



VALL-E-VENTS



SIERRA CLUB San Fernando Valley Newsletter January 2013

**Monthly Meetings-the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
Reseda Park Rec. Hall, 18411 Victory Blvd. (Cross Street-Reseda Bl.)
(Near child's play area), Reseda, CA. We are limited in our parking space because of
construction. For this reason, it's best to arrive early. There is a parking lot & street parking. If
the Rec Hall parking lot is full, there is ample parking at the One Generation lot, directly east at 17400 Victory
Boulevard**

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We are asking 1000 donors to give at least \$100 or \$10/month to ease our funding crunch. Please help us meet our goal.



Dear Angeles Chapter Members & Supporters,

For over 100 years the Angeles Chapter has been a constant force in the environmental landscape. We have weathered good times and bad, flush times and lean. Despite increasing costs and declining donations, our Executive Committee, in partnership with our tiny, yet crackerjack staff, has been doing all it can to be financially responsible while maintaining the basics needed to run our Chapter. But now we need your help.

We understand that even the smallest gift is a struggle for some and we appreciate any and all donations, but we also recognize that for many a more substantial donation is possible. To that end we are establishing a new group of donors known as the "1000 at \$100", aimed at enlisting the aid of 1,000 of our members to donate at least \$100 to ease our funding crunch and allow us to continue our ability to provide local opportunities to enjoy, explore, and protect the environment. If you can't give \$100 all at once, please consider making a monthly donation of \$10.

Please donate today.

A heartfelt thank you,

Hersh Kelley, Chair, Executive Committee & Ron Silverman, Senior Chapter Director

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http://action.sierraclub.org/site/MessageViewer?em_id=242185.0



**Listing of donors for the
1000 at \$100 Donors fundraising campaign**
<http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/1000donors>

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Beyond Oil

Darrell Clarke will present Beyond Oil. He is the Sierra Club National Beyond Oil Campaign volunteer co-lead; the Angeles Chapter Transportation co-chair; past Angeles Chapter chair; Conservation chair; and former ExComm member. The reality of global warming and rising world oil prices are two of the critical reasons for us to move away from oil. Join us to discuss how we can do this technically and how the Sierra Club can organize nationally and locally to achieve this vital goal.

Cartoon by Willis Simms



L.A. to Get Solar Power From Tribal Lands



By Elaine Trogman

Los Angeles can help Native Americans earn much needed revenue. A 25-year agreement has been signed by L.A. Mayor Villaraigosa and the L.A. Dept. of Water & Power (DWP) to buy power from [K Road Moapa Solar](#), which is a solar panel project located on the Moapa River Reservation north of Las Vegas on Moapa Band of Paiute Indians tribal land. The contract to build the 1.5 billion dollar solar farm will displace dirty coal-fired energy that L.A. now relies on from the Navajo Generating Station. This is one more step in getting our city off coal and investing in our greatest abundant natural resource – sunshine. The development of the K-Road and Copper Mountain solar sites in Nevada is expected to provide 460 megawatts of clean solar power – enough to run over nearly 200,000 homes – within the next four years.

LA-DWP Board Chairman Tom Sayles says, "It means increasing our renewable energy to 33 percent by 2020, balancing our power with natural gas, and of course, limiting our dependence on coal." Natural gas is associated with the powerful global warming gas named methane. For the benefit of the planet, it would be wise to limit the amount of natural gas we use and instead focus more on conservation by encouraging people to use electricity in a more efficient way. Besides unplugging seldom used appliances, using the most efficient lighting, such as LED, residents should be encouraged to buy appliances with an "energy star" rating made in the U.S.A. The DWP rate payer advocates support these solar projects and estimated that residential users would pay less than \$1.40 per month over the term of the agreements.

These contracts can be justified because of the signing of two L.A. city ordinances that approve large long-term solar power purchasing contracts for the DWP. Some solar power activists feel that

We need your help!

The Sierra Club relies heavily on its volunteers to carry out its Mission. Since you probably have a skill that we need and if you can spare a few hours a month, let us know.

**Call Elaine Trogman
(818) 780-8345**

Scrabble Group



Do you enjoy spelling? Are you into words and combinations of words? Does the idea of spending hours hovering over a Scrabble board appeal to you? If so, you might like to join our Scrabble group. We meet once a month for an evening of fellowship, refreshments, and hard-fought Scrabble games. Beginners, intermediates, and experts are welcome. For more information call Julie at (818) 999-5384 or email julieszende@gmail.com

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L.A. City's energies should be spent trying to get more solar power programs going locally, especially on residential, public and business properties. Others feel that taking advantage of all solar opportunities is important even if the solar energy comes from a longer distance.

The two contracts, along with the 250 megawatt Adelanto solar array and the groundbreaking future 150 megawatt Feed-in-Tariff (FIT)* program for residential, business, etc., will ultimately allow the DWP to provide enough green energy annually to serve approximately 330,000 households in Los Angeles. With this announcement, LA shows that we aren't waiting to make clean energy investments that are critical to the future of our city and the planet. This year alone, thanks to the Mayor's leadership, LA has moved forward on clean energy investments that will generate enough power for 330,000 homes. But these projects don't happen by magic. They happen because of the hard work of hundreds of activists and volunteers like you that support the efforts by the mayor and other city leaders to make LA as green as it can be. You make the difference.

*Watch what the L.A. Business Council says about rooftop FIT program.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=qyVeRu5IEJQ

*Explanation of Feed In Tariff

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=uXPoluVidE&feature=endscreen>

People who went Off The Grid video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Seaw5S3lhSs>



Reagan Ranch hike Century Lake, Thurs. Jan. 24, 2012

See write-up at end of newsletter Thurs. hikes.

Photo by Sierra Club hike leader Pixie Klemic.

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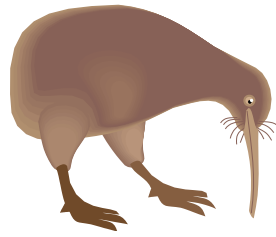
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The Late Willis Simms

**Conservation Corner****Species Extinction***By Michael Stevenson*

Extinction is a normal process in the course of evolution. Species have slowly evolved and disappeared throughout geologic time as the result of ecological changes due to climate change, loss of critical habitat, habitat fragmentation, pollution, over harvesting/hunting and competition from non-native species. Any species that is unable to reproduce in its environment, and unable to move to a new one dies out and becomes extinct.

Prior to the dispersion of humans across the earth, extinction generally occurred at a continuous low rate with mass extinctions being relatively rare events. But what is now clear is the impact that human activity has had on accelerating species loss worldwide. For example a close relationship has been shown to exist between early human migrations and the disappearance of large game species. Since the 1600s, the rate of extinction has accelerated rapidly, mostly caused by human population growth, with resulting resource consumption and the commercial exploitation of animals for food and other products.

Much of the world's habitats are changing faster than most species can adapt. As a result the current global extinction rate is much higher than the normal background rate. Since life began on earth, several major mass extinctions have significantly exceeded the background extinction rate. The most recent, occurred 65 million years ago, and has attracted more attention than all others because it killed the dinosaurs. During this mass extinction about 50% of all species became extinct opening the way for mammals to become the dominant land vertebrates.

The United Nations Environment Program report on the global environment concluded that more than 5,000 plants, 1,000 mammals, and 5,000 other animals (including one in eight birds) are endangered and may face extinction within 30 years. The famous Biologist E.O. Wilson estimated that if the current rate of human destruction of the biosphere continues, one-half of all species on earth will be extinct in 100 years.

The whaling industry, in which whales were slaughtered for oil and meat, led many to the brink of extinction. The great auk and the passenger pigeon became extinct in the 19th and early 20th centuries because of over hunting. The Carolina parakeet perished as a species because of a combination of over hunting and habitat destruction. At present the Polar Bear is as much at danger of extinction from global warming as it is from trophy hunting.

The current global extinction crisis is one of the great challenges of our time. The protection of endangered species and habitats should be a top priority for international organizations, governmental agencies and industry as well as the individual citizen. During this time of tumultuous political changes our future leaders need the courage and the foresight to focus their attention on preserving the earth's valuable biodiversity for future generations.

**Birds Help Trees Soar***Dave Mosher LiveScience.com*

Majestic trees owe a sizeable chunk of their sky-high stature to tiny birds. Birds remove harmful species of beetles, caterpillars, ants and aphids from branches, increasing the vigor of trees. The avian activity also changes the chemical "flavor" of the trees by boosting terpenes—chemicals found to repel tree-eating pests such as bark beetles as well as porcupines and squirrels.

"More than anything, this study underscores the importance of preserving the ecological communities in the forest and not just the trees,"

said Kailen Mooney, an evolutionary biologist University of Colorado- Boulder

Greener Laundry: Avoid Polyester*By Sarah (Steve) Mosko*

If you have already switched to an eco-friendly laundry detergent, as many people do to contribute less to water pollution, you might be surprised to learn that the pollution you generate on wash day has as much to do with the kind of fabrics your clothes, bedding and towels are made of as the detergent you wash them in. Recent studies have revealed that a single garment made of polyester

can shed innumerable tiny fibers into the wash water, and those fibers are finding their way to the ocean. The pollution they cause is worsened by the fact that, like plastic materials in general, polyester attracts oily pollutants in seawater so is a vehicle for the transfer of potentially dangerous chemicals into the food web when the fibers are ingested by sea creatures.

When we reflect on ocean pollution from plastics, we tend to think of larger eyesores of plastic debris, like plastic bags, foam cups, abandoned fishing nets and drink bottles & caps. It's already well-documented that many fish, seabirds, turtles and marine mammals die each year because of ingestion or entanglement in such obvious plastic refuse. But when exposed to sunlight and other environmental stresses, plastics break apart into smaller scraps which, nevertheless, remain as a plastic polymer and non-biodegradable. Once fragmented into bits less than one millimeter (the size of a pin head), they are called "microplastics." The breakdown of larger plastics is not the only known source of microplastics pollution. Two others have been identified in the sewage stream: tiny plastic granules, used in beauty products and cleaning agents as scrubbers, and spillage of plastic powders and pellets which are the industrial raw materials for fabricating consumer plastics. Microplastic *fibers* of an unknown source are also showing up in the sewage stream. Because waste treatment plants are not designed to filter out microplastics, any that enter the sewage stream end up in the ocean and anywhere else the outflow from waste treatment plants is dumped.

Though invisible to the casual observer, microplastics are accumulating throughout marine habitats, and research is showing that they already outnumber larger plastic fragments. For example, a [study](#) sampling a British estuary – where the ocean tide meets a river's end – found that microplastics accounted for 65 percent of all plastic debris. And, the miniscule size of microplastics means that even minute creatures could ingest them, either by accident or by mistaking them for food, thereby introducing any chemicals on board into the very bottom of the food chain. Another obvious downside to microplastics is that their size makes them utterly impossible to clean up once they get into the ocean, or any other environment for that matter.

What all this has to do with polyester fabrics on wash day is pretty straightforward. Polyester cloths are used in innumerable items routinely laundered at home, such as blankets, towels and every sort of garment. They are, by design, composed of tiny plastic fibers. A single polyester item can slough off more than 1900 fibers in one washing, according to an in-depth [study](#) published in 2011. Every article tested produced more than 100 microfibers per liter of wastewater, and the worst offenders were the fleeces. Strong evidence also linked polyester from laundering to ocean pollution. Every one of 18 shorelines sampled across the globe was fouled with microplastic fibers, predominantly of polyester.

We probably can't do anything about the microplastics that already contaminate our oceans and other environments, but we can stem the flow of further microplastics by making smarter, more responsible choices of what we purchase and throw into the washing machine on laundry day. Natural fiber cloths of cotton, silk, wool, bamboo, hemp and even soy are available. All derive from renewable sources and are intrinsically biodegradable, and their fibers would not attract oily chemicals out of seawater. When choosing cotton, organic is best because of the large quantities of pesticides applied in growing conventional cotton.

Visit www.BoogieGreen.com to read the full article and others by Sarah Mosko.





Franklin Canyon

Photo by Sierra Club Member Gayle Dufour

Franklin Canyon's Hastain Trail Access Tentatively Saved

By Elke Heitmeyer & Elaine Trogman

As a hiker you may be able to access the Franklin Canyon ridge more easily now that a judge has tentatively ruled that a real-estate developer must stop "interfering with the public recreational use" of the Hastrain trail, which winds through almost half of his 97 acres next to Franklin Canyon. He was preventing entrance by placing bull dozers and barriers on the 2.3 mile loop to the ridge. The Hastain trail leads up to the ridgeline, offering hikers views of the ocean and the mountains.

Franklin Canyon Park was created in 1981 from land acquired from the National Park Service as part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. It rests on 605 acres between the San Fernando Valley and Beverly Hills and is home to a great variety of wildlife, some potentially endangered, as well as native Oak, Black Walnut and Laurel, trees. Hikers have traversed these trails since the 60's.

A dedicated group of individuals came together to try to preserve this ridgeline. They were looking for people who had hiked those trails in the 60s and 70s—Hastain Trail used to go from Doheny Ranch all the way to [Coldwater Canyon](#). They managed to find some hikers who testified that they used the trail before 1972. Per the L.A. Times, Eric Edmunds, attorney for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, which joined in with Friends of Hastain Trail group in the lawsuit, said: "private property could be presumed to be for public use if members of the public had been using it unimpeded for five consecutive years before 1972, when a state law changed the rule."

The 93 acres in question were historically owned by a variety of individual property owners, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) had been trying to acquire 6 of these properties located on the ridgeline that divides Coldwater and [Franklin Canyon](#). Under California law, the MRCA cannot pay more than appraised value for property. In 2005, an appraisal was done that showed a low value because of steep access. The individual owners ultimately declined to sell to the MRCA and the present developer acquired a cluster of 14 lots with potential to yield 8-10 finished parcels on 97 contiguous acres. This company expressed to their investors that they plan to build extensive gated estates on the ridgeline



Calabasas Peak area hike Tues, Jan 15, 2013
See write-up at end of newsletter Tues. hikes.
Photo by Sierra Club Member Gayle Dufour



Discussions Continue Over Restart Of San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant

By Elaine Trogman

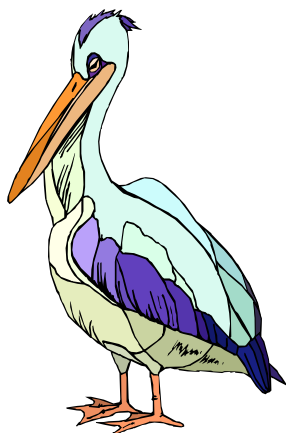
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station is the only nuclear power plant in So. California. On December 18, 2012 there was a meeting between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and S.C Edison to discuss the request by Edison to restart the San Onofre Nuclear Plant in San Clemente, which is half way between L.A. and San Diego.

Both Reactor Units #2 and #3 have been idle since January 2012 because of unusual wear to the generators' metal tubes. Edison wants to restart the Unit 2 reactor for a limited time at only 70% power. They want to see if there will be reduced vibrations, which is cited as one reason that the steam generator tubes were wearing out at an accelerated rate – along with possible design flaws in the generators. After this trial period the steam generators would be shut down and the tubes would be examined for excessive wear. The generators are only a couple years old and their cost totaled \$671million; there are 2 steam generators for each reactor, which totals 4 steam generators. The decision by the NRC will probably not come before earliest March 2013. Many concerned residents feel that starting up the generators is endangering their lives.

Per the Orange County Register, "The NRC has sole authority over ensuring the nation's nuclear power plants are operated safely. But state regulators (CA Public Utilities Commission.) can decide whether or not the costs associated with operating a plant are reasonable and whether or not utility customers should pay." Another option is to have Edison's stockholders pay for the expenses. In October 2012 the CA commissioners voted 5-0 to open an investigation of costs associated with the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

There was a poll taken which comprised 700 registered voters who live inside Edison's service area. It was performed by San Francisco-based David Binder Research, independent research group, for the Friends of the Earth. The respondents were read a description of recent problems at the plant, the number of those who supported shutdown "strongly" or "somewhat" was 58 percent. Nuclear power activists are fighting to shut the plant permanently. The Sierra Club Angeles Chapter has a task force working on the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station problem. [Click here to read more about the San Onofre Task Force.](#) Sign up for news from the task force on the [San Onofre Listserv](#) and follow on [Facebook](#).

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WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

COME TO OUR PROGRAMS AND PICK UP OUR SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES through Feb. 2013 schedules of programs and hikes In the San Fernando Valley area.)

**See programs and hikes thru
June 2013 from our San Fernando Valley**

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

We have been receiving a number of inquiries from people who would like to enjoy the outdoors, either by climbing the mountains or walking around the city on weekends. We will be scheduling activities around the San Fernando Valley and the surrounding neighborhoods on the 3rd weekend of every month starting in March.

If you would like to join us please contact Gabe @ 818-999-5384 or via e-mail @ gabesende@yahoo.com for the location and time.



2013

CAR-CAMP TRIP



Elephant seals lounging near the rocks & very close to the water.

See write-up below

Photo by Sierra Club Member Gayle Dufour

January 18-21 2013

Fri-Mon, Morro Bay Family Carcamp:

O: SFV/Intl Community-- Join us on our annual Morro Bay carcamp--we will be spending three days in this beautiful spot. The first highlight of our outing will be viewing the thousands of elephant seals at Pt. Piedras Blancas. We'll see the pups being cared for by their giant moms, while the hefty male seals fight it out for control of the beach. After the seal viewing we might hike along the beach bluffs and into the hills behind the campground. Those interested can sign up for a tour of Hearst Castle at this time. And bring along your favorite camera to snap photos of the plover, egrets, herons, willets, ducks and geese we'll see in the marshes at the Elfin Forest when we return to Morro Bay. Happy Hour Saturday night with International Potluck Dinner to follow. Send \$30 to **Ldr: Gabe Sende 818-999-5384. Co-Ldr: Barbara Madel.**

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Caballero Canyon, Tarzana, SF Valley, Third Saturdays of each month, 8:00am.

Jan 19, 2013

Moderate 2hr, 5 mile RT 800' elevation gain hike in the hills above Tarzana and Reseda overlooking the complete San Fernando Valley on fire road/trail composed of compacted dirt/sand and loose gravel. In the beginning and end, there will be very little shade and tree coverage with some shade in between. It is recommended that you bring sun block, wear light colored clothing/hat for daytime hiking, and a jacket for nighttime hiking, along with two quarts of water. Lug soles or athletic footwear for proper footing. Meet at 8:00am on third Saturdays of each month at trail-head at the Southern top of Reseda at the chainlink fence where the park entrance is and the paid parking begins. 3 miles South of Ventura Blvd after the sixth stop sign. Rain cancels. Hike leader: Joe Phillips 818 348-8884 Asst leader: TBD

Jan 12, 2013 Wilshire Blvd to the Sea, Saturday, Sierra Singles, San Fernando Valley (co-sponsor)

O: Always wanted to do the Wilshire walk, but it's too much at one time. Join us as we break it down into three parts and see Wilshire Blvd from a different perspective. Our final journey begins at Wilshire and Westwood. We pass by the VA Hospital and LA Nat'l Veterans Park. This section is approximately 4.5 to 5.5 miles on level sidewalk and approximately 3 - 4 hours. Our journey ends at the sea where we'll enjoy some time at Palisades Park. Join us for lunch afterwards. Bring money for lunch (optional) and return bus ride/ subway. Meet 9am, rain cancels.

Leader: **Sandra Tapia 818 365.4571**, Co-Leader: Elaine Ayala.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Jan 20, 2013 Stagecoach Trail:

Meet 9:00 a.m., 3rd Sunday of each month (Nov. 18 - June) No hiking in summer-early fall due to hot weather. An interpretive hike into the history of Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park: Hike is 3 to 4-1/2 mile loop up the historic Stagecoach Trail. Meet at park entrance on Larwin Ave. Park on street.

Leader: **Lee Baum (818-341-1850)** Sierra Club-Santa Susana Mtns. Task Force

February 3, 2013 Redline Metro Stations Tour: Sun

O: SFV/International Community

O: Join us for a docent-led walking tour of a number of Redline metro stations beginning at Hollywood Station and ending at Universal Station. This is a rare opportunity to study the station interiors, which are decorated with the artwork of some 300 commissioned artists. On the tour the docent will give insights into the art and the artists who created it. The route is completely free and takes about two hours. At the tour's end we'll take a train to Union Station. From there we can walk to Olvera Street, where we'll have lunch at one of the fine restaurants in the neighborhood. Next we will visit Pico house, the first-three-story building constructed in LA (1870). You will receive a courtesy pass to ride the Metro free for the entire day. Meet at 9:30AM at the Hollywood Blvd Metro Station entrance. Wear walking shoes, sun protection, dress for weather. Rain cancels. Ldr: **Gabe Sende 818-999-5384**, TBA

February 24, 2013 Sun Hollywood Hike through Malibu Creek:

O:SFV/Intl Community

Come join us for a great hike to the old M.A.S.H. site. We'll visit the original location where the TV show was filmed. Hike is 5 miles rt with little or no elevation. Suitable for children of all ages. Meet us @ 9AM at the Woodland Hills Rideshare or 9:30AM at the trailhead. Take the Ventura Freeway to Los Virgenes Road. Continue to Mulholland and meet at the intersection. Rain cancels.

Ldr: **Gabe Sende 818-999-5384**. Co-Ld TBA:

Feb 24, 2013 : Snow Moon walk. Sunday

Sierra Singles, San Fernando Valley (co-sponsor)

O through CSUN: Fortunately we won't worry about snow or hunger during this full moon walk. We'll see what the natives (The Matadors) founded in 1958 on 365 acres. We'll look for The Oviatt Library's American Flag, the CSUN Sculpture, The Historic Orange Grove, and any leftover lima-beans. This is a slow paced level walk, 3 – 4 miles rt, and approximately 2 hours. We meet 6:30pm, 9420 Reseda Blvd, Northridge. Join us afterwards for coffee and dessert, optional. Leader **Sandra Tapia 818.365.4571**, Co-Leader: Gerri Montooth

MONDAY ACTIVITIES

Jan 21, 2013 Santa Susana Field Lab Cleanup Update, 7:15pm

Community Meetings are Free to the Public)

Rockpointe Clubhouse: 22300 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth CA 91311

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sfvgl/>, mail@ssmpa.com



Newton Canyon hike Tues, Jan. 22, 2013

See write-up below

photo by Sierra Club hike leader Pixie Klemic.

TUESDAY HIKES

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Tues Moderate Easy Paced 4-6 Mile.

**For all hikes, bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, & sunscreen.
RAIN CANCELS. Possible \$3-\$5 park fee**

January 1, 2012 no hike – Happy New Year

January 8 Paramount and Reagan Ranches:

O:(WA/SFV) Moderately paced 5 mile, 400' gain around the old (and still active) movie set and environs of oak savannahs, Medea Creek, chaparral canyons, including a side trip to the old Reagan Ranch. Meet 8:30 AM at Paramount Ranch parking lot. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd exit, go south on Kanan Rd ½ mile, turn left on Cornell Way and veer to right continuing south 2½ miles to Paramount Ranch entrance on right. Rain cancels.

Leader: RITA OKOWITZ Asst: HERB MOORE

January 15 Calabasas Peak:

O: (WA/SFV) Moderately paced 4 mile hike with 950' 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 8:30 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 3½ miles, left on Stunt Rd for 1 mile, park on dirt shoulder on right. Rain cancels.

Leader: PIXIE KLEMIC Asst: STEPHEN BECK

January 22 Newton Canyon (W) /Backbone Trail:

O: (WA/SFV) Moderately paced 5 mile, 800' gain, hike into Zuma Canyon on a scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Meet 8:30 AM Newton Canyon Trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd exit, go south on Kanan Rd appx. 8 mi. to paved trailhead parking area on west side just north of Tunnel 1 (3rd tunnel from 101 about 1¾ miles past Mulholland Hwy; 4 ½ mi. north of PCH). Rain cancels.

Leader: MARCIA HARRIS Asst: PIXIE KLEMIC

January 29 Top of Reseda to Cathedral Rock:

O: (WA/SFV) Moderately paced 5 mile, 300' gain hike along dirt Mulholland and fire roads through the chaparral of Topanga State Park. Valley views and a glimpse of the Pacific, too! Meet 8:30 AM at top of Reseda Blvd in Tarzana. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd exit, turn south and go 3 miles to Mulholland Gateway Park. Choice to park along street below the white line at beginning of fee area or pay fee and park above. Meet at trailhead at the top. Rain cancels. Leader: PIXIE KLEMIC Asst: VIRVE LEPS



Hummingbird to Rocky Peak Hike Jan. 10, 2013

See writeup below

Photo by Sierra Club Member Gayle Dufour

THURSDAY HIKES

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Tues Moderate Paced

For all hikes, bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, & sunscreen.

RAIN CANCELS. Possible \$3-\$5 park fee

Jan 3, 2013 Pt Mugu State Park:

O: (WA/SFV) Moderately paced 9.5 mile 1000' gain hike past old windmill and on Upper Sycamore Canyon, Hidden, and Sin Nombre trails. Possible small stream crossing. Break at Danielson Ranch. Half of elevation gain within 1 mi on return route. Meet 8:30 AM at Wendy Drive & Potrero Rd parking area. From 101 Ventura Fwy in Newbury Park take Wendy Dr exit, go south 2.8 mi on Wendy Dr to its end at Potrero Rd. Rain cancels.

Leader: DOUG DEMERS Asst: NANCY KRUPA

Jan 10 Hummingbird Trail to Rocky Peak:

O: (WA/SFV) Moderately paced 9 mile 2000' gain hike in Santa Susana Mtns to Rocky Peak, on beautiful trail through coastal sage scrub and chaparral, then on fire road to peak with great views.

Meet 8:30 AM at Kuehner Dr trailhead (from 118 freeway in east end of Simi Valley, take Kuehner Dr, exit 30, go north of freeway 100 yards and park off pavement on east side of street beside fence). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: NANCY KRUPA

Asst: STEPHEN BECK

Jan 17 Nike Missile Radar Site:

O: (WA/SFV) Moderately paced 8 mile 1100' gain hike with great mountain and valley views. Meet 8:30AM Caballero trailhead in Tarzana (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, south 2 miles to east side across from entrance to Braemar Country Club). Rain cancels. Leaders:

ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, REAVEN GATELY

Jan 24 Malibu Creek State Park:

O: (WA/SFV) Moderately paced 8 mile 1000' gain hike including Lookout Trail with great views, Century Lake, and Reagan picnic area. Meet 8:30 AM at Cornell & Mulholland dirt parking area (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 paved entrance of dirt parking area on east side of street just south of Mulholland Hwy). Rain cancels.

Leader: TED MATTOCK Asst: NANCY KRUPA

Jan 31 Placerita Cyn, Pinetos Trail:

O: (WA/SFV) Moderately paced 9 mile 1700' gain hike starting in Placerita Canyon Park with shaded oak groves and a willow and sycamore-lined seasonal stream, to Walker Ranch and then up the Pinetos trail to Wilson Canyon Saddle. Meet 8:30 AM at Placerita Nature Center parking lot. From Hwy 14 in Newhall take Placerita Cyn Rd, exit 3, and go east 1 1/2 miles to park entrance. Rain cancels. Leaders: REAVEN GATELY, MARGARET VERNALLIS

KING GILLETTE ACTIVITIES



King Gillette Ranchland

See write-up below

photo by Sierra Club hike leader Pixie Klemic.

Visit the King Gillette Ranch Visitor Center free parking for 2 hours

The visitors center is a very enjoyable experience with a lot of hands on exhibits regarding the Santa Monica Mountains. There is, also, a fun short hike up a hill with great views in all directions. The photo above was taken from this hill.

Interpretive Programs & Misc

These programs below are a project of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in cooperation with Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, California State Parks, and National Park Service. Come Visit their visitor center at King Gillette Ranch.

[King Gillette Ranch Directions & Info.](#)

(818) 878-0866 x228 RAIN CANCELS \$7.00 parking

26800 Mulholland Hwy. Calabasas, CA 91302

From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon exit, go south approx. 5 ¾ miles to Mulholland Hwy. Turn left on Mulholland and then right to enter the long eucalyptus alleé driveway for Ranch.

Sat, January 12th at 10am

Innovation in the Golden Era

King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director Clarence Brown who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. Meet at the parking lot to left of pond, 2 hours.

Sat, January 12th at 2pm

Capture a Nature Moment,

Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. Meet at the parking lot to the left of the pond, 2 hours.

Sat, January 19th at 1pm

A Stroll Through the Seasons

Enjoy a gentle walk through the native plant garden, where we will observe how plants and animals change with the seasons. Meet inside the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center. 30 minutes.

Sat, January 19th at 2pm

A Walk into the Chumash World

Discover how local Chumash Indians have used natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1 mile walk. Meet at the parking lot to left of pond, 2 hours.

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