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IT'S OFFICIAL: PARADISE WILL NOT BE PAVED!

By Gary Gray, Environmental Justice Chair

Tahquitz Group and Bill Havert

Following a strong motion by Supervisor Manny Perez, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously at its November 5th hearing to deny the Paradise Valley Specific Plan. Paradise Valley was a proposal to develop a “new town” in the heart of a Coachella Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Conservation Area on the southern boundary of Joshua Tree National Park.

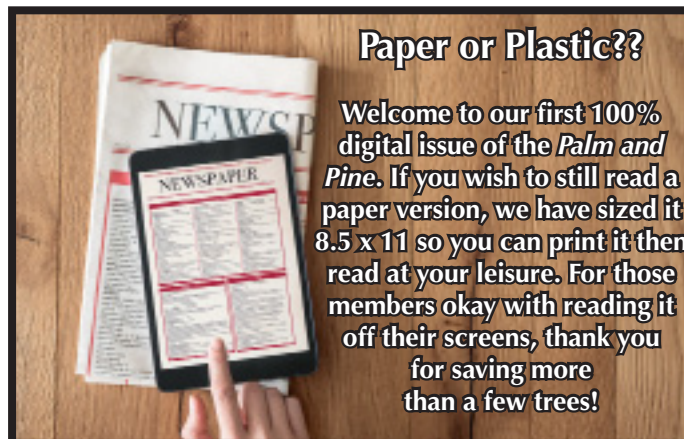
The unanimous denial by the Board was based on the importance of protecting the integrity of the MSHCP, the project's failure to address the urgent affordable housing needs in the eastern Coachella Valley, and safety concerns that residents in the remote area would not have adequate means to evacuate in case of an emergency.

The Board's decision, following its Planning Commission's recommendation for denial after nearly a year of public hearings, shows the importance

of public input. Since the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report in 2018, hundreds of people wrote letters or testified at the many public hearings about the huge negative impacts the project would have. The Planning Commission, led by Bill Sanchez, clearly took that testimony to heart.

The Coalition opposing the proposal included the Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, National Park Conservation Association, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, California Institute for Rural Studies, Defenders of Wildlife, Mojave Desert Land Trust, San Bernardino Valley Audubon, California Native Plant Society, The Wildlands Conservancy, Morongo Basin Conservation Association, Save Oswit Canyon, Desert Protection Society, and Basin and Range Watch. Young community members speaking for the Leadership Counsel were especially articulate and passionate in justifiable opposition to the thought of

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Paper or Plastic??

Welcome to our first 100% digital issue of the *Palm and Pine*. If you wish to still read a paper version, we have sized it 8.5 x 11 so you can print it then read at your leisure. For those members okay with reading it off their screens, thank you for saving more than a few trees!



putting infrastructure so far from where it is truly needed: in existing underserved Coachella Valley communities.

While this project proposal is now “history,” the effort to preserve the area forever has far to go. Nothing prevents the project proponent, Glorious Land Company, from coming back with a new proposal at any time. The proposed new city of more than 21,000 residents would be a seventeen mile drive from Coachella and set against Joshua Tree National Park’s pristine southern border. It would pierce the heart of the MSHCP’s Desert Tortoise and Linkage Conservation Area which is the ecosystem connection between the Park and the Mecca Hills Wilderness. Now we need to work with conservation agencies and organizations to bend every effort to acquiring this property so that it will be permanently protected.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO:

We often ask *Palm and Pine* readers to write letters opposing a project. Now, we are pleased to be able to ask you to write a brief note to Supervisor Manny Perez thanking him for his leadership in stopping this damaging project. And if you live in one of the other Supervisors’ districts, feel free to send your supervisor a thank you. The email addresses are:

district1@rivco.org
(Supervisor Kevin Jeffries)

district2@rivco.org
(Supervisor Karen Spiegel)

d3email@rivco.org
(Supervisor Chuck Washington)

district4@rivco.org
(Supervisor Manuel Perez)

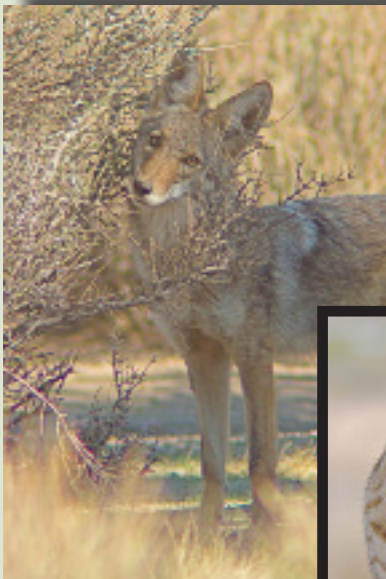
district5@rivco.org
(Supervisor Jeff Hewitt)

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We do win some – and moving Riverside County Supervisors to a DENY vote on the proposed Paradise Valley Development was a win to be celebrated. After the vote, we did celebrate – that was one special day! Getting to this day though took years of work – coalition building, raising awareness and voices, and creating a movement. How was this accomplished and what can we learn from this win?

Join us on Tuesday January 7th at 7:30 pm at the San Bernardino County Museum to learn about the work that went into this effort, and how we can continue building our movement towards environmental protection that includes equity and justice for all our communities. Coalition leaders Gary Gray (Sierra Club Volunteer Leader), Lesly Figueroa, (Policy Advocate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability) and Chris Clarke (National Parks Conservation Association, Associate Director California Desert Program) will hold a panel discussion about building a coalition of conservation groups, environmental justice organizations and concerned community members to oppose development of Paradise Valley. Movement building takes time and requires centering of voices of those most heavily impacted by the issue at hand.

After the panel discussion, there will be some time for Q&A with the panelists. We will take a few minutes to write thank-you postcards to the County Supervisors for making the right decision. Then, we will have a short update from Organizer Yassi Kavezade about the San Bernardino Airport Communities Coalition and how you can help build this important movement.



Photos by David McChesney



We look forward to seeing you there!

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

A bald eagle count was held on December 14 at Lake Perris State Recreation Area. Please check out their Facebook link for more information on the Bald Eagle Count Experience: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2552891351400977/> Future dates are January 11, February 8, and March 14. Please call (951) 940-5657 to verify all information.

Here is some updated information on projects we are following:

State Route 60/World Logistics Center Parkway (SR-60/WLC Pkwy) Interchange Project: The city changed the name of Theodore Street south of Highway 60 to the World Logistics Center Parkway in 2019. Caltrans in conjunction with the city of Moreno Valley has issued a notice of preparation (NOP) for the project. “The purpose of the project is to address existing geometric deficiencies, to alleviate future traffic congestion, and to improve connectivity at the SR-60/WLC Pkwy interchange by improving the traffic

operations.” The NOP was available on November 25, 2019, just in time for the holiday season. Comments need to be submitted no later than January 3, 2020, to Boniface Udotor, Senior Environmental Planner, Caltrans District 8, Division of Environmental Analysis, 464 W. 4th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401 or to boniface.udotor@dot.ca.gov

Gilman Springs Road (GSR): This roadway connects Moreno Valley to the San Jacinto/Hemet area and Riverside County is currently spending major money to upgrade GSR at this time, to make it safer. While traveling GSR you can enjoy driving through portions of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA), along Mystic Lake (the 10,000 acre Davis Unit) and further east is the disjointed 9,500 acre disjointed Potrero Unit. They both have threatened/endangered species as well as other species of concern. They all need to access both units and safely cross GSR. The Sierra Club and other environmental groups will be meeting in December with the County to try to ensure this happens and other environmental concerns are addressed.



RivCo Recycles Event, Sierra Club table hosted by Tom Thornsley, Moreno Valley Group, November 16, 2019

Moreno Valley...from Page 4

Moreno Valley General Plan Update: Our city will begin updating its current general plan and land use map. This could have critical impacts on our city and your neighborhood. If there is vacant land anywhere near you, it is possible the city will propose to change the land use from increasing housing density to more warehousing. It is highly recommended that you monitor and participate in this review and speak up about what you want in your community. If you would like to take part in this process to add your concerns and comments, please send your email address to all of the following: MV Community Development Director (Richard Sandzimier, richardsa@moval.org), the city Planning Official (Patty Nevins, pattyn@moval.org) and Moreno Valley City Clerk (Pat Jacquez-Nares, CityClerk@moval.org)

World Logistics Center (WLC): The 40.6 MILLION square foot World Logistic Center (WLC) warehouse project would cover 2,610 acres, an area larger than 26 Disneylands. The Superior Court ruled in the environmental community's favor in June 2018 on several issues, but we lost on the very important Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions issue. On May 20, 2019, Earthjustice who is representing the Sierra Club and four other groups, filed an appeal on the faulty GHG analysis. The city and the project developer, Highland Fairview, have filed a cross-appeal.

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): This master planned community with its 8,725 dwelling units development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, was approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors this past spring. A coalition of environmental groups represented by the Center for Biological Diversity has challenged this project and its environmental findings. The judge issued a less than favorable tentative decision in November and may issue a final ruling in December.

Donations Needed: Your donations are essential to our litigation against the Villages of Lakeview, the World Logistics Center as well as other projects in our area. Please make checks payable to "Sierra Club" with a notation for WLC and/or VOL or undesignated. Please send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. We sincerely appreciate and thank all of you who have taken time to donate to the litigation fund! We appreciate your generous donations.

Eastern Municipal Water District offers bird walks at their San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility this fall through April 2020. See their link for more information: <https://www.emwd.org/bird-walks>



Santa Margarita Group

By Elena/Maryellen Garcia, Ph.D.

• SMG Secretary •

The Santa Margarita Group of the Sierra Club (SMG/SC) continues to feature experts in their fields as speakers at its general meetings, open to the public at the Temecula Public Library from 6 – 8 pm on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings begin with refreshments and social time, followed by a brief business meeting, with the program starting at 7:00. The first speakers of the 2020 calendar year are Nina Babiarz and Charles Langley on January 9th on the problems of nuclear waste at the nearby San Onofre power plant. Ms. Babiarz is a board member of Public Watchdogs, a non-profit safety monitoring group which has worked closely on San Onofre issues; Mr. Langley is the Executive Director of this group, based in San Diego. For the general meeting on February 13th, Scott Carlson of New Day Solar will be speaking on solar energy as a clean alternative to fossil fuels.

The information that speakers present at our general meetings doesn't stop at the meeting room. In conjunction with Mr. Alden Hough's October lecture on permaculture, all

takers were invited to tour his Sky Mountain Permaculture in Escondido, a seven-acre rainwater harvesting demonstration site where he has integrated California native plants with fruit trees to create an agro-ecological system. And for Ms. Brook Sarson's presentation on rainwater catchment, all interested persons were invited to view prior to her talk a rain catchment system at Meadowview, a homeowners' community in Temecula. Announcements of these outings are included in Blasts from the SMG prior to our monthly programs and everyone is welcome to attend both outings and lectures.

And sometimes an outing is planned just for fun and exercise, such as the one on Sunday, November 10th at the Lake Elsinore Levee. To make it more interesting, we included birdwatching along the shore and were rewarded with sightings of, among other waterfowl, snowy egrets, Northern shovelers and pelicans. We enjoyed the explanations of biologist and local birding expert, PJ Falatek, who was aided by Beth Cobb in aligning telescope views. The SMGroup is considering a lecture on the lake's ecology for the Spring of 2020.

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SMG walkers pause on levee to watch a hawk overhead.

Creating safe wildlife crossings in the counties of Riverside and San Diego is still a top priority for us in the SMG. To that end we have formed a Wildlife Crossing Coalition team which includes our Group of the Sierra Club, The Nature Conservancy, the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) and the Fallbrook Land Conservancy. The team has invited other agencies, non-profits and government entities to address our common goal of making a viable I-15 wildlife crossing system in our region. Its second meeting takes place on Dec. 17th at the Temecula Public Library on Pauba Road. A minor victory for that wildlife crossing took place on November 22nd at Riverside Superior Court, in the tentative ruling by Judge Daniel A. Ottolia that may effectively block or limit the planned 1,750-home Altair development west of the 15 Freeway in Temecula. The City and the developer, Ambient Communities, have until December 31st to submit written arguments to the court to influence a different outcome in the Spring of 2020.

Another important mission for our Group is education. The SMG currently has four prospective interns in its collaborative academic program with MSJC. While the program is being restructured, our interns can do volunteer work with us for Spring semester and then get college credit for the Summer session. There are exciting projects available for them at SMER and restoration projects with the Riverside County biologists. Our annual Science Day, held on November 9th at SMER attracted an enthusiastic group of about 20 local high school students who helped with water quality monitoring at the Reserve. Such hands-on experiences allow the students to get a first-hand appreciation of science. Another youth-oriented activity is the visit of an Americorps

team, coordinated by Teri Biancardi of the SMG. Americorps is a program for young adults similar to the Peace Corps which provides them a way to volunteer temporarily for different projects at various sites in the U.S. For their six-week stay in this area, they helped with the Meadowview Stream Restoration project and also at SMER, the Riverside County biologists and the county's Emergency Management Department. And finally, the SMG had a table at the Eco-Fair at Thompson Middle School on October 3rd. The more than 500 7th graders saw exhibits from a range of wildlife agencies, non-profits and industrial science companies. The event, held yearly, was organized by teacher Cathleen Hansen.

And last but not least we report on our hikes, to which we extend an invitation to all. On Saturday, November 2, 2019,

Gary Marsalone led a hike down the Tenaja Canyon Trail to Fisherman's Camp and then on to view the beautiful San



Our 2020 Americorps team at the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve.

Mateo Canyon. It was a difficult 10-mile hike, round trip, with about 1,600 feet of elevation gain over several hills and creek crossings, but well worth it. If this inspires you, our next hike is on Saturday, January 25, 2020, (9 am-3 pm), to the Calcite Mine at Anza Borrego State Park. Gary will again lead the hike, which he characterizes as easy to moderate, of at least 4 miles with about 600' of gain /loss. He adds, "At the mine area, which is a plateau with spectacular rock formations and great views of the Salton Sea, hikers will have time to explore the area. This could add a mile or more to the hiking distance." More details are available on the SMG Facebook page under "Events."

February meeting ~ Huerta Del Valle ~ A Vision For The Future

Imagine the Inland Empire with a community garden within every mile. A locally grown, sustainable and just source of food within our communities. Farming right here, providing healthy food access, nutrition education, and economic development. This is just some of the vision of Huerta Del Valle, a community organization with farms in Ontario, Jurupa Valley, Riverside and several future locations in the works. Partners supporting this effort include many local agencies, universities and conservation groups.

Join us Tuesday February 4th at 7:30 pm at the San Bernardino County Museum to learn more about this project. Representatives from Huerta Del Valle will come talk to us about their vision and goals. Learn

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about their current gardens and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. The gardens' benefits go beyond food production, with educational and economic opportunities for local community members.

Many of you attended our Green New Deal town hall in May and learned about various ways to combat climate change. Agriculture and large-scale food production is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. Moving towards local agriculture as envisioned by Huerta Del Valle not only provides good, healthy food – it is one important step in combating climate change.

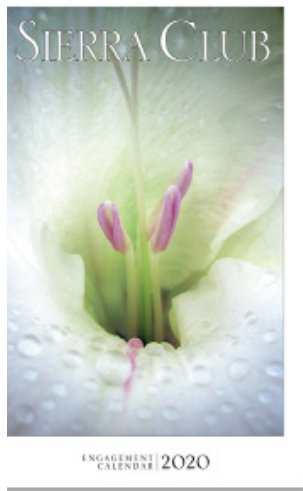
Meetings are open to the public and free of charge.





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OUTINGS & ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER – JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2020

This Calendar is available at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org>



Sierra Club
San Gorgonio Chapter
(Riverside & San Bernardino Counties)

GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, and experience for the Outings they lead. Leaders may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should **CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP**. Many Outings specify items to be carried by EACH participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the **TEN ESSENTIALS** are required. They are: 1) Map 2) Compass 3) Flashlight 4) Knife 5) Windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case 6) Fire starter 7) First aid kit 8) Extra food and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/ sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but at the sole risk of the participants. The Sierra Club assumes no responsibility for carpools. For safety reasons the Club recommends that drivers have adequate insurance coverage, their vehicles have no safety defects and drivers not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings and Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

****ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE** - Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests may require a Forest Service "Adventure Pass" for each vehicle. The Forest Service designates where the passes are required. Generally, areas that have developed parking and may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs and trash cans require passes and unimproved areas do not require passes. Outings that require passes usually will be preceded by ** in the listings that follow and/or the leader may indicate the need for Adventure Passes. While leaders try to provide accurate information, ultimately it is the vehicle's driver that assumes responsibility to adhere to all rules, regulations, and laws - not the Sierra Club. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however, they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. As a passenger, you are expected to share some of the cost of the daily passes along with a mileage contribution along with the others in the vehicle. America The Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

CARPOOLING POLICY - In the interests of facilitating some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

LIABILITY WAIVER - To participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Geronimo Chapter website at sangoronio2.sierraclub.org and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

DEC 15 (SUN) 6:30 AM **MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK** **WALK**
Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328. CHAPTER

DEC 16 – DEC 22

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)*

DEC 20 (FRI) 9:00AM **GREEN VALLEY LAKE** **HIKE**
Join us for a 3-5 miles R/T **moderate**, 600' elevation gain hike in the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains. Well behaved dogs are welcome. MEET at the entrance to the Green Valley Lake camp ground, at the end of Green Valley Lake Rd. WEAR layered clothing, hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING trekking poles, snacks, and water. LEADER Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), <fsellis67@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 21 (SAT) 9:00 AM **PALM SPRINGS: MURRAY HILL** **HIKE**
Murray Hill is the prominent peak directly south of the Palm Springs airport. On this 9-mile loop hike, we climb a hefty 2100 ft. to the top, but the trail is generally well graded. On top we have 360° views of the city and desert, with great views of the Desert Divide and San Jacinto Mountains. RATED: **Strenuous**. MEET: East end of the Rimrock Plaza, 4733 E. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs 92264 off Hwy. 111. BRING: 10 essentials, good boots, hiking poles, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch and 3 liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Joe Amador 909-856-5760 (TEXT OK) or jamador2000@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 23 – DEC 31

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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DEC 28 (SAT) 8:00 AM **HORSETHIEF CANYON** **HIKE**
This 6-mile hike is rated as **moderate** due to a 500' elevation gain. There are lovely views and the area is historic. The route takes us along part of the Pacific Crest Trail. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: 8 a.m. at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 29 (SUN) 8:30 AM **PISGAH PEAK – YUCAIPA** **HIKE**
This is a bit of a challenge hike, just what we need after the indulgence of the holidays. It looks to be about a 9-mile hike, round trip, with about 1000 ft. of elevation gain. It's all on a fire road, with great views in many directions. This road is also used by bicyclists but it's wide enough for all of us. If you like Morton Peak, then you will like this hike. RATED: **Moderate/Strenuous**. MEET: Wildwood Canyon State Park parking lot. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection and hiking boots. RESERVATIONS: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 30 (MON) 9:00 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE HIKE TO RED DOME HIKE
Easy to moderate approx. 5-mile out & back hike along a portion of the PCT to Red Dome rock. Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 8:00 a.m. or meet at 9:00 a.m. at parking lot at Whitewater Preserve by ranger station. Take 10 Fwy East., exit at Whitewater, head north along canyon. NOTE: should Whitewater be closed, Big Morongo Valley Preserve will be the alternate hike location. BRING: Water, sunscreen, snack/lunch, layered clothing. Rain cancels. RSVP by 8 p.m. Dec. 29 to LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. Co-leader: Joe Amador
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

DEC 31 (TUE) 8:30 AM NEW YEAR'S EVE JOSHUA TREE WARREN PEAK HIKE
Once again, we'll take a break from the holidays to enjoy this hike. The 7-mile loop combines easy wash walking in pretty Black Rock Canyon; an occasionally steep trail through the aptly named Panorama Loop; a short, steep, occasionally loose walk-up ascent of Warren Peak; followed by a longer descent on a use trail off the north side of the peak. Vegetation includes some nice larger pinyon/juniper and oak. Starting elevation of 4000 feet with 1100-foot gain. RATED: **Moderate** MEET: Visitor Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. No entrance station or fee. We should be back to the trailhead by 3:00 pm. BRING: ten essentials, hiking pole, layers and sun protection, lunch, and 2.5-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Dave Melton at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 1 – JAN 5

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JAN 3 (FRI) 10:00 AM GREEN VALLEY LAKE NOWSHOE SEASON
Our snowshoe excursions this year are scheduled on Fridays, but based on snow conditions, could happen any day or time. Therefore, RSVP's are required. You will be notified via e-mail at least 24 hours in advanced when conditions are just right to schedule a snowshoe excursion. We have 3 snowshoe leaders, and hope to have a snowshoe excursion every week for the months of January and February. Join us on a 1-2 mile **easy** snowshoe excursion, experience is not necessary – it's not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who don't have any, let us know. MEET Green Valley Lake Campground, (33680 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR layered snow clothing and boots. BRING snacks and water. LEADER Sandy Ellis, call 909-867-7115, <fsellis67@gmail.com>. LEADER Karla Kellems text 760-405-4311 or call 909-939-5790, <karlakellems@gmail.com>. LEADER Jean Konhoff, text of call 562-400-4004, <meanjeanh@yahoo.com>. RSVP's required, because poor snow conditions or inclement weather will alter the schedule. MOUNTAINS GROUP

JAN 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM OAK GLEN, SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS HIKE
Start the New Year with a **moderate** hike of 4 miles in the Juniper Flats area with its wonderful rock formations and historic mining remnants. There is some easy elevation gain/loss and soft sand on the trail. None of this is difficult. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

JAN 5 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
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behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328. CHAPTER

JAN 5 (SUN) 10:00 AM LAKE GREGORY BIRD WALK
In honor of National Bird Day, let's go for a walk around Lake Gregory and identify the birds we see. This is an **easy** 2.5 mile walk. Great for the whole family including well behaved dogs. MEET at the Lake Gregory Education Center (24740 San Moritz Way, Crestline, CA 92325). WEAR Pants, hat, layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING water, snack, trekking poles, and jacket. LEADER Karla Kellems, text 760-405-4311 or call 909-939-5790, <karlakellems@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

JAN 6 – JAN 12

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JAN 7 (TUE) 8:00 AM STODDARD PEAK HIKE
This will be a moderate hike up Barrett Canyon to the top of Stoddard Peak (elevation 4624 ft), 6 miles round trip with 1100 ft. elevation gain. The hike in Barrett Canyon is easy and goes past some charming cabins. The last half mile up Stoddard Peak is a steep scramble. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact leader for carpooling from Upland. LEADER: John St. Clair 909-983-8501 or john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JAN 9 (THU) 8:00 AM GLENDORA TO CROSS ABOVE AZUSA HIKE
We will hike on a service road, starting at Glendora Mountain Rd for 4 moderate miles to reach our destination at the cross & bench overlooking the entire valley! This was previously known as the Garcia Trail prior to the wildfire which closed the access from Azusa. Return the same way making this 8 miles round trip with 600' elevation gain. Inclement weather cancels. BRING: 10 essentials MEET: Call leader for carpool from Upland or meet at Glendora trailhead. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JAN 10 (FRI) 10:00 AM GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOWSHOE SEASON
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JAN 11 (SAT) 7:45 AM JOSHUA TREE ELDORADO MINE HIKE
Hike a mixture of trail, wash, and cross-country on this one-way shuttle hike from Squaw Tank on dirt Geology Tour Rd over to Pinto Basin Rd northwest of the Cholla Cactus Garden. Many red Barrel Cacti and other cactus varieties grow at this lower elevation. We start on the Fried Liver Wash/Hexahedron Mine trail, but then branch off to reach the remnants of the Eldorado Mine.

RATED: Moderate. Nine miles with ups and downs and a loss of 1000 ft. between trailheads. About half cross-country. **MEET:** At the Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277. Park entry fee required. **BRING:** Ten essentials, layered clothing, good boots, poles, lunch and 2 liters water. **RESERVATIONS:** Contact Dave Melton at 760-408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com or LJ Foster at eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

JAN 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT AT SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE
This **moderate** 5 mile hike starts with a short elevation gain of 200'. The remainder has only mild elevation gain and loss. The views of Summit Valley and the Lake are wonderful. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. **BRING:** Water and a snack. **MEET:** Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. **LEADER:** Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

JAN 11 (SAT) 9:00 AM CHINO HILLS URBAN TRAIL HIKE
Start your new year conditioning with a hike on Chino Hills La Sierra Loop trail. This 2.1 mile loop starts at the top of a hill and makes a loop down and around open space then back up. The return hike up the hill will get your cardio going! Wear layers, a hat and bring water. Rain within 48 hrs cancels. Meet at La Sierra Trailhead, 13590 La Sierra Dr, Chino Hills, CA 91709. Mary Ann Ruiz, ruizmaryann@gmail.com or 909-815-9379 **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

JAN 13 – JAN 19

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JAN 16 (THU) 8:30 AM REDLANDS SAN TIMOTEO NATURE SANCTUARY HIKE
Located on the north side of San Timoteo Creek between Alessandro Road and San Timoteo Canyon Road, the sanctuary includes at least three distinct habitats - grassland, hillside chaparral, and riparian with the only year-round stream in the area. We will hike on the Cocomaricopa Trail and loop back on the historic Carriage Trail. **BRING:** 10 Essentials. 2 liters water. Snacks, hat, sun protection. Optional lunch afterward at the Olive Ave. Market. **RATED: Easy to Moderate.** There is little shade on this 5.6 mile hike with about 300 ft. elevation gain to the overlook. **MEET:** Trailhead at 1988 Alessandro Rd, Redlands CA 92373. Inclement weather cancels. **CONTACT:** Leader Joe Amador 909-856-5760 (text ok) or jamador2000@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

JAN 17 (FRI) 10:00 AM GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOWSHOE SEASON
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JAN 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SECTION A BARREL SPRING TO WARNER SPRING HIKE

Geographically this is the last segment of Section A and is also the easiest with high point of 3600 ft., a climb of 1200 ft., and a descent of 1600 ft. **RATED: Moderate.** **MEET:** On the road in front of the Warner Springs Community Resource Center at 30950 CA-79, Warner Springs, CA 92086. **BRING:** Ten essentials, layered clothing, lunch, and 2 liters water. **RESERVATIONS:** Contact Darlene Taylor at dtaylorncrow@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM HIDDEN/SURPRISE TANK, RODMAN MOUNTAIN HIKE

This **moderate** six mile hike in the wilderness by Rodman Mountain through an area of volcanic rock has Native American artifacts, is prehistoric and petroglyphs. It is not to be confused with Rodman Mountain petroglyphs as it is in a different location. There is a carpool to the trail head using a graded road suitable for all vehicles. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. **BRING:** Water and a snack. **MEET:** Victor valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. **LEADER:** Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

JAN 18 (SAT) EUREKA PEAK LOOP HIKE

This is a moderately strenuous approximately 8.5 mile loop trail in Joshua Tree National Park. Hike starts at Black Rock Canyon Campground in the park (elevation 3980) and gradually climbs 1538 feet over 4 miles to Eureka Peak (elevation 5518). Return to Black Rock Canyon Campground via the loop is approximately 4.5 miles. Views from Eureka Peak are spectacular with Mt. San Jacinto dominating the southern view and San Gorgonio dominating the western view. Both have a good chance of being snowcapped at the time of the hike, offering a cool juxtaposition with the desert landscape. Rain cancels. **BRING** at least 3 liters water, lunch, sun protection and layered clothing. National Park passes are available at the ranger station at the campground. **LEADER:** Greg Walker **CO-LEADER:** John St.Clair. Contact leader to schedule departure time and meeting place (951) 276-1828 walker@citrus.ucr.edu.
SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

JAN 19 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK

Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. **MEET:** Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. **WEAR:** Layered clothing and walking shoes. **BRING:** Snacks and water. **DOGS:** Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. **LEADER:** JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328.
CHAPTER

JAN 20 (MON) 9:00 AM MISSION CREEK PRESERVE – STONE HOUSES HIKE

Easy 3.2 mile out and back hike along Mission Creek, a beautiful desert canyon **BRING:** water, snack, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. **MEET:** 10 FWy east to 62 North towards Yucca Valley. To reach the trailhead, turn onto Mission Creek Road from Highway 62 and follow the dirt lane (west) for 2 miles until reaching a locked gate. Park in the unpaved lot. **RSVP** by 8 pm on Jan 19 to reserve spot and for possible carpooling. **LEADER:** Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com, **Asst. Leader:** Joe Amador 909-856-5760 **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

JAN 20 – JAN 26

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JAN 22 (WED) 8:00AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE PCT TO OVERLOOK HIKE

We will hike 6.8 miles up to the San Gorgonio Overlook on the PCT, enjoy the amazing view, then return the same route, making this a strenuous 13.6 mile RT hike. We will need to cross the

JAN 27 – FEB 2

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JAN 31 (FRI) 10:00 AM

GREEN VALLEY LAKE

SNOWSHOE SEASON

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FEB 1 (SAT) 9:00 AM

MITSUBISHI CEMENT PLANT

TOUR

We offer an **easy** tour of the Mitsubishi Cement Plant at Cushenbury Springs which is always recommended. The complicated process together with the efforts in relation to conservation makes this tour of great interest. Please note that we meet at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 9 am for the carpool. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 2 (SUN) 6:30 AM

MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK

WALK

Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328. CHAPTER

FEB 3 – FEB 9

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FEB 4 (TUE) 8:00 AM

STODDARD PEAK

HIKE

This will be a moderate hike up Barrett Canyon to the top of Stoddard Peak (elevation 4624 ft), 6 miles round trip with 1100 ft. elevation gain. The hike in Barrett Canyon is easy and goes past some charming cabins. The last half mile up Stoddard Peak is a steep scramble. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact leader for carpooling from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 6 (THU) 7:45 AM

JOSHUA TREE, SAMUELSON ROCKS

HIKE

Hike to unique and well-preserved artifacts within a side of the park that visitors typically don't see. In 1927, Swedish immigrant John Samuelson carved his thoughts on a number of rocks. RATED: **MODERATE**. About a 6-mile loop hike from the Quail Springs Parking lot on sandy trails. MEET: Be ready to hike at 7:45 AM at Joshua Tree VC, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. We'll carpool and take as few cars as possible. BRING: 2+ liters water, snacks, hiking poles, wind/sun

protection (hat, sunscreen) and 10 essentials. Weather: Desert winter days can be warm or cold; check forecast prior to the hike. Rain or snow cancels. CONTACT: Joe Amador 909-856-5760 (Text OK) or jamador2000@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 6 (THU) 9:30 AM PIPES CANYON PIONEERTOWN PRESERVE HIKE
We will hike a 9.5 mile strenuous loop through Pipes Canyon in the lovely Pioneertown Mountains Preserve. This trail offers a bit of history, fascinating geology, wetlands, & desert vistas! We plan to summit Chaparrosa Peak (elevation 5541') before continuing on the loop. BRING: 10 essentials including lunch. Inclement weather cancels. MEET: Parking lot of PIONEERTOWN MOUNTAINS PRESERVE at 9:30am. Call leader for possible carpooling. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 7-10 (FRI-MON) TECOPA / SHOSHONE CAR CAMP
Camping, hiking, and conservation, this rewarding car camp has it all! Attend the CA/NV Desert Committee meetings with the Wilderness Committee to discuss conservation concerns affecting our deserts and wilderness. Additional outings will include; soaking in the Tecopa Hot Springs, tour the China Date farm, hike Salt Creek and the Armargosa river, and walk around the Shoshone cave dwellings and Ash Meadows. Camping will be primitive and transient. No cell service. LEADER Karla Kellems, text 760-405-4311 or call 909-939-5790 <karlakellems@gmail.com>. RSVP required.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

FEB 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM MOJAVE RIVER FROM HESPERIA LAKES HIKE
This is a five mile hike along the Mojave River from Hesperia Lakes towards the Dam. Much of the hike is on sand and is **moderate**. There is no elevation gain or loss. The area has an interesting history and a brief commentary will be given. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat, BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: VictorValley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM, 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 10 – FEB 16

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FEB 12 (WED) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE
This will be a short hike up the rocky wash to the 90 foot Bonita Falls in Lytle Creek Canyon. About 3 miles round trip, slight elevation gain. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: water and a snack; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. Contact John St. Clair for the meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us or 909-983-8501
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 13 (THU) 7:30 AM MECCA HILLS CANYON EXPLORATION HIKE
Hike 4-5 miles up one of the gorgeous canyons in Mecca Hills, north of Salton Sea. Bring your willingness to "wing it" as we explore the canyon, and maybe find a slot canyon to explore. This is an exposed, **moderate** hike without a trail, with uneven sandy & rocky footing. MEET: Contact hike leader for meeting place in Beaumont (7:30AM) or Coachella (8:15AM). BRING: Water & snacks for 4-5 hours' hiking, wind/sun/chill protection, personal first aid, No Trace toilet supplies; trekking poles & camera. WEATHER: Please check forecast; remember that desert winter days can be warm or cold. Rain, excessive wind, or snow cancels. CONTACT: LJ Foster by email at eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com and include your name.
BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 14 (FRI) 10:00 AM HEART ROCK WALK
Start Valentine's Day off right with an **easy** 1.5 mile family and dog friendly walk to Heart Rock. Follow the beautiful Seeley Creek to the waterfall. MEET Forest Service Rd. 2N03 at trail head 4W07. WEAR hat, pants, layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING water, snacks, trekking poles, and jacket. LEADER Karla Kellems, text 760-405-4311 or call 909-939-5790 <karlakellems@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

FEB 15 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC A PEDRO FAGES MONUMENT TO SCISSORS CROSSING HIKE
Hike 16 miles, generally downhill, on our longest dayhike segment of Section A. Start at the 4600 ft. highpoint and finish at 2300 ft. RATED: **Strenuous** due to length. MEET: At the Pedro Fages monument on the S1 Sunrise Hwy 1.6 miles south of the intersection with Hwy 79. BRING: Ten essentials including a flashlight, layered clothing, lunch and snacks, and 3 liters water. RESERVATIONS: Contact Darlene Taylor at dtaylorncrew@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM SILVERWOOD LAKE RANGER STATION HIKE
This five mile hike has a **moderate** elevation gain of 400'. The elevation gain is in the first half of the hike. The reward is the stunning views of the Mountains and Lake. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

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FEB 16 (SUN) 8:30 AM JOSHUA TREE MALAPAI HILL HIKE
This off-trail hike climbs from the Geology Tour backcountry road to the summit of Malapai Hill (1,300m). Malapai Hill is a basalt plug, thought to be of recent geologic origin. We ascend the steep and rocky eastern slope to gain beautiful views of Queen and Pleasant Valleys after passing the famous balanced rock. This 2 mile off-trail hike with a 500' gain is a pleasant 2-3 hour hike in a little used area of the park. Hikers need good footwear, balance, and the ability to hike up and downhill over rocky terrain. RATED: **Moderate**. MEET: At the Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms. We will carpool to the trailhead. Park entry fee required. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 2L water. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader Dave Neumann at 208-892-3001 or idmtman@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 17 – FEB 23

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FEB 19 (WED) 8:00 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE
This will be a moderate 7 mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 ft), with 1300 ft. elevation gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair to

confirm and for directions to trailhead and carpooling meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair at 909-983-8501 or john@stclairs.us. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 21 (FRI) 8:30 AM CHINO HILLS STATE PARK HIKE
Chino Hills State Park is a gem in the center of suburbia. Join us for a hike among rolling green hills, wildflowers, oak woodlands and mountain views. We will hike 4-5 miles with 500-800 ft of elevation gain. We will start at Rolling M Ranch and have a couple of trail options depending trail accessibility. Wear sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen, and layered clothing. Bring your camera or you birding binocs, 2 liters of water and snacks. Rain within 48 hours cancels MEET in Chino at 8:30 am: contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ ruizmaryann@gmail.com or 909-815-9379 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 21 (FRI) 10:00 AM GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOWSHOE SEASON
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FEB 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM RYAN MOUNTAIN JTNP HIKE
Moderate 4-mile hike to highest point in park. Spectacular views. Saw bighorn sheep last year. BRING: 10 essentials, water, snack, layers, hiking shoes or boots. Weather cancels. MEET: JTNP Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree 92256. We will caravan to trailhead. RSVP: by Feb 21 to 951-833-1328. Text or phone OK. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON ((951) 833-1328 CHAPTER

FEB 23 (SUN) 9:00 AM LAKE SILVERWOOD HIKE
Join us for a 6-7 mile R/T **moderate** 500' elevation gain hike on the Pacific Crest Trail from the Silverwood Park office toward Cedar Spring Dam. There are beautiful views of the lake from the trail, and possible distant sightings of snow-capped peaks. WEAR hat, pants, hiking boots. BRING trekking poles, jacket, lunch, and 2 liters of water. No dogs. LEADER: Heather Sargeant 909-336-2836 (no text) <heathercsoo@aol.com> CALL for meeting place and details. Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

FEB 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM RESIDENTS OF BELL MOUNTAIN HIKE/TOUR
This is a great opportunity to visit the remains for properties which belonged to the residents of the Bell Mountain area. Local historian Marcy Taylor will be with us to assist with historic commentary and photographs of the area in 'bygone days'. It is a driving tour but there will be some hiking required. This will be **easy**. As always, bring water; wear layered clothing and a hat. The tour will require carpooling on graded roads. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 24 – FEB 29

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FEB 28 (FRI) 10:00 AM GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOWSHOE SEASON

Our snowshoe excursions this year are scheduled on Fridays, but based on snow conditions, could happen any day or time. Therefore, RSVP's are required. You will be notified via e-mail at least 24 hours in advanced when conditions are just right to schedule a snowshoe excursion. We have 3 snowshoe leaders, and hope to have a snowshoe excursion every week for the months of January and February. Join us on a 1-2 mile **easy** snowshoe excursion, experience is not necessary – it's not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who don't have any, let us know. **MEET** Green Valley Lake Campground, (33680 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). **WEAR** layered snow clothing and boots. **BRING** snacks and water. **LEADER** Sandy Ellis, call 909-867-7115, <fsellis67@gmail.com>. **LEADER** Karla Kellems text 760-405-4311 or call 909-939-5790, <karlakellems@gmail.com>. **LEADER** Jean Konhoff, text of call 562-400-4004, <meanjeanoh@yahoo.com>. **RSVP's** required, because poor snow conditions or inclement weather will alter the schedule. **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

FEB 29-MAR 1 (SAT-SUN) 6:30 AM PCT SEC A SCISSORS XING - BARREL SPRING BACKPACK

As part of our PCT Section A patch program, we will backpack 24 miles over two days. We will probably have to carry some water depending on the status of surface water and a cache at the 14-mile point. Starting elevation is 2200 ft. with a climb of 3600 ft. and a 2400 ft. descent. 4300 ft. high point. **RATED: Strenuous.** Participants must be able to maintain 1.5 mph pace with pack. **MEET:** TBA. **BRING:** Packing List will be provided **RESERVATIONS:** Contact Darlene Taylor at dtaylorncrow@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM HORSETHIEF CANYON PCT TO I-15 HIKE

This is a **moderate** 5 mile hike from Horsethief Canyon along the Pacific Crest Trail to the I-15 (at MacDonald's). This hike will be one way and require a shuttle. This hike has several areas of elevation loss and gain but is not too difficult. The area has many historic features which will be shown during the hike. Wear Layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. **BRING:** Water and a snack. **MEET:** Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. **LEADER:** Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 29 (SAT) 9:30 AM LA QUINTA COVE TRAIL

Moderate 6.5 mile RT hike along a wash and hills along desert mountains to Lake Cahuilla and back. 548' elevation gain. **BRING:** water, sunscreen, hat, snack, sturdy shoes, camera. **MEET:** 10 Fwy east to La Quinta, exit Washington St. turn R on Eisenhower, R on Avenida Bermudas until it becomes Calle Tecate to dirt parking lot or call for carpool arrangements from Moreno Valley. Opportunity for lunch afterward. **RSVP** by 8 p.m. Feb 23 to **LEADER:** Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

COMING UP

MAR 3-4 (TUE-WED)

EAST MOJAVE PRESERVE

CAR CAMP

This two day car camping and hiking trip will explore the geology and ecology of a few of the special highlights of the East Mojave Preserve. We will hike along a lava flow and up to the summit of a cinder cone, explore a lava tube, hike in the Granite Mountains, and to the top of the Kelso Dunes. We will dry camp in the open desert. Rain MAY cancel. BRING: Email trip leader for more detailed trip information including recommended camping supplies. MEET: 9:00 AM Tuesday, March 3. Contact trip leader for additional trip information, to confirm your participation, and for directions to the Tuesday morning meeting place. Carpooling is suggested. LEADER: Brian Elliott at 909-241-8036 or brianelli@aol.com

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