



SIERRA CLUB San Fernando Valley
Newsletter March 2014

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. 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 18255 Victory Boulevard

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Joe Phillips 818 348-8884 recreationbyjoe@yahoo.com

Learn About Conservation Tips AT OUR SF Valley Sierra Club WEBSITE:
<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sfvg/>

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MARCH 18, 2014 TUES.
7:00pm

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Come and learn about the

[View or Print Newsletter Online](#)

Join Us!



Muriel Horacek in Africa with Kenyan Rhino

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**APRIL 15,
2014 TUES 7:00pm**

Water LA: Urban Acupuncture for a Resilient Los Angeles

Melanie Winter is the founder and director of The River Project, a non-profit dedicated to watershed-based planning in Los Angeles. She has been involved in water and land-use policy efforts for nearly two decades, securing hundreds of millions in funding for and bringing attention to the LA River.

Come and hear her talk: "Water LA: Urban Acupuncture for a Resilient Los Angeles". Los Angeles is in the midst of a drought while at the same time the San Fernando Groundwater Basin is only ten years away from being drained dry. What rain we do get is treated as a liability and sent speeding to the ocean. Our current approach to water and land are unsustainable. We can no longer hope to solve our water supply and water quality issues with major infrastructure fixes. Instead we need "Urban Acupuncture" - a property-by-property solution that works in partnership with nature's services to move LA towards 21st century climate resiliency. Come and learn how we can do this.

There will be socializing and



Don't Frack California Rally & March in Sacramento on March 15th.

Are you ready to join the largest mobilization against fracking the Golden State has ever seen? On March 15, we're joining with allies across the state in Sacramento for Don't Frack California - a rally and march to tell Governor Brown to Stop Fracking Now!

California's drought has made the impacts of climate change a reality in our daily lives, yet Governor Brown continues to support the water-intensive, water-polluting, greenhouse gas emitting process of fracking. This cannot stand.

Buses will be leaving from across the state. We'll take you round trip to the Capitol in Sacramento to join thousands of other Californians demanding an end to fracking. Here are 4 ways to be involved:

- 1) Purchase your ticket below on the Don't Frack California buses leaving from locations across Southern California.
- 2) If you can't attend - please consider sponsoring a \$25 ticket to make sure someone who can't afford the ticket can be there.
- 3) SCHOLARSHIP requests can also be made at the link below.

We want to make sure these communities and all of us have a voice in our democracy, especially those most impacted by fracking!

[Los Angeles](#) (Includes Van Nuys & Culver City)
[Los Angeles Union Station](#) (see link Orange County-Buena Park/Montebello below)
[Orange County \(Buena Park/Montebello\)](#) There is a pickup at Union Station L.A.
[Orange County \(Irvine/Gardena\)](#)
[More bus locations?](#)

(4) Also, we desperately need YOUR leadership to volunteer to fill the buses and make the day run smoothly. Please email bnorton@fwwatch.org if you'd like to be a bus leader!

[Sign up for a bus ticket to attend Don't Frack California in Sacramento on March 15 to tell Brown to ban fracking now!](#)

For questions contact: David Haake, Co-Chair, Fracking Oil & Gas Committee
310-237-3447

[More from the Sierra Club about fracking](#)

refreshments



MAY 20, 2014 TUES.
7:00pm

Let's Not Frack Our Valley

Dr. Tom Williams is a Sierra Club Life Member and the Co-Chair of the Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter Fracking-Oil and Gas Committee. He has a doctorate in Geology and Zoology and worked for 30+ years as an Environmental Specialist, Geologist and Engineer with Parsons (Pasadena) and URS Corporation. He also worked for 10+ years for the Dubai-UAE Government. In the 1970's he was Conservation Chair for the Golden Gate Audubon Society.

Come and hear his talk "Let's Not Frack Our Valley". Around the world hydraulic fracturing or fracking is changing the entire oil and gas industry as a method to produce gas and oil for us to burn. Come and learn about the history and the FUTURE of fracking, what it is and how it works. Most importantly learn what the environmental, health and seismic effects of fracking are and will be and what actions Sierra Club members must take to mitigate its effects and to help those in the Valley and the State Legislature. There will be Q & As, socializing and refreshments.



Italian Dinner & Program

June 17, 2014

It's almost decision time:

Tell Governor Brown: Transition San Onofre Nuclear Energy Plant to 100% clean energy!

[Link to tell Gov. Brown San Onofre](#)

[should have clean energy](#)

By Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign
[Sierra Club Beyond Coal website](#)

The San Onofre Nuclear Generating Plant located in San Clemente between L.A. and San Diego has been shut down permanently because of leakage and unnatural thinning of tubes in their new generators.

The recent proposal from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regarding power replacement for the retired San Onofre Nuclear Generating authorizes San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison to replace the nuclear plant entirely with clean energy. The problem is, it also gives them the option of coming back and proposing new gas-fired power plants, which would be dirty, expensive, and contribute to air pollution and climate disruption. The CPUC will issue a final decision in a few weeks.

Natural gas is already the largest source of pollution in California's electric sector. Southern California already suffers from the dirtiest air in the nation. 1.1 million children and adults in Los Angeles County alone have asthma, while LA, Orange County and San Diego all get an "F" for air quality year after year. New gas-fired plants will make our air worse.

Replacing San Onofre with clean energy will help grow our local clean energy economy and save customers money on their utility bills. We already have 47,000 jobs in the solar industry alone.

The state needs to pursue a no-regrets strategy and push ahead with the resources that fit into our present and future. We cannot lead on climate and clean energy while aggressively building fossil fuel plants. Create jobs, protect our health, fight climate change and protect the environment -- replace San Onofre power with 100% clean energy!



Tues., 6:30 pm

**At Prince of Peace
Episcopal Church
5700 Rudnick Ave.,
Woodland Hills,
CA91367**

**THE PROGRAM IS:
Down Under:
Seeing Australia From
An Environmentalist's
Perspective**

Michael Stevenson, a long time Sierra Club member and the Program Chair for the San Fernando Valley Sierra Club Group will present: "Down Under: Seeing Australia From An Environmentalist's Perspective". Come and learn about the original Australian's, the Aboriginal people who were thought to have arrived on the continent during the last Ice Age, at least 50,000 years ago. See Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park (Ayers Rock), a site sacred to the Aboriginal owners.

See and learn about the diverse range of habitats from semi-arid to tropical rainforests and the unique animals that occupy these places (more than 80% of these plants and animals are unique to Australia). See the spectacular southern sea coast off Melbourne. Visit the Great Barrier Reef, the largest structure on Earth built by living organisms. And finally learn about how "Climate Change" is effecting Australia and what they are going to have to do about it. Come and support the Sierra Club, get something to eat or as they say in Australia "Grab A Feed" and learn about one of the most interesting places on earth.

Make your reservations by sending \$25.00 payable to San Fernando Valley Sierra Club, mailed To Belen Katzen, 9543 Rudnick Ave Chatsworth, CA. 91311. 818-341-8304, barkat@rocketmail.com Include a phone number & address or email. Upon receipt of your check, a confirmation



Become an outings/hike leader. Help the Sierra Club and have some enjoyable times!

DARE TO LEAD !! Leadership Training Seminar Set for April 12, 2014

Becoming a Sierra Club outings leader starts with curiosity and a love of the outdoors. What better way to step up and lead than by taking advantage of the training opportunities that the Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Committee provides each year.

As home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet, the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's many groups, sections and committees sponsor thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions. You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered on Saturday, April 12 at Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena.

The seminar covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone - including you - has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The all-day class costs \$25. The application is online at angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc. At this same site, you can pore over more of LTC's upcoming offerings which are also on the Schedule of Activities page.

Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Steve by email (ltcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org) or by phone (714-321-1296).

Applications and checks are due March 29, 2014.

Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Anne Marie Richardson <AMLeadership@gmail.com>

Many thanks to all
Jane Simpson
Angeles Chapter OMC Chair and WTC Instructor & LTC Publicity Volunteer
outdoorJSimpson@gmail.com

notice will immediately
be mailed or emailed

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

Call Barry Katzen
818 341-8304



Photo by Gayle Dufour

This is a picture of a waterfall near June Lake in the Sierras. Los Angeles gets a significant amount of their water from both the east and west sides of the Sierras.

What's water got to do with energy? Everything

By Charming Evelyn, Chair of Sierra Club Water Committee

If you live in Southern California, you've probably seen the television ad with the hand turning off a light switch and exhorting you to "Flex Your Power."

Have you ever stopped and thought about that statement and what is implied beyond conserving electricity? Did it ever occur to you that it takes water to create energy, and energy to get that water to us?

Power plants, including nuclear power plants, rely heavily on water for cooling purposes. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists: "Cooling power plants requires the single largest share of U.S. freshwater withdrawals: 41%."

Water also is used to pump crude oil out of the ground, help remove pollutants from power plant exhaust, generate steam that turns turbines and flush away residue after fossil fuels are burned. To produce energy from oil and natural gas, water is used for drilling, completion, fracturing and refining. Water is a key element in biofuels too, vital to grow, refine and distribute such fuels.

How much water it takes to

Given all of this, it takes approximately 25 gallons of water to produce 1 kilowatt hour of electricity; 13 gallons of water to produce 1 gallon of gasoline; and 5 or more barrels of water to produce a single barrel of oil from mining oil shale. It takes more water to power homes and appliances than a family uses inside the home. Windmills and solar photovoltaic panels require much less water per kilowatt generated than coal, nuclear and other thermoelectric plants.

Almost 10% of total national energy use is devoted to extracting, moving and treating water. The amount of energy used to deliver water to residential customers in Southern California is equivalent to approx one-third of total average household electricity use.

Everything consumers buy requires water and energy to make. Electronics, cotton and paper are some of the most water-intensive products. The average American spends about \$1,500 a year on electronics, from computers to home entertainment systems. The water required to create your laptop could wash nearly 70 loads of laundry in a standard machine.

S.A.F.E Centers: Permanent Collection Centers

The following S.A.F.E.
(Solvents, Automotive,
Flammables Electronics)
Recycling and Disposal
Information is available

**Northridge: Nicole
Bernson**

SAFE Collection Center

10241 N. Balboa Blvd.
Northridge, CA 91325

Hours of Operation:
Saturdays, and Sundays
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m

([MAP/MAPA](#))

**Sun Valley: RANDALL
STREET**

SAFE Collection Center

11025 Randall St
Sun Valley, CA 91352

Hours of Operation:
Saturdays and Sunday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m

([MAP/MAPA](#))

They accept:

paint and solvents; used motor oil and filters, anti-freeze, and other automotive fluids; cleaning products; pool and garden chemicals; aerosol cans; all medicine except controlled substances; auto batteries; household batteries.

E-waste: computers, monitors, printers, network equipment, cables, telephones, televisions, microwaves, video games, cell phones, radios, stereos, VCRs, and electronic toys

Transportation limit for chemical related items:

It is against the law to transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste to collection sites. Please pack your waste properly to prevent tipping or spilling of the waste during transportation

It is dangerous to throw compact fluorescent lights in the garbage.

You can recycle the lights at HOME DEPOT

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
SIERRA CLUB
MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

Chair/Rep to Executive Committee

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Vice-Chair...

Every time you shave minutes off your use of hot water, you save energy and water, keeping more dollars in your pocket. One of the easiest, most effective ways to cut your energy and water footprint is by repairing leaky faucets and toilets, which also saves you money on your water bill.

Making smart energy decisions can greatly reduce the pressure our demand for electricity places on our water supplies. Since every kilowatt takes gallons of water to produce, consider shifting to energy-efficient lighting and appliances. You will save water, energy and Mother Earth.

So the next time you walk out of or into a room not being used, and the lights or appliances are on, be a dear and turn them off!!

Charming Evelyn is a member of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's Water Committee

From your home, tune-in to the Angeles Chapter's WATER COMMITTEE

If you are interested in water issues in California, & especially So. Calif., we urge you to come or tune into the WATER COMMITTEE by phone. We have discussions within the committee and we, also, invite experts to speak to us.

The Water Comm. meets every month on the second Wed. at 7:00pm. If you can't make it in person then you can choose to tune-in from your home telephone or by video conferencing.

The no charge phone conference line is available at [1-866-501-6174](tel:1-866-501-6174) Code: 1000 400 1892.

GoToMeeting video conferencing link (no charge): <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/join/124173903>

GoToMeeting app. (iPhone®, iPad® or Android®)

Meeting ID: 124-173-903

Any questions for the Water Committee contact Charming Evelyn. If you want to personally attend the Water Committee, contact Charming for location. bcharmz@aol.com

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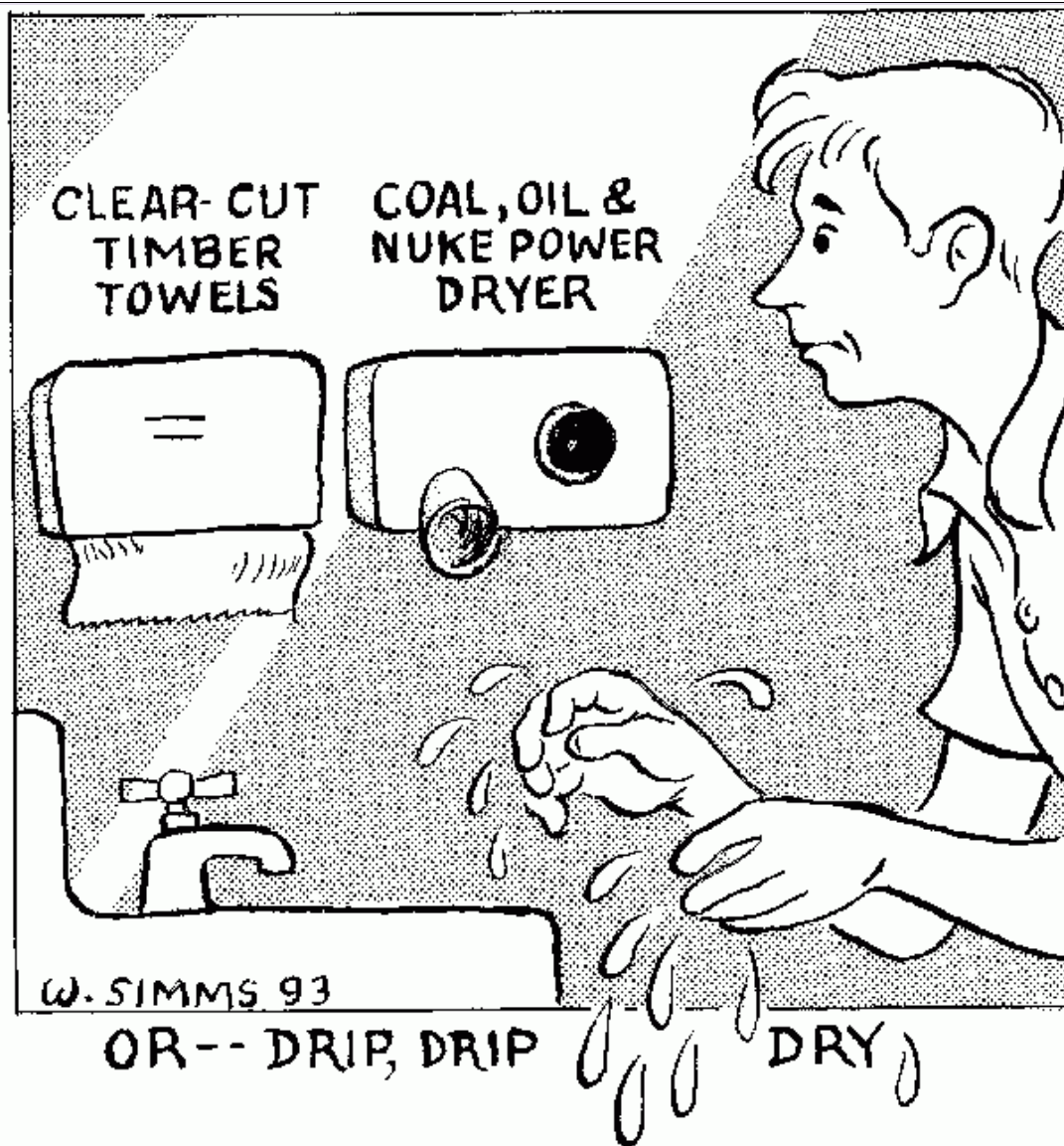
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Three Reasons to Conserve Oil

By Michael Stevenson

First off, by now most of us understand that conserving oil is important in the fight against global warming. As we burn more and more fossil fuels to power our civilization, CO2 concentrations in the atmosphere continue to rise, resulting in more global warming. With this we can expect increased periods of unusually warm weather; warming oceans as well as Arctic and Antarctic warming resulting in melting glaciers, sea-level rise and subsequent coastal flooding. The warming climate will also produce spreading disease, an earlier spring arrival, plant and animal range shifts and population changes. There will be more intense Atlantic tropical storms, heavy downpours, snowfalls and flooding in some areas with increased droughts and fires in others.

Secondly as our domestic production of oil continues to decline, we are coming to realize that we cannot drill our way out of this dilemma. Instead we are becoming more and more dependent on foreign countries to meet our oil needs with many of these governments being hostile to us. In this regard our entanglements in the Middle-East come to mind.

Lastly, with only 4.6% of the world's population we consume 25% of the world's oil. With much of the price of oil being determined by supply and demand what will happen as China (20.5% of the world's population) and India (16.7% of the world's population) consume much more of this limited resource? In 2003, the people of China and India (37.2% of the world's population), consumed only 10% of the available oil. How high will the price of oil go as these countries move towards our unsustainable lifestyle? Unless we begin moving towards more sustainable energy consumption habits, \$70 barrel oil will seem to be the good old days of cheap oil.



Santa Susana Mountains

Part of Garden of the Gods in the San Fernando Valley

Photo by Carla Bollinger

SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS

***Craggy sandstone cliffs,
cleaved by cracks,
corroded by rain,
contoured by wind,
overlook the valley,
where broken blocks
lie scattered, like
giant puzzle pieces.***

Poem by: Erica Stux



Greening Laundry Day: Avoid Polyester Fabrics

A single polyester garment can shed 1900 plastic microfibers per wash. which can end up in the ocean.

by Sarah (Steve) Mosko, PhD

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.

Although we don't usually think of polyester fabrics as plastic per se, polyester is nonetheless a plastic material synthesized from crude oil and natural gas. And, like other plastics, polyester is a long polymer chain, making it non-biodegradable in any practical human scale of time, especially in the ocean because of the cooler temperatures.

[Read the rest of "Avoid Polyester"](#)

Other environmental articles by Sarah Mosko on boogiegreen.com

HIKE & ACTIVITIES SECTION



Sierra Club Santa Monica Mountains Taskforce (SMMTF) is largely responsible for many of the major trails in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Mary Ann & Ron Webster are founding members of the SMMTF. When hiking on the Musch Trail in Topanga Canyon (and many other trails) you can thank them and their trail crews.

The SMMTF website is below:

The website is: <http://smmtf.org/>

To see the trail crew dates & Tues. hikes choose "Calendar"

The Trail Crew of the SMMTF still maintains a strong program of building and maintaining trails that support recreational use throughout the Santa Monicas and in adjacent parkland. They have a need for volunteers. Use the graphic below to sign up.



<http://smmtf.org/volunteer.php>

**SEE MORE PICTURES IN HIKE SECTION
BELOW**



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

COME TO OUR PROGRAMS AND PICK UP OUR SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES through JUNE 2014. The schedules have programs and hikes in the San Fernando Valley area.)

See programs and hikes thru JUNE 2014 from our San Fernando Valley Sierra Club website. Use this link below to start:
<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sfv/>

CALLING ALL HIKE LEADERS OR TRAINEES FOR SATURDAY OR SUNDAY HIKES

Help people who work to get exercise
and learn about nature.

Call or Email Outings Chair

Joe Phillips 818 348-8884 recreationbyjoe@yahoo.com

SATURDAY & SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

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Saturday, April 26, 11 am Sierra Singles, SFV

O: Pasadena Doh Dah Parade:

Join us for this fun activity. We'll meet downtown Union Station where we'll catch the subway to Pasadena then journey to the parade route to watch this wacky parade known as the twisted sister of the traditional Rose Parade. The Doo Dah began as a grassroots event in 1978 to gain national attention for its eccentric and, often, irreverent satire. The parade, which has spawned numerous off-beat replicants across the country, was named by Readers Digest as America's Best Parade, and was recently featured in the book 50 Places You Must Visit Before You Die! Bring an easy chair or not, money for subway, and lunch back downtown. Meet 10:15am Union Station information booth Leader: Sandra Tapia 818.365.4571, co-leader Gerrie Montooth.

TAKE A HIKE AT SEPULVEDA BASIN: Because of the plant destruction that was brought on by the Army Corp of Engineers, we are tentatively planning to conduct a public information hike around the damaged area each Sunday. If you are interested in the hike or if you are an interested hike leader

please contact Joe Phillips at 818-348-8884 recreationbyjoe@yahoo.com



Tues., March 4, 2014 O'Melveny Park to Mission Point hike:

See writeup below in Tues section

Photo by Sierra Club hike leader Pixie Klemic

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

West Hollywood

Sunday, Mar 9, 2014

Sierra Single/SFV Join us on a 4.5 to 5 mile walk that is mainly flat with a bump or two. We'll see 2 small intimate parks, some old courtyards; go in elite areas where the window shopping is too expensive, we'll see a land locked blue whale, along with a few other surprises. Meet 9:30am at the corner of La Cienega & Santa Monica. The real adventurous can join me at the N. Hollywood subway station where we'll get off on S/M for a bus ride to La Cienega. Bring water, money for rides, optional lunch, and dress appropriately. Rain cancels. Please call leader for meeting time if being adventurous. Leader: Sandra Tapia 818.365.4571. Co-Leader: Elaine Ayala

Griffith Park Walk:

Sunday April 6, 2014

O: Sierra Single/SFV Join us for a morning walk. We meet at 9:50 am at the corner of Vermont and Sunset to catch the 10 am GP Dash (\$), which drops us off right in front of the Observatory. We'll climb a mountain (600ft), 3 - 4 miles rt, where we'll have several beautiful city views weather permitting, at the top of the mountain we'll enjoy our snacks. After we'll descend the mountain we'll go to the Observatory for a light lunch (optional) at their small café or pack your own. After we finish we'll head back to our starting point via Dash. Wear appropriate attire, bring water, snacks, lunch \$ (optional), and Dash fare. Rain within two days cancels or extreme heat +90 degrees. Please call leader for confirmation. Leader: Sandra Tapia 818.365.4571, Co-leader: Elaine Ayala

Orcutt Ranch

Sunday, May 25th

O: Sierra Singles/SFV Orcutt Ranch Picnic: Join us for a picnic to start the summer. We'll meet at The historic Orcutt Ranch. We'll enjoy our lunch, bring something to share, than take a docent lead tour (permitting). The historic Orcutt Residence is surrounded by 24-acres of gardens and a citrus orchard. The gardens include heritage oaks trees, wandering garden paths, formal flower beds, and a variety of interesting specimen trees, exotic shrubs, and flowering plants. There are several significant oak trees on the property; one of the largest is more that 33' in circumference and is estimated to be more than 700 years old. This stand of oaks was commemorated with a plaque on October 2, 1948, by the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. Meet at 11:30 am at the ranch located 23600 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills, 91304. Lunch, drink and item to share. Rain cancels. Leader: Sandra Tapia 818.365.4571, co-leader Gerrie Montooth.

TUES. HIKES & ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

Moderate Easy Paced 4-6 Mile.

**For all hikes, bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, & sunscreen.
RAIN CANCELS. Possible \$3-\$9 park fee**

Hike Leaders phone #

Nancy Krupa (818)981-4799, Pixie Klemic (818)787-5420, M. Vernallis(818)360-4414, , Marcia Harris.310-828-6670,

Charlotte Feitshans (818)818-501-1225, Peter Ireland 310-457-9783 (w)

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Doug Demers(805)419-4094, Richard Pardi (818)346-6257.

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Hikes sponsored by Wilderness Adventures

These hikes are included as a courtesy.



Tues, 3-18-14 Hummingbird Creek Trail hike:

See write-up in activities below

Photo by Sierra Club Member Gayle Dufour

3-4-14 O'Melveny Park to Mission Point 8:30am

O:(WA) Moderately paced 5 mile 1400' gain/loss hike with great views of SF Valley and way beyond, depending on visibility, in our second largest city park. Meet 8:30 AM at trailhead. From 118 Fwy take Balboa Blvd exit north about 2 miles to Orozco St, turn left continuing ½ mile to end, then left on Sesnon, pass parking lot, and go about 4 blocks to Neon. Turn right and park at end of street. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: PIXIE KLEMIC Asst: HERB MOORE

3-11-14 Solstice Canyon 8:30am

O:(WA) Moderately paced 4 mile 600' gain hike on Rising Sun Trail to Tropical Terrace and Solstice Canyon Falls, then back along the canyon through oak and walnut groves by the stream. Meet 8:30 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 2¼ miles, turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd (at 76 Station), drive ¼ mile to park entrance, and continue on paved park road to parking lot at end. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Leader: MARCIA HARRIS Asst: STEPHEN BECK

3-18-14 Hummingbird Creek Trail 8:30am

O:(WA) Moderately paced 4.6 mile, 1000' gain hike up Hummingbird Creek through a narrow canyon and open chaparral, past sculpted caves and the magnificent sandstone rock formations of the Santa Susana Mountains. Meet 8:30 AM at Hummingbird Trailhead. From westbound 118 Fwy take Kuehner Dr. exit, north .3 miles to posted street parking. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: REAVEN GATELY Asst: PIXIE KLEMIC

3-25-14 King Gillette Ranch 8:30am

O:(WA) Moderately paced 5 mile, 400' elevation gain hike around our newest acquisition to the Santa Monica Parklands, most recently owned by SOKA University. Beautiful valley and coast live oak savannah, grasslands, coastal sage scrub, etc., as well as manicured grounds around the original Gillette Mansion. Meet 8:30 AM in fee parking lot of Ranch. 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. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: PIXIE KLEMIC Asst: RITA OKOWITZ



Thurs, March 6, 2014, Doubletree to China Flat

See writeup below

Photo by Sierra Club hike leader Pixie Klemic

THURSDAY HIKES & ACTIVITIES

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Thurs Moderate Paced

**For all hikes, bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, & sunscreen.
RAIN CANCELS. Possible \$3-\$9 park fee**

Hikes sponsored by Wilderness Adventures
These hikes are included as a courtesy.

3-6-14, Doubletree to China Flat:

O:(WA) Moderately paced 8 mile 1200' gain hike in scenic Simi Hills, through chaparral, grasslands and oaks. Meet 8:30AM at Doubletree trailhead in Oak Park (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd north 2.1 miles to Sunnycrest Dr, turn right and go 0.8 mile to signed trailhead on right and park along street). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Leader: DOUG DEMERS Asst: NANCY KRUPA

3-13-14 Solstice Canyon:

O:(WA) Moderately paced 7-8 mile 1600' gain hike on Rising Sun trail to Tropical Terrace, then Sostomo Trail, Deer Valley Loop, and down Solstice Canyon to start. Meet 8:30AM at parking lot kiosk. From Malibu Canyon Rd intersection go west on Pacific Coast Hwy 2¼ miles, turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd (at 76 station), drive ¼ mile to park entrance, and continue on paved park road to parking lot at end. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Leader: TED MATTOCK Asst: STEPHEN BECK

3-20-14 Mission Point, Bee Canyon, O'Melveny Park:

O:(WA) Moderately paced 6 mile 1500' gain hike with great valley views. Meet 8:30 AM at O'Melveny Park paved parking lot. From 118 Fwy take Balboa Blvd, exit 40, north about 2 miles to Orozco St, turn left continuing ½ mile to end, then left on Sesnon to parking lot on right. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Leaders: MIMI KNIGHTS, REAVEN GATELY

3-27-14 Walker Ranch, Los Pinetos:

O:(WA) Moderately paced 6 mile 1700' gain hike to Wilson Canyon Saddle from shaded oak groves of Walker Ranch (optional additional 4 miles along willow and sycamore-lined seasonal stream to Nature Center and back). Meet 8:30AM at Walker Ranch trailhead (from Antelope Valley Fwy (Hwy 14) take Placerita Cyn Rd, exit 3, east 3¼ miles, past Placerita Canyon Park entrance to Walker Ranch trailhead and limited parking alongside road). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Leader: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL Asst: NORM STABECK



Thurs, March 13, 2014 Solstice Canyon hike:

See write-up in activities above

Photo by Sierra Club Member Gayle Dufour

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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The following activities are not sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day*
by banishing the Rattlesnakes in your yard!
March 17, 2014: Monday, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Santa Susana Mountain Park Assn. (SSMPA) Community Meeting
Rockpointe Clubhouse, 22300 Devonshire St., Chatsworth, 91311

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day* by banishing the Rattlesnakes in your yard!
Bruce Freeman, presenter, is a volunteer instructor on rattlesnake education and safety for the CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. He also speaks about rattlesnake safety to Homeowner's Associations (HOAs), Community Councils, and businesses. He will share his knowledge on how to avoid attracting rattlesnakes to your yard, what to do if bitten by a rattlesnake, how to differentiate between a gopher snake (non-venomous) from a rattlesnake (venomous), and why we should respect rattlesnakes. Bruce will bring a few snakes to the meeting for show & tell. SSMPA Community Meetings are Free. www.ssmpla.com

*The legend of St. Patrick banishing snakes was just that ... a legend. Post-glacial Ireland did not have snakes so there wasn't a need to "banish" snakes!

Reseda Neighborhood Council Bike Ride

Reseda program rides weekly in and around San Fernando Valley.

For info. contact:

Joe Phillips at 818-348-8884 recreationbyjoe@yahoo.com

King Gillette Ranch



King Gillette Ranch

See write-up on activities below

Photo by Sierra Club hike leader Pixie Klemic

King Gillette Ranch Directions & Info.

From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon exit, go south approx. 3.5 miles to Mulholland Hwy. Turn left on Mulholland and then right to enter the long eucalyptus alleé driveway for Ranch.

Parking

Visit the King Gillette Ranch Visitor Center & Store Free Parking for 2 hours
Other Ranch parking is \$7.00. (There is an iron ranger at the parking lot entrance where visitors can pick up an envelope and make their payments.) All programs and activities are free unless stated on the event write-up.

Allow time to visit the Visitor Center and Store then take a hike.

The visitor center is a very enjoyable experience with many 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.

King Gillette Interpretive Programs & Misc

Western National Parks Assn. events at King Gillette Ranch

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center & Store

26876 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, CA 91302 Open 9 – 5 Daily

Event Info/Reservations: 805-370-2302 General Info: 805-370-2301

Questions for these events below contact Sophia Wong, Store & Events Manager

Western National Parks Association

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

King Gillette Ranch

26876 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas CA 91302

805-370-2302 direct/ 805-370-2301 general, 818-880-6550 fax

samo@wnpa.org, www.wnpa.org

Below are the Western National Parks Assn./National Park Service events at King Gillette Ranch

Sat, April 12, 2014 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m

Ranching & Riding in the Santa Monica Mountains: A Look at our Local Ranching History

Come hear about the rich ranching histories of two of our local parks - King Gillette Ranch & Malibu Creek State Park. View restored carriages from the 1800s. And meet the horses & patrol team that help keep our parks safe today. Formal presentations at 12:30 pm & 2 pm. Meet inside the Visitor Center.

King-Gillette Interpretive Programs & Misc

Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (MRCA) events at King-Gillette Park sponsors the events below:

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

If you have questions on these programs below call: (818) 878-0866 x228 RAIN CANCELS \$7.00 parking
26800 Mulholland Hwy. Calabasas, CA 91302

at, March 1, 2014 at 3pm, Livin' in the Sticks

Meet the Dusky-footed Woodrat on his own turf. Go on a tour of the neighborhood where they build elaborate nests that are both a home and a time capsule. 1 mile walk. Meet at parking lot to the left of the pond. 2 hours.

Sat, March 8, 2014 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 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center. 2 hours.

Sat, March 9th at 10am, Innovation in the Golden Era

King Gillette Ranch was home to early MGM Director Clarence Brown, who made films and threw star-studded parties. Take a story-filled walk through this still active filming location. Meet at parking lot to left of pond. 1.5 hours.

Sun, March 16, 2014 at 1pm Go for the Green!

With St. Patrick's Day around the corner, come celebrate all that's green! Discover ways to be green at home, get hands-on with family-friendly activities, and be inspired by the ecofriendly features of the LEED certified Visitor Center. Meet at the Santa Monica Mountains Visitor Center. Sponsored by MRCA, NPS, California State Parks, and WNPA. 2 hours.

Sat, March 22nd at 2pm, Walk into the Chumash World

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

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