around at the rocks, trees and flowers and think about how they all live together.

Now I will add one more piece of information that will blow your mind. There is a theory that trees communicate with each other through fungi. Peter Wohlleben, a German forester and author, believes there is a "wood wide web" whereby trees share nutrients and send distress signals about drought and disease. Mycorrhizal networks involve the connection of tips of tree roots to microscopic fungal filaments. ■



Chantry Flats to Mt. Zion and Hoeges Trial Camp March 30 – Three Things with Blue and a Cabin Too

Article and photos by Mark Mitchell

If one hasn't been for a while, one forgets how beautifully lush the forest is in the vicinity of Chantry Flats. One is also shocked at how popular the trails here have become—no doubt due to promotion on social media—so much so that we had to park on the road quite a ways below Chantry Flats. But the walk along the road was worth it for access to this sylvan territory. The photo of the cabin is included to note that Sturtevant Camp, which until recently was a private church-run facility, is now open to the general public. One can rent what look like charming rustic cabins, lounge around in some fun-looking public spaces, and participate in occasional group events including things like wilderness first aid and acoustic music. ■



Blue T-shirt



Blue flowers - Baby blue eyes



Sturtevant Camp



Blue lizard

Buckhorn Campground to Little Rock Creek June 8 – Too Much Water, No Fruit Salad

Article and photos by Mark Mitchell



Heading down from Buckhorn Camp

Well, the brilliant inspiration back when the Wild Wet Winter of 2019 was just starting to show how wet it might be was: hey, it would be fun to see lots of water flowing in the streams below Buckhorn Campground. The outing could even include a little boulder hopping along Little Rock Creek. Of course, when I scheduled the outing for

June 8, I didn't know how wet this season would turn out to be. As it turned out, upon reaching Little Rock Creek, it quickly became apparent there was so much water that



Descent to the waterfall

there wouldn't be anywhere to step without getting wet feet. Since I didn't advise outing participants to bring river shoes, I polled them about an alternative option—to hike up the Burkhart Trail another couple miles. This would have two possible positives— (1) we'd see some wide open vistas and have a picnic lunch by the stream that the Burkhart Trail crosses and (2) we might cross paths with the folks on the other Wilderness Adventures hike scheduled in the vicinity on the same day—the SoCal Seven Summits Will Thrall hike; heck!—we might even see Bob Cody lugging his 20-pound fruit salad down the trail. While we achieved positive number 1, we never did see that Will Thrall hike group. I'm wondering if they even bothered

and whether I'll EVER see Bob's phantom fruit salad (any photos claiming to show the other group on top of Will Thrall are most likely photo-shopped).

Whether the final mileage, instead of being the advertised 5 miles, was 6, 8, or 20 miles was a point of discussion back at the trailhead. But I think all concerned enjoyed the day. ■



Cooper Canyon waterfall



Waiting for fruit salad on the Burkhart Trail

The Angeles Crest Highway Landslide

By Terry Ginsberg

By now you who hike in the San Gabriel mountains are aware that you cannot drive beyond Red Box on Highway 2 because there was a landslide. This is a short article to explain what happened and how Caltrans is resolving the problem. My source of information is an article written by Kyle Cheromcha for The Drive.

Since February 15, four miles of this heavily traveled highway have been shut down because Angeles Crest was hit with its greatest landslide in decades. The San Gabriels are among the fastest growing and fastest eroding mountains in the world. We continually see evidence of this along the trail as well as on the highway where snowplows regularly clear rocky debris. Water from the many storms of the past winter pounded its way into fissures within the mountain causing millions of pounds of dirt and rock to tumble down. The result was a small insufficient retaining wall was buried, rock continued down the opposite slope and 30 feet of rubble was left on the highway. On the other hand, there was good news in that, amazingly, no one was injured.

Christopher Harris a senior geologist with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) was assigned to clean up this mess. Unfortunately cleanup was more complicated than just removing the debris from the road because any rock removed from the road would be replaced by rock displaced from above. So, the remediation plan had to start by removing loose rock at the top of the mountain. Skilled workmen with little fear operate a contraption known as a spider excavator which climbs up the mountain to enable the operator to remove loose rock and dirt. At the end of March the pavement of the highway and the old retaining wall were visible. But the situation was not stabilized because soon after a natural spring gushing forth 14 gallons per minute had to be sealed. As the men work to stabilize the mountain there is constant risk of rock fall.

Caltrans' plan has been to build a 150 foot retaining wall in front of the old one, shift the highway away from the mountain toward the other side and place a massive steel cable net over the rock above the retaining wall. This manufactured to order net will be placed by helicopters and brave, skilled, climbing workmen.

While the additional 20 minute detour around the Red Box area may be annoying on a long drive up the highway, we should understand and appreciate that very smart and very brave professionals are battling nature to enable us to enjoy the wilderness. ■

Check SR 2 road conditions: <https://roads.dot.ca.gov>



Landslide on Hwy. 2, February 15, 2019 Photo: Amanda Horak



Landslide removal

Photo:CalTrans



Landslide removal with widened road

Photo:CalTrans

2019 Outings

In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver, usually included on the sign-in sheet. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see the following: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms> or, call (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

Carpooling/Ridesharing: In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants 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 the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Cancellation Policy: Reservations: For outings costing over \$10, arrange reservations in advance by sending a check payable to Wilderness Adventures. Unless otherwise noted, cancellation is without penalty up to 30 days before departure; thereafter 90 percent refundable only if a suitable replacement is found. For trips where group size is limited by permits or safety, up to a \$50 deposit can be required (in addition to any permit or reservation fees), refundable at the trailhead if you show up, and participate in the outing. No-shows' checks will be forfeited. For all trips that charge a fee to participate, other than a permit fee, the chapter is registered as a California Seller of Travel #CST 2087760-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. Questions? Contact the leaders.

Weekend & Overnight Outings

Unless otherwise noted, all outings are fully sponsored by the Wilderness Adventures Section. To contact hike leaders, see Leaders, page 13.

July 2-6, Friday to Tuesday

O: Pacific Crest Trail Backpack and Grover Hot Springs State Park Carcamp: Northern Sierra Backpack Trip on the Pacific Crest Trail from Sonora Pass (9,618) to Ebbetts Pass (8,743) and Car Camp at Grover Hot Springs State Park. Spend the July 4th holiday near Markleeville in the eastern Sierras between Yosemite and Lake Tahoe. First, we will do a 3-day, 31-mile backpack trip on the PCT and travel through the Hoover and Carson-Iceberg Wildernesses, camping along the East Fork of the Carson River and Wolf Creek. This trip covers PCT miles 1017-1048. Typical day has 10-12 miles with 2,500gain and loss. After the backpack trip, we will camp for one night at Grover Hot Springs State Park, enjoying hot showers, a naturally-fed hot water pool, and a cool-water pool. \$20 for campground and pool fees. Trip does not qualify as a WTC Experience Trip. We will meet on Tues. evening, July 2nd. Car shuttle set up at beginning of the trip. Send email with cell phone, home city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to leader: Ted Lubeshkoff. Co-leaders Jeff Taylor, Mary Forgione.

July 13, Saturday

O: Saturday in the Santa Monicas #7 - Valley to the Sea - Eagle Rock (1957'): Join us on our 7th Saturday in the Santa Monica Mountains 2019 hike and our third memorial hike, a strenuous 12 mile, 1000' gain hike from the Valley to the Sea in memory of Willy Blumhoff. This is a one-way hike with a car shuttle; it's a variant of the one Willy took each year on his birthday, July 14. The hike will

start at the Top of Reseda Trailhead, taking the Garapito Trail, summiting Eagle Rock, stopping at Trippet Ranch for lunch, and then taking the East Topanga Fire Road to Los Liones, ending at PCH and Sunset. We will conclude by dipping our toes in the Pacific Ocean below Gladstone's Restaurant. We'll then toast Willy's memory with liquid refreshments at Gladstone's. Meet at 7:30 AM in the first parking lot on the right on Los Liones (PCH to Sunset Boulevard, north 0.3 mile, left on Los Liones) and shuttle to the Top of Reseda Trailhead. The area around the trailhead belongs to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, which imposes a parking fee. California State Parks parking passes are not valid here. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain or Red Flag alert cancels. Leaders: Bob Cody, Maya Levinson, Ernie Scheuer.

July 20, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #7

Mt Baldy (10,064'), Dawson Peak (9575'), Pine Mountain (9648'): Join us for hike #7 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits. This is a strenuous 16 mile 6750' gain hike to Mt Baldy, Dawson Peak, and Pine Mountain. We will meet at Manker Flats and take the ski hut trail to the top of Mt Baldy. From the summit we will follow the north backbone trail as it goes down and up to Dawson, then down and up to Pine. Returning on the same trail back to the Baldy summit. Return to Manker Flats via the Devil's Backbone trail. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Email leaders for meeting time, and carpooling options. Adventure pass required. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub.

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August 3-4, Saturday to Sunday (Date Tentative)

O: San Jacinto Backpack with San Jacinto Peak

(10,834 ft): First day, ascend via Palm Spring Aerial Tramway, hike 2.5 miles with 700 ft gain to Round Valley, set up camp. Possible dayhike to Saddle Junction and Hidden Divide, 10 miles, 2000 ft gain. Sunday hike to peak (8 miles round-trip, 1,800 ft gain), pack up camp and hike back to tram. Participants may need to pack in water for two days since water is not reliably available on route. Date is tentative, depending on permit availability. Participants responsible for tram fare. Send \$5 for wilderness permit, backpacking experience and conditioning to leader: Dean Wallraff. Co-leader, Mark Mitchell

August 17, Saturday

O: Saturday Peaks in the Santa Monicas #8 – San Vincente Peak (1961')

Join us for our eighth Santa Monica peak on a moderate 8-mile, 1000 gain hike to San Vincent Peak (1961) and the Nike Site. The hike is a round-trip hike starting at the Caballero Canyon Trailhead down the Caballero Canyon Trail and dirt Mullholland to the Nike Site. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Caballero Canyon Trailhead (34.142762, -118.54089) taking the 101 to Reseda Blvd in Tarzana, go south on Reseda 2.2 miles to Caballero Canyon trailhead just before the entrance to Braemar Country Club and Estates on the right. Do not continue to the top of Reseda). Free street parking. Bring water, snack, and lugsoles. Rain or Red Flag alert cancels. Leaders: Bob Cody, John Skidmore.

August 24-September 2, Saturday to Monday

O: Pacific Crest Trail Backpack and Clair Tapaan

Lodge: Northern Sierra Backpack Trip on the Pacific Crest Trail from Lake Tahoe to Sierra City and stay at Clare Tapaan Lodge. We will begin our journey near Emerald Bay at Lake Tahoe, travel through the Desolation and Granite Chief Wildernesses, cross Donner Summit and finish at the North Yuba River near Sierra City. Stay at the Sierra Club's Clair Tapaan Lodge the first night and again mid-week to re-supply. Carry 5 days of food at the beginning of the trip. Trip covers PCT miles 1108-1193. Strenuous, but moderately paced, 9 days, 95 miles, one-way. Typical day has 10-12 miles with 2,000 gain and loss. Permit limits group size. Sign up early. Trip does not qualify as a WTC Experience Trip. \$200 for 2 nights at lodge, shuttle van, and wilderness permit. Send email with cell phone, home city, recent, conditioning and backpack experience to jeannstar@sbcglobal.net Leader: Ted Lubeshkoff, Co-leaders: Jerry Grenard and Pat Arredondo.

August 30-September 2, Friday to Monday

I: Split Mountain (14,058ft) Backpack: Strenuous 4-day trip that includes bagging a 14'er. We may pick up a second peak on day two or have an easier day, depending on

the group and conditions. Fri, start at 5,430 ft in the desert for very strenuous 6,000 ft climb to 11,360 ft Taboose Pass and on to campground either near the pass or by the South Fork Kings River in Upper Basin (distance between 7-10 miles). Saturday, possible climb of Cardinal Mountain or Vennacher Needle and shift of camp to near the Kings River if not already camping there. Sunday, strenuous 8 mi, 3,600 ft gain/loss off-trail ascent of Split Mountain. Monday, 10 mile, 1,000 ft gain, 6,000+ ft loss return to cars. Although pace will be moderate, must be in very strong physical condition and comfortable with steep, off-trail hiking. Snow cancels trip. Send \$10 permit fee, 2 SASE or email, H/W/cell phones, recent conditioning, experience, rideshare to Leader: Mark Mitchell, Co-Ldr: Daniel Kinzek

October 5, Saturday

O: Saturday in Santa Monicas #10 - Topanga Overlook (2469'), Saddle Peak (2805') Join us on our 10th outing, a strenuous 10 mile, 2300 gain loop hike, taking the Mountaineers Route to the 360 panoramic view at Topanga Lookout from Stunt Road. Lunch will be on Saddle Peak (2805) with ocean views. Return via Stunt High Trail. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain or Red Flag alert cancels. Leaders: Bob Cody, John Skidmore, Terri Straub.

October 12, Saturday

O: BACKBONE TRAIL #1 – Will Rogers to Temescal

Ridge: Come join us as we hike the entire Backbone Trail (67 miles) in eight hikes over four consecutive weekend Saturdays and Sundays. Our first Backbone Trail in the Santa Monica Mountains will be 10 miles with 2000 elevation gain on the BBT from the start at Will Rogers Park. We will first hike up to Inspiration Point then along Rodgers Road past Temescal Peak. Then we will leave the BBT taking the Temescal Ridge Trail for 3 miles to our car shuttle point at the Temescal Ridge Trailhead. TRAILHEAD LOCATION: We will meet initially at 8:00 AM at the Split Rock Trailhead near the corner of Via Las Palmas and Via La Costa in Pacific Palisades. From PCH take Sunset then left on Palisades Drive, drive 3.5 miles then continue onto Chastain Parkway going 0.5 miles to a right on Via Las Palmas past a small traffic circle and then left into the trailhead parking area. CAR SHUTTLE: From the Split Rock Trailhead, we will car shuttle 8 miles down Palisades Drive and then across Sunset Boulevard to the start at Will Rogers State Park. LEADERS: Bob Cody, Tejinder Dhillon, John Skidmore.

October 13, Sunday

O: BACKBONE TRAIL #2 – Temescal Ridge to Trippet

Ranch: Our second Backbone Trail hike in the Santa Monica Mountains will be 8 miles on the BBT with 1000 elevation gain from Temescal Ridge to Trippet Ranch. We will start at the Temescal Ridge Trailhead taking the Tem-

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escal Ridge Trail for 3 miles to pick up the Backbone Trail. We will then take the BBT past Hub and Eagle Junctions to Musch Camp. We will then take the Musch Trail finishing at Trippet State Park, our car shuttle point. TRAILHEAD LOCATION: Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot at 8:00 AM. Take PCH to Topanga Canyon Boulevard, North 4 miles to Entrada Road, 1 mile, 2 left turns to lot; or 7 mi S of 101/ Ventura Freeway on Topanga Canyon Boulevard to Entrada Road). Park free on Entrada Road and walk in or in lot (fee, or free with appropriate parking permit). CAR SHUTTLE: From the meeting point at Trippet Ranch, we will car shuttle 12 miles down Topanga Canyon Boulevard to PCH and then up Palisades Park to the Split Rock Trailhead. LEADERS: Bob Baldwin, Ken Beauchene, Bob Cody.

October 19, Saturday

O: BACKBONE TRAIL #3 – Trippet Ranch to Lois Ewen Overlook, 23363 Saddle Peak Rd, Calabasas, CA 91302, USA: Our third Backbone Trail hike in the Santa Monica Mountains will be 7 miles with 2000 elevation gain on the BBT from Topanga Canyon to the Lois Ewen Overlook. We will hike from Trippet Ranch to behind Topanga Canyon School passing across Old Topanga Canyon Road to take Hondo Canyon and then the Fossil Ridge Trail to the Lois Ewen Overlook. We will then leave the Backbone Trail for a lunch with views at the Topanga Overlook. TRAILHEAD LOCATION: Meet at the Lois Ewen Overlook at 8:00 AM at the intersection of Stunt, Saddle Peak, and Scheuren Roads. CAR SHUTTLE: From the meeting point at the Lois Ewen Overlook, we will car shuttle 7 miles across Saddle Peak Road and Tuna Canyon Road to the start point at the Trippet Ranch off Topanga Boulevard. LEADERS: Bob Cody, Wlodek Proskurowski, Ron Rosien.

October 20, Sunday

O: BACKBONE TRAIL #4 – Lois Ewen Overlook to Tapia Park: Our fourth Backbone Trail hike in the Santa Monica Mountains will be 7 miles with 600 elevation gain on the BBT going from Lois Ewen Overlook to Tapia Park. The hike will climb past Saddle Peak and then descend along the Saddle Peak Trail crossing Piuma Road to the Piuma Ridge Trail where it intersects at Piuma and Las Virgenes. TRAILHEAD LOCATION: Meet at the southeast corner of Las Virgenes and Piuma Roads at 8:00 AM. From PCH go north on Malibu Canyon Road for 8 miles to Piuma Road or from the 101 go south on Las Virgenes for 5 miles to Piuma Rd. CAR SHUTTLE: From the meeting point at Piuma and Los Virgenes we will car shuttle 8 miles on Stunt Road to the start point at Lois Ewen Overlook. LEADERS: Jessica Brozyna, Bob Cody, Diana Gonzalez.

October 26, Saturday

O: BACKBONE TRAIL #5 – Tapia Park to Latigo Canyon Latigo Canyon Trailhead, 1763 Latigo Canyon Rd, Malibu, CA 90265, USA: Our fifth Backbone Trail hike in the Santa Monica Mountains will be 10 miles with 2000 elevation gain on the BBT going from the Tapia Park area to the Latigo Canyon Trailhead. We will take the Mesa Peak Trail though the upper Corral and Solstice Canyon areas. TRAILHEAD LOCATION: We will meet at 8:00 AM at the Latigo Canyon Trailhead on Latigo Canyon Road, from PCH go north 7 miles on Latigo Canyon Road to a dirt lot on the right side or from the 101 go 7 miles south on Kanan Dume to a left on Latigo Canyon Road then 3 miles to the dirt lot now on your left. CAR SHUTTLE: From the meeting point at the Latigo Canyon Trailhead we will car shuttle 14 miles to the start point at Piuma and Las Virgenes via Mulholland and Las Virgenes. LEADERS: Alison Boyle, Bob Cody, Joan Schipper.

October 27, Sunday

O: BACKBONE TRAIL #6 – Latigo Canyon to Encinal Canyon: Our sixth Backbone Trail hike will be 7 miles with 700 gain on the BBT through Newton, Zuma, and Trancas Canyons. We will start at the Latigo Canyon Trailhead taking the Backbone Trail across Kanan Road then taking the Zuma Canyon Trail over to Encinal Canyon. TRAILHEAD LOCATION: We will meet at 8:00 AM at the Encinal Canyon Trailhead. From PCH go 6 miles north on Kanan Dume Road to Mulholland Hwy then west 3 miles on Encinal Canyon Road to shoulder parking on north side of road just east of Fire Camp #13. CAR SHUTTLE: From the meeting point at the Encinal Canyon Trailhead we will car shuttle 7 miles to the start point at the Latigo Canyon Trailhead. LEADERS: Bob Cody, Craig Percy, Catherine Ronan.

Tuesday & Thursday Hikes

July 2, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Westridge to Nike: Moderately paced 6 mi., 1100 ft gain hike following the west ridge of the SMMs overlooking the 405, then into Mandeville Canyon to cross back up to reach the cold war Nike Site. Chaparral and a great 360 view from the lookout tower. Meet 8:30 AM at trailhead: From Ventura Blvd in Encino take Hayvenhurst Ave south about 1.8 miles, turn right (west) on Encino Hills Drive and continue about 1 more mile to beginning of dirt Mulholland Dr, or from 405 Fwy in Sepulveda pass, take Mulholland Dr, exit 61, west about 2 miles to end of pavement at Encino Hills Drive. On dirt Mulholland go about 100 yards west and park facing white posts. . Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sun-screen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Richard Shamban, Asst: Pixie Klemic

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July 9, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Malibu Variety

Walk: 3 mile, no gain walk beginning at Legacy Park in Malibus Civic Center. Walk thru the Parks native plants to the Malibu Lagoon, Surfrider Beach, the Adamson House Gardens, and the Historic Malibu Pier. Lots of birds, too. Meet 7:30 AM at NE corner of Legacy Park: Webb Way and Civic Center Drive, Malibu. Lots of street parking on Civic Center Drive. From the valley- Malibu Cyn/Las Virgenes to Pacific Coast Hwy, left 1/2 mile to Webb Way, left one block to corner of Civic Center Drive. From Santa Monica drive north on PCH over Lagoon bridge to Webb Way, turn right 1 block. Bring water, snack; binoculars and camera optional. Walking shoes or sandals. Leaders: Rita Okowitz, Asst: Pixie Klemic

July 11, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / La Jolla Valley: Moderately paced 8-9 mile hike with ocean views, open grasslands and wildflowers. We'll observe how this gorgeous location in the Santa Monica Mts. has recovered from fire damage. Meet 7:30 AM near the Ray Miller Trailhead kiosk (in parking lot), which is used to access La Jolla Valley. From Pacific Coast Hwy and Malibu Canyon Road go northwest on PCH about 20.8 mi. to La Jolla Valley / Pt. Mugu State Park Campground entrance (about 1 miles northwest of Big Sycamore Canyon entrance). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen, windbreaker, \$ for parking lot or park on PCH & walk in. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

July 16, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Calabasas Peak via Secret Trail: Moderately paced 4 mile hike with 950 ft elevation gain to the top for great multi-Valley views at one of the highest peaks in the Santa Monica Mtns. Wonderful rock formations and flowers; waterfalls after rains, too! Meet 7:30 AM at trailhead on Mulholland Hwy. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr exit south, turn right on Valmar Rd (becomes Old Topanga Cyn Rd), right on Mulholland Hwy for 1 1/2 miles, park on dirt shoulder on left. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Rita Okowitz Asst: Sherry Rendel

July 18, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Summer Schedule – Paradise Cove Beach Walk: Moderately paced 7 mile walk on the beach & the bluff to Paradise Cove and back. Meet 7:30 AM at entrance to Westward Beach Rd parking lot in Malibu (from Kanan Dume Rd intersection go west on Pacific Coast Hwy 3/4 mile, turn left on Westward Beach Rd (just before Zuma Beach), go about a mile and park on side of road or pay to park in lot at end of road). Bring water, snacks, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Mimi Knights Asst: Nancy Krupa

July 23, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Point Dume to

Paradise Cove Beach Walk: Moderately paced 5-6 mile, 400 ft gain, low tide beach walk over the bluff at Pt. Dume to Paradise Cove. Beautiful cliffs, sparkling surf, soft sands and tide pools. Meet 7:30 AM at entrance to Westward Beach parking lot. From PCH and Kanan Rd., go north appx. mile and turn left into Westward Beach Rd (just before Zuma Beach), go mile and park on side of road or pay to park in lot at end of road. Bring water, snack, sandals or tennis shoes OK, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Pixie Klemic, Asst: TBD

July 25, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Summer Schedule - Secret

Trail to Calabasas Peak: Moderately paced 5-7 mile hike, depending on weather, 1000 feet gain. Meet 7:30 AM at Secret trailhead in Calabasas (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr, exit 29, go south, turn right on Valmar Rd (becomes Old Topanga Cyn Rd), then right on Mulholland Hwy, continuing 2.1 miles to dirt parking area on the left). Bring plenty of water, snacks, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Ted Mattock, Asst: Nancy Krupa

July 30, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers /Stunt to Topanga

Lookout: Moderately paced 6 mile hike to Topanga Lookout and beyond with 160 feet of elevation gain. We will be hiking to a spot about a mile past the lookout to explore some sandstone formations and fossils. Meet at 7:30 at the trailhead on Stunt Road. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr exit south, drive .6 miles and turn right on Valmar Rd (becomes Old Topanga Cyn Rd), then right on Mulholland Hwy for 3 miles, left on Stunt Rd for 3.9 miles, park on dirt shoulder on right, just before the summit. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Richard Shamban

August 1 Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Orange and Red Lines, Ed's

Downtown: Ed Rosenthal will show us around his territory in downtown Los Angeles, visiting historic places as well as new developments. Meet before 7:30AM at the Sepulveda Orange Line ticket vending machines in time to board bus at 7:30 AM. Entrance to large free parking lot is on Erwin St, west of Sepulveda Blvd and north of Oxnard St. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, TAP card (or purchase for \$1) and money for bus/Metro (check www.metro.net for latest info) and a cafe lunch. Contact a leader if you prefer to board elsewhere. Leaders: Nancy Krupa, Reaven Gately

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August 6, Thursday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Malibu Beach

Walk: Low tide beach walk at Surfrider Beach and past Malibu Lagoon into the Colony. Moderately paced 4 mile, no gain walk along beach (bare feet OK) Lots of birds. Meet 7:30 AM at Surfrider Beach parking lot - From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon exit; go south to Pacific Coast Hwy. Turn left (E) and go 1 mile; after crossing bridge, either park on beach side of PCH between Adamson House and Pier or enter fee lot by Adamson house. Bring water, snack, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Pixie Klemic, Asst: Richard Shamban

August 8, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Summer Schedule - Top of

Reseda: Moderately paced 5-8 mile hike, depending on weather, in northern Topanga State Park. Meet 7:30 AM at top of Reseda Blvd in Tarzana (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, turn south and go 3 miles to Mulholland Gateway Park, and park along street below the yellow line, just outside fee area). Bring plenty of water, snacks, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mimi Knights, Diane DeMarco

August 13, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Sturtevant Falls:

4 mile, 600 elevation gain out and back trail in the San Gabriel mountains. The early part is a bit exposed, but once you get to the creek, you'll be surrounded by trees. Following the creek, there will be occasional crossings along a well-used path past cute little cabins until you reach the waterfall. From the 210 freeway take the Santa Anita exit. Drive 5 miles north to Chantry Flats. There is a big parking lot. An adventure pass is required to park. If it is full, park down the road paying attention to posted signs. Meet at 7:30 right at the beginning of the parking lot near the locked gate. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Mirit Rabinovitz

August 15, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers/ Summer Schedule – Parker

Mesa Overlook: Moderately paced 6 mile hike, 1300 feet gain, in western Topanga State Park. Meet 7:30 AM at trailhead (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Entrada Rd, turn left (east) and continue to fork with Colina Drive (do not turn right on Colina Road), continue straight on Colina Drive until it meets with Waveview Drive and Entrada Rd, and park on street). Bring plenty of water, snacks, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Ted Mattock Asst: Nancy Krupa

August 20, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Malibu Beach

Walk: Low tide beach walk from Dan Blocker County Beach to Malibu Lagoon. Moderately paced 6 mile, no gain walk along beach (bare feet OK) past tide pools and sea creatures. Meet at the beach at 7:30 AM. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon exit, go south to Pacific Coast Hwy. From Malibu Canyon Rd intersection, turn right and go west on Pacific Coast Hwy appx. 2 miles. Park on PCH near the lifeguard station at bottom of hill. (You'll need to turn around and park on the beach side. The 76 station at Corral Canyon Rd is handy.) Bring water, snack, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Pixie Klemic, Asst: Richard Shamban

August 22, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Caballero Canyon, Topanga

State Park: Moderately paced 8 - 10 mile hike in northern Topanga State Park. Meet 8 AM at Caballero trailhead in Tarzana (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, go south 2 miles to east side across from Braemar Country Club entrance). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Diane DeMarco, Reaven Gately

August 27 Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Trippet Ranch to

Eagle Rock via Musch Trail: Moderately paced 5 mile, 700 ft gain hike through Topanga State Park grasslands, oak woodlands, chaparral, and coastal sage to great 360 view at Eagle Rock via the Musch Trail. Meet 8:00 AM at Trippet Ranch fee parking lot. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Topanga Canyon Blvd 7 mi. south to Entrada Rd, turn left (east), and go about a mile to fee lot. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Richard Shamban, Asst: Mirit Rabinovitz

August 29, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Santa Cruz Island Day Trip:

This time we will take the boat to Scorpion Anchorage. Various options for hiking and/or other activities will be available. Boat fare is \$59 for adults (age 13-54), or \$54 for seniors (age 55 and up). Advance reservations are recommended at www.islandpackers.com or by phone at (805) 642-1393. Book the Thursday, August 29, 2019, East Santa Cruz (Scorpion) trip that departs from Ventura harbor at 9am and returns at 4pm. Meet at 8am at the Island Packers office in Ventura harbor, 1691 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 105B, Ventura, CA. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, windbreaker. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

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September 3, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Rosewood Ventu Park: Moderately paced 4 mile hike, 850 elevation gain to Angel Vista, one of the top viewpoints in the Santa Monica Mountains, soaring over Thousand Oaks. Meet at 7:30 at trailhead. Take the 101 Freeway to exit 46 for Ventu Park Road. Drive south for half a mile to Lynn Road and turn right. Make the next right on Susan Drive to enter the parking area alongside the Stagecoach Inn Museum park. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Rita Okowitz

September 5, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Upper Zuma Canyon Backbone Trail, Zuma Ridge Rd: Moderately paced 8 mile 1400 gain hike on scenic trail through lovely canyon that burned in the Woolsey fire, then on fire road with great mountain and ocean views, to Buzzards Roost. Meet 8 AM Newton Canyon Trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd exit, go south on Kanan Rd to paved trailhead parking area on west side just north of Tunnel 1 (3rd tunnel from 101 about 1 miles past Mulholland Hwy). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

September 10, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Solstice Canyon: Moderately paced 4 mile 600 ft gain hike on Rising Sun Trail to Tropical Terrace (Roberts Ranch) and Solstice Canyon Falls, then back along the canyon through oak and walnut groves by the stream. Meet 8:00 AM at parking lot kiosk. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon exit, go south to Pacific Coast Hwy. From Malibu Canyon Rd intersection, go west on Pacific Coast Hwy 2 miles, turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd (at 76 Station), drive mile to park entrance, and continue on paved park road to parking lot at end. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Rita Okowitz, Asst: Pixie Klemic

September 12, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / DeAnza Park to Rock Pools via Talapop Trail: Moderately paced 9 mile 1000 gain hike primarily in northern Malibu Creek State Park. Meet 8 AM at trailhead in Juan Bautista DeAnza Park (from 101 Ventura Fwy in Calabasas take Lost Hills Rd (exit 33) south 1 mile and turn right into parking lot). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

September 17, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Fryman Canyon: Moderately paced 5 mile, 1000 ft gain hike above Studio City through Wilacre and Coldwater Canyon Parks to Fryman Canyons Rainforest Trail a hidden eucalyptus grove and seasonal creek. Meet 8:00 AM at trailhead. Take

Laurel Canyon north from the 101 Freeway. Continue mi. past Ventura Bl. to Fryman Road. Turn right and enter the trailhead lot on your right on Fryman. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mirit Rabinovitz, Asst: Pixie Klemic

September 19, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Towsley Cyn, Santa Clarita Woodlands: Moderately paced 8 mile 1500 gain (optional 6 mile 1200 gain) hike with great vistas, a chilly narrows, diverse plant life and tar seeps. Meet 8 AM at Ed Davis Park in Santa Susana Mtns. Take Calgrove Blvd, exit 166, from Interstate 5, turn west under the freeway and take the Old Road south mile to Ed Davis Park on right, drive past Santa Clarita rideshare parking area outside entrance, go through gate and park in large dirt parking area 100 yds beyond the gate. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mimi Knights, Reaven Gately

September 24, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Serrania Ridge: Moderately paced 5 mile hike with an elevation gain of 446. This hike will offer tremendous views of the San Fernando Valley as we make our way up to dirt Mulholland and continue west on Mulholland. Meet at 7:30 AM in the parking lot at Serrania Park. From the 101, take the DeSoto/Serrania exit and turn south onto Serrania Avenue and then turn left onto Wells Avenue. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Richard Shamban

September 26, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Las Virgenes Canyon: Moderately paced 8-9 mile 800 to 1200 gain hike in delightful canyon, with various options depending on weather. Meet 8 AM at trailhead kiosk. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd, exit 32, north 1+ mile to end, street parking. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

October 1, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Red Rock Canyon from Stunt Rd: Moderately paced 4 mile, 800 ft gain hike up a fire road and then down into hidden Red Rock Canyon with bright brick red rock formations. Seasonal streams, good views, chaparral and sage habitats. Meet 8:00 AM at Stunt Road trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr exit south, turn right on Valmar Rd (becomes Old Topanga Cyn Rd), right on Mulholland Hwy for 3 miles, left on Stunt Rd for 1 mile, park on dirt shoulder on right. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Rita Okowitz, Asst: Mirit Rabinovitz

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October 3, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Nike Missile Radar Site:

Moderately paced 8 mile 1100 gain hike with great mountain and valley views. Meet 8 AM at Caballero Canyon trailhead in Tarzana (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, south 2 miles to east side of street across from entrance to Braemar Country Club). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

October 8, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Caballero Canyon and Bent Arrow Trail:

Moderately paced 6 mile loop hike with 900 ft elevation gain up a typical SM Mtn canyon onto old dirt Mulholland, then briefly into Topanga State Park. Chaparral and valley views. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Caballero trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd exit, turn south and go 2 miles, street parking. Trailhead is on east side across from Braemar Country Club entrance. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mirit Rabinovitz, Asst: Rita Okowitz

October 10, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Malibu Creek State Park:

Moderately paced 8 mile 1000 gain hike including Lookout Trail with great views, Century Lake, and Reagan picnic area. Meet at 8 AM at Cistern trailhead on Mulholland Hwy, about half way between Cornell Rd and Las Virgenes / Malibu Canyon Rd (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd, exit 36, south 1/2 mile, turn left on Cornell and veer to right continuing south 3 miles, past Paramount Ranch, to Mulholland Hwy, turn left and go a little more than a mile to street parking and trailhead on south side of Mulholland). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

October 15, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Rocky Peak:

Moderately paced 6 mile 1100 ft gain hike in Santa Susana Mtns to Rocky Peak, primarily on fire road through dramatic sandstone rock formations, coastal sage scrub and chaparral with great views of Simi and San Fernando Valleys. Meet 8:30 AM at Rocky Peak Rd trailhead. From westbound 118 Fwy take Rocky Peak Rd exit, street parking just beyond end of off ramp or park over bridge. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Richard Shamban

October 17 Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Pico Canyon:

Moderately paced 8 mile round trip 1600 foot gain hike through historic Mentryville with ruins of California Star Oil #4 and great views of the Santa Clarita Valley. Meet at 8 AM at

trailhead (from Interstate 5 take Lyons Ave west. It will become Pico Canyon, continue on Pico Canyon until it ends at dirt parking area right before green entry gate and park outside gate. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mimi Knights, Reaven Gately

October 22 Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Chatsworth Park / Stagecoach Road:

Moderately paced 4-5 mile hike with appx. 700 ft elevation gain in Santa Susana Pass State Historical Park, including Historic Stage Coach Road. Meet 8:30 AM at park. From Topanga Canyon Blvd turn west on Devonshire St., continue to end and enter Chatsworth Park Entrance. Continue to 2nd parking lot by recreation building. Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Richard Shamban, Asst: Pixie Klemic

October 24, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Trippet Ranch, Musch Trail, Eagle Rock Loop:

Moderately paced 8 mile 1200 gain hike in Topanga State Park. Meet 8:30 AM at Trippet Ranch parking lot (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Topanga Canyon Blvd, exit 27, south to Entrada Rd, turn left (east), go about one mile making two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd, and park along Entrada Rd outside lot or pay to park in lot). Bring \$ for parking, 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Ted Mattock, Diane DeMarco ■



June 12 - Still snow on trail to Dawson Saddle Photo:Terry Ginsberg

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