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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, March 5th • 7:30 PM
"Citizens' Climate Lobby"
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"The Wildlands Conservancy"
 Presented by John Trammell
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Programs are held at the
San Bernardino County Museum,
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands
 (California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

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Save Paradise!

Submitted by Bill Havert



East of the Coachella Valley is a 5,000+ acre area along Pinkham Wash bounded by Joshua Tree National Park on the north and the Mecca Hills Wilderness on the south. For desert tortoise and wildlife moving back and forth between the National Park and the Wilderness, it's a bit of desert paradise, especially with the huge area of desert dry wash woodland along Pinkham Wash and on down into Box Canyon. It's a wonderful area, but there's trouble in paradise.

Glorious Land Company (GLC) proposes to build a "new town" on the site and has submitted a Specific Plan proposal to Riverside County for 8,500 residential units, over 1.3 million square feet of commercial office, retail, hotels, light industrial and public facilities, flood control channels, and so on. GLC calls its proposed project Paradise Valley and there's the trouble. If we're going to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stop despoiling our fragile desert lands, and come to grips with drought, it won't be through leapfrog development like this, miles from nowhere.

This project:

- Is inconsistent with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), a regional conservation plan that took 12 years to prepare and get approved, and which has been in effect since 2008. In defiance of the MSHCP, the County has not had the

required Joint Project Review (JPR) prepared to determine if the project would be consistent with the MSHCP's Conservation Objectives. Instead, the County proposes to have JPRs prepared for individual future phases of the project, after it has been approved. If this approach is allowed to proceed, the MSHCP will have been fatally subverted and all the regional conservation benefits of the MSHCP will be discarded. Paradise will be paved.

- Would sever the connectivity between Joshua Tree National Park and the Mecca Hills Wilderness for wildlife movement and ecological processes.
- It's 17.5 miles from downtown Indio and over 30 miles from Costco in the middle of the Coachella Valley. Realistically, the "new town" residents would be constantly traveling to and from the "old towns," commuting to work,

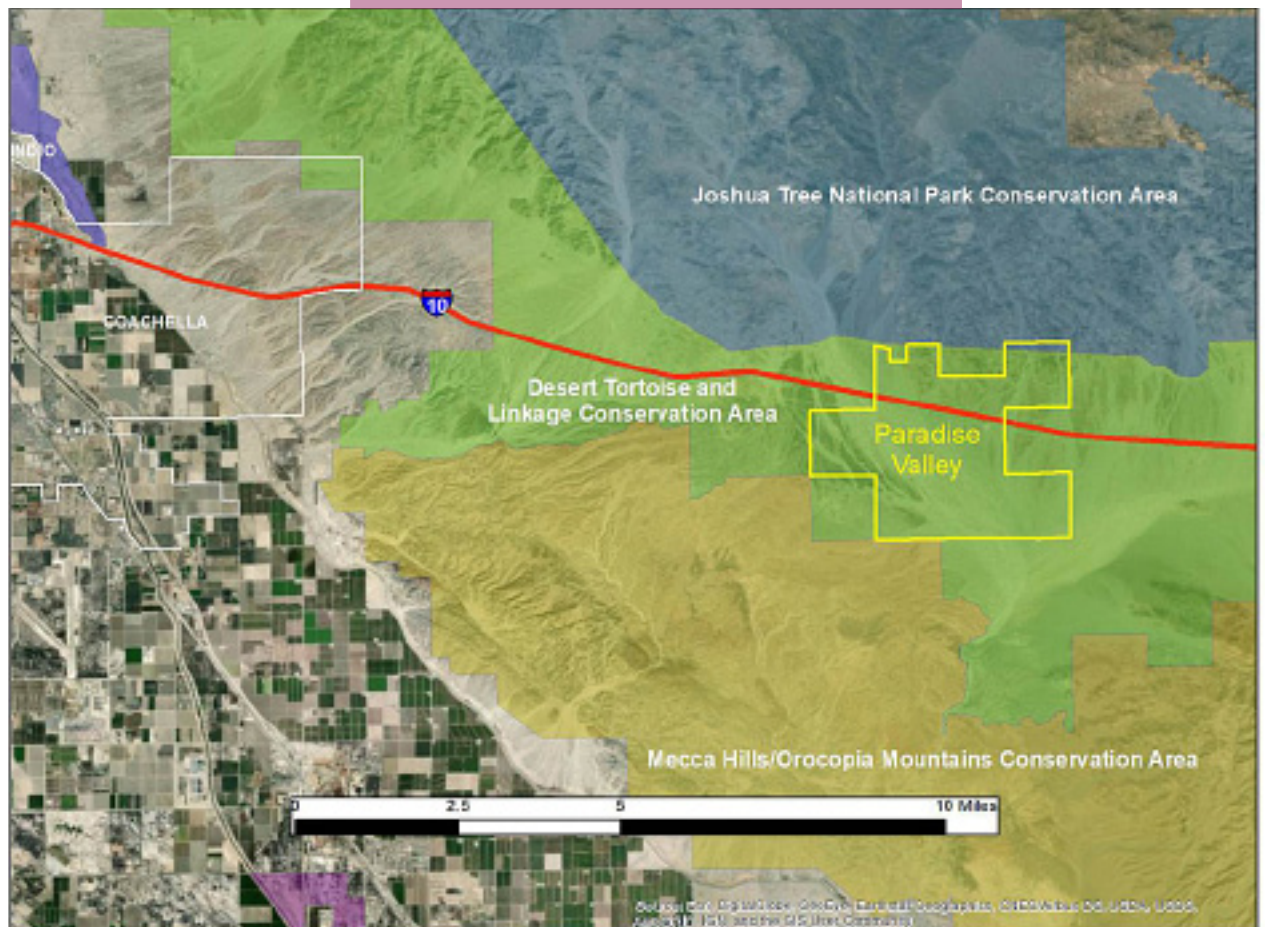
shopping, playing, visiting friends, etc. Far more miles would be driven because the development would be nowhere near the existing cities of the Coachella Valley. That's not smart sustainable growth as claimed by GLC. It's old-fashion leapfrog development with unnecessary impacts on air quality and climate change through heavy reliance on fossil fuels for those excessive miles.

- Requires new infrastructure rather than efficiently extending existing infrastructure in or adjacent to a city. While it is certainly new growth, it is neither smart nor sustainable when there is no infrastructure and no services. The project has to annex into a water district and obtain water through a combination of groundwater and water rights obtained from drought-stricken Kern County. In other words, the water isn't here.

Is currently over five thousand acres of undisturbed desert habitat, and it should stay that way. The proposed development doesn't just destroy the acres directly affected by the mass grading and construction; it also impacts the residual open space on the site as well as

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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:
Write to the Riverside County Planning Commission expressing your opposition to the Paradise Valley Specific Plan project. Comments may be emailed to the County Planner for the project, Russell Brady, at rbrady@RIVCO.ORG



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August at Temecula Valley Library,
30600 Pauba Road, Temecula

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thousands of adjacent acres in the National Park and the Mecca Hills Wilderness in well-documented ways. These “edge” effects include the introduction of invasive species and new predators; disruption of ecological processes and wildlife movement corridors; urban runoff of fertilizers, pesticides, and pollutants; lighting; noise; and trespass. Development of this site would severely damage the ecological integrity of thousands, if not tens of thousands, of acres of fragile desert.

The project site is in the MSHCP’s Desert Tortoise and Linkage Conservation Area;



it should be purchased by the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) as part of its implementation of the MSHCP. GLC prefers to develop the site, but if their project is denied by the County Board of Supervisors, then perhaps they will agree to sell to the CVCC.

The Sierra Club, the Center for Biological Diversity, and an array of other conservation and environmental/social justice groups have been opposing the project and seeking to compel the County to comply with the MSHCP. The County currently has a fourth Planning Commission hearing scheduled for May 15th in Palm Desert.

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Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MARCH-APRIL 2019

The outings calendar is on the Internet at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/>

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the May/June 2019 Calendar are due by April 1, 2019, no joke!

FORMAT items like those below. Send items electronically if possible.

OUTINGS: Send outings write-ups to your group or section Outings Chair.

MEETINGS & other events: Send electronically to Ladd Seekins at ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS – All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, & 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 & water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club & its leaders may facilitate carpooling; however, they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage & their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages.

It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings & 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 & may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs & trash cans require passes & 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, & 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. Golden Eagle Passports & Golden Age Passports 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 Gorgonio Chapter website at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org & click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, Oct. 7 & Nov. 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST MON) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST TUE) * 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com (909) 800-3911.
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(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(2ND MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385.
CHAPTER

(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, ssueber16@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.
CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK
MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: Judy Smith 951-369-5117.
CHAPTER

FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 3

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings & Activities)

FEB 25-28 (MON-THU) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK CARCAMP
On Monday we will meet at noon at the Panamint Springs Campground (\$10. per car) on Hwy. 190 just off Panamint Valley Road. In the afternoon we will hike to Darwin Falls. Tues. we will move to Mesquite Springs Campground & hike the rim of Ubehebe Crater. Weds. we will hike Titus Canyon & return to camp. Thurs. we will pack up & go to the Mesquite Dunes for a morning hike on the dunes before heading home. All hikes will be at a leisurely pace. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, earthlingwiley2000@yahoo.com, 760-245-8734.
MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 26 (TUE) 8:00 AM INDIAN CANYONS, PALM SPRINGS HIKE
Hike up a strenuous trail in Indian Canyons to Maynard Mine, about 3 miles, gaining almost 2500' elevation! We will enjoy a break & explore the area around the mine before returning the same route, making this a 6-mile round trip. MEET at the entrance when the gates open at 8:00 AM. Contact leader for carpooling from Upland. COST: Entry fee is \$9 per person or \$7 for seniors 62 or older, military, & students. Inclement weather cancels. BRING 10 essentials including lunch. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.
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MAR 1 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS LAKE VIEW LOOP HIKE
Join us for a 6 miles R/T moderate, 600' elevation gain hike. Bring a trash bag, as we are sure to encounter snow play trash along the way. MEET At the Little Green Valley trail head across the street from the Snow Valley parking area. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. Well behaved dogs welcome. BRING trekking poles, jacket, snacks, and water. LEADER Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER Heather Sargeant 909-336-2836 (no text) heathercsoo@aol.com
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****MAR 1 (FRI) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE**
This will be an easy 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. MEET: Contact John St. Clair for the meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 2 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEEP CREEK RIPARIAN AREA HIKE
A strenuous, 1000 ft elevation gain, 7-mile hike down into Deep Creek riparian area. Hike in then out the same route. We'll stay down in the canyon for exploration and snack time. (This is not the hot springs area) BRING: 10 essentials, adequate water, layered clothing, hiking poles. MEET: AMC Theatre, 22311 Bear Valley Rd., Apple Valley. High clearance vehicle recommended. There is limited parking. Carpooling may be available. Approximately 10 miles to trailhead. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD, 760 964 0039 carolwhitbyllass@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

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MAR 2 (SAT) 8:30 AM CACTUS SPRING TRAIL HIKE
(Rescheduled from Jan 5). Starting at about 4000 ft. in the Santa Rosa Wilderness off Hwy 74 south of Palm Desert, the trail drops into Martinez Canyon, descends to Horsethief Creek, which should be flowing, then climbs up to the plateau to Cactus Spring (more of a seep). We return from there. 9 miles round trip. RATING: Moderate. The grade is generally moderate, but a few steep loose sections suggest bringing your best footwear and hiking poles. Elevation gain of 1,200'. MEET: At the Sugarloaf Café at 70111 CA-74, Mountain Center, CA 92561. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, adequate water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and gloves. RESERVATIONS & LEADER DAVE MELTON (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com .BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 2 (SAT) 9:00 AM HARFORD SPRINGS RESERVE HIKE
Easy approx. 5-mile loop with little elevation change and great views of (hopefully snow-capped) San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains the whole way. The trail can be muddy, so wear appropriate shoes/boots. BRING: water, hat, sunscreen, snack. MEET: 21470 Gavilan Rd, Perris CA. Rain cancels. RSVP for hike and possible carpooling by 8 p.m. on Mar. 1. LEADER: NANCY POWER (626) 372-4304 or nancypower@yahoo.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 3 (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 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, (951) 833-1328. CHAPTER

MAR 3 (SUN) 9:00 AM PALM SPRINGS MUSEUM/N. LYKKEN TRAILS HIKE
Difficult to moderate approx. 5-mile loop up the very steep Museum Trail for one mile, then turn down the North Lykken trail towards Ramon Road. Return via a road along houses that have very interesting, artistic doors and doorways. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, snack. MEET: Palm Springs Art Museum at 101 N. Museum Drive, park in free parking structure across the street (4-hour time limit) or on curb (no limit). Rain cancels. RSVP by 8 pm on Mar. 2 and possible carpooling. LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MARCH 4 – MARCH 10

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MAR 4 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, Oct. 7 & Nov. 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
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The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 4 (MON) 5:00 PM TAHQUITZ GROUP EXCOM MEETING
PLACE: Koffi South, 1700 South Camino Real, Palm Springs; INFO: Joan Taylor psjoan01@gmail.com
TAHQUITZ GROUP

MAR 5 (TUE) * 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911.
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MAR 7 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
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MAR 8 (FRI) 9:00 AM PINNACLES HIKE HIKE
A difficult hike, 6-mile R/T, 1100' elevation gain, with a rock scramble to the top. The Pinnacles is one of the Sierra Club's 100 peaks. Enjoy the exciting rejuvenation along the trail since the 2016 Pilot fire. Beautiful views of the desert and Lake Silverwood at the top. Well behaved dogs welcome. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking boots. BRING jacket, trekking poles, lunch, and 2 bottles of water. MEET Blue Jay Cinema lot to carpool (27315 N. Bay Road, Blue Jay, CA 92317). LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. LEADER HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text) heathercsoo@aol.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT FROM HWY 178-SUMMIT VALLEY HIKE
A six-mile hike along the San Bernardino Mountains and back through an off-trail area of Summit Valley. Rated moderate because initial gradual elevation gain. The views are spectacular, and the area is steeped in history (which will be explained). WEAR strong footwear, 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

MAR 9 (SAT) 8:30 AM CRAFTON HILLS CONSERVANCY HIKE
Join me for a 6 to 7-mile hike in the hills above Yucaipa known as the Crafton Hills Conservancy. There are many trails to take in the Crafton Hills; we will hike on the west side of the Conservancy. Hopefully the grasses will still be green and wildflowers will be starting to come out. There will be a little elevation gain, but this is mostly a warm up

hike for the upcoming hiking season. RATED: Easy/Moderate. MEET: at the trailhead located near Crafton Hills College. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MARCH 11 – MARCH 17

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(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings & Activities)*

MAR 11-14 (MON-THU) 8:30 AM SHEEP PASS, JOSHUA TREE NP CAR CAMP
Join us for a Monday thru Thursday nights car camp at Sheep Pass Group Campground, site #2. We will hike, explore, relax & share our favorite campground cooking. RESERVATIONS: register online ASAP as space is limited to 20 occupants & 10 vehicles. If you don't want to camp, you can still join us for day hikes, meals & campfire time! Campsite is reserved. COST: \$10 per night per participant for site, any extra will go to Los Serranos group. Entrance fee is \$30 per carload or National Parks pass is accepted. Contact leader for more info & to sign up. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ, 909-815-9379, ruizmaryann@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

MAR 12-14 (TUE-THU) AFTON CANYON CARCAMP
Afton Canyon is in the new Mojave Trails National Monument. We will camp both nights in the campground near the Mojave River. MEET on Tuesday at noon & hike up one of the side canyons in the afternoon. Wednesday we will hike the Afton Canyon to some interesting sites. Thursday morning hike to an area of hoodoos. Hike will be at a leisurely pace. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, earthlingwiley2000@yahoo.com, 760-245-8734.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 13 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, sstueber16@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 14 (THU) 7:45 AM BIG TREES TRAIL, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE
This out-and-back hike from Ryan Campground to the Lost Horse Mine totals about 8.4 miles. The 2.2-mile Big Trees Trail climbs to intersect the Lost Horse Mine trail. It's another 2 miles uphill hiking to the mine itself, where we'll break before returning on the same trails. Terrain varies from open washes to hills & an abandoned mine road; footing is easy; trail to sand to very rocky. Good footwear is a must. RATED: Moderate, about 1000 ft. elevation gain/loss overall. MEET: Be ready to carpool and depart at 7:45 from Visitor Center, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. BRING: Water & snacks, poles, wind/sun protection, personal first aid & No Trace toilet supplies. WEATHER: Check forecast before hike. Rain or snow cancels. RESERVATIONS & LEADER LJ FOSTER, eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com & include your name.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 14 (THU) 4:30 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 14 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 15 (FRI) 9:00 AM GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE
A 3-5 mile R/T moderate, 600' elevation gain hike in the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains. Well behaved dogs are welcome. MEET in Green Valley Lake across the street from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING jacket, trekking poles, snacks, and water. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com Inclement weather will cancel.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM MAIDENHAIR FALLS HIKE
Join us on a 5.5-6 mile moderately difficult hike with 900' of elevation gain/loss. From the desert landscape at the trailhead we will travel past sycamores, cottonwoods then palms to Maidenhair Falls an oasis in the desert. At the falls there is a shallow pool surrounded by layers of Maidenhair fern along with mosses. The Falls are seasonal. On my visit it was only dripping, but still worth the effort to get there. Hikers will have to climb over or around some large boulders and thorny cacti abound. Hikers should bring 3 liters of water, lunch and snacks. WEAR comfortable hiking shoes with soles that don't slip. Dress in layers, wear a hat, long pants are a good idea and do not forget the sunscreen. DIRECTIONS: From Temecula take 79 south (Temecula Pkwy) to Warner Springs. Turn

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A quick reminder to all San Geronio Groups...remember to order extra copies of the Palm and Pine for your Earth Day celebrations!



Santa Margarita Group

By Elena/Maryellen Garcia, Ph.D.

The beginning of a year re-invigorates our efforts to do what we can locally to promote and serve Sierra Club goals. For example, we continue to fight against rampant residential and commercial development to preserve wildlife as well as nature; we reach out to the community via our monthly meetings and outings; and we seek to encourage participation by younger, soon-to-be environmentalists through our educational programs. Along the way we don't lose sight of the fact that each Group is a community unto itself and shares in activities that strengthen our ties.

On January 2nd the SMG had a meetup at the confluence of Temecula Creek and Murrieta Creek in southwestern Riverside County, virtually under Interstate 15 in Temecula. Over twenty participants walked the area with Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) staff, Pablo Bryant and Jamie Bourdon. They discussed the challenges wildlife have crossing the I-15 here, so relevant after the recent freeway death of a male juvenile mountain lion. We are working with The Nature Conservancy and SMER to form a coalition to address this area of the freeway, with workshops scheduled for late Spring. This young mountain lion is at a crucial decision point as to crossing at a culvert, which he ultimately chose not to do so.



Members of our group attended an Open House at the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) on Sunday, January 13, hosted by Beth Cobb and her volunteer staff. Twenty or so of us enjoyed a spectacular view of the Santa Margarita River which runs through the Temecula Gorge prior to listening to an overview of the Reserve. We then had the chance to see the gorge and the river up-close, about 1/2 mile down the hill. Jamie Bourdon, now one of two full-time staffers at the Reserve, was on hand to provide more information.

An event on Sunday, March 17 from 2-5 will highlight the Meadowview Stream Restoration project at the 350-acre Meadowview development in Temecula. Thanks to joint efforts by many government agencies and private residents, dangerous erosion and public safety concerns have been addressed, with solutions including hydro-modification and native plant restoration. Participants will hear a brief presentation and then take a one- to two-mile walk around the site. Teri Biancardi of the SMG has led this effort.

Our MSJC/SMG intern program, begun in the summer of 2017, is attracting many new and enthusiastic students. In this program students have a variety of opportunities to work in the field and with SMG projects while earning college credit. Prospective interns number eleven at present. Projects range from investigating species, organizing data, improving

Big Bear Group

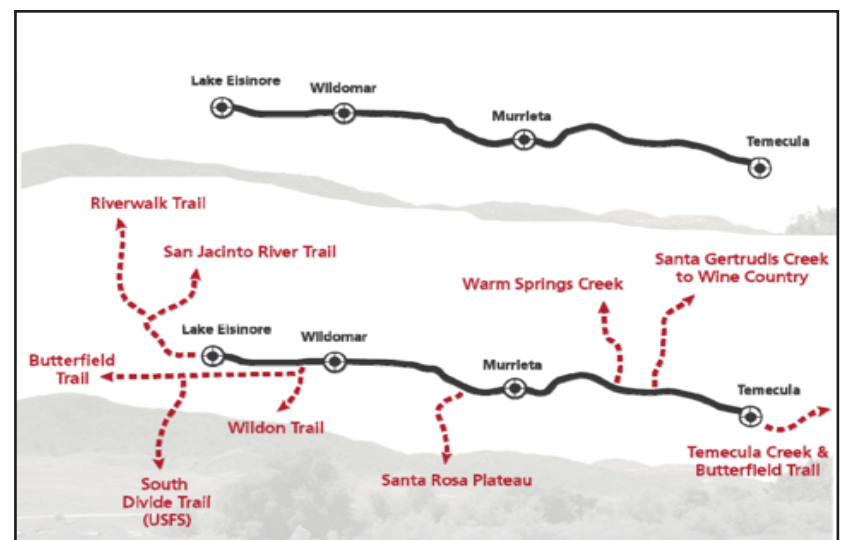
By Ellen Kesler, Group Chairwoman

After our election results, the Big Bear Group ExCom (Executive Committee) are happy to announce the ExCom officers/members for 2019:

- Chairwoman – Ellen Kesler
- Vice Chairman – Ed Wallace
- Secretary – Sherry Noone
- Treasurer – Marv Cira
- Conservation Chairman – Ed Wallace
- Outings Chairman – Dave Melton
- Membership Chairwoman – Ellen Kesler
- Xeriscape Tour Chairwoman – Christie Walker
- Members-at-Large – Mike Casares
Peter Michaelson

We are eager to get our General Meeting programs scheduled and started beginning in March, the third Thursday of each month in the Discovery Center at 6:30 pm.

All are welcome!



Murrieta Creek Regional Trail

trails and a butterfly garden, to helping on conserved lands. Others interested in joining this program can contact Pam Nelson at pamela05n@yahoo.com

Getting around our local area with minimum use of fossil-fueled vehicles is still an important focus for us. SMG members Michael Momeni and Pam Nelson recently attended the Annual Meeting of the Transportation Now at UC Riverside. This group addresses public transportation needs throughout Riverside County; members of the SMG participate regularly in its Southwest chapter. To get us out of our motorized vehicles, we have been instrumental in developing the Murrieta Creek Regional Trail for biking, jogging or simply walking along the Creek from Temecula to its terminus in Lake Elsinore. Gary Oddi is the new Trails Committee Chair. Official signage along the route is expected soon.

Our general meetings, open to all and held monthly on the second Thursday of the month, resumed on January 10 with Darell and Rebecca Farnbach speaking on the history of Temecula Valley's water basin. Their first-hand experience with this topic came as the result of spearheading the fight to save the long-closed Vail Ranch Headquarters from demolition in 1998. As a follow-up to their talk, the SMG had a meetup on February 3 at the Temecula History Museum located at the Vail Headquarters heritage site. Other general meeting speakers include Cynthia Portillo on February 14 on the topic of the Salton Sea, now very ecologically fragile, and Jonathan Reinig, county biologist, on March 14, speaking on wildlife connectivity with respect to Riverside County's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). And on April 11, Chad Hansen, Ph.D., director and principal ecologist for the John Muir Project, will present on the topic of healthy forests.

Looking forward to April, our planning of the local Earth Day Faire is well underway. Chaired by Caren Hansen, this event will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 11 am until 4 pm at Vail Headquarters, 32115 Temecula Parkway. It features ecologically-minded vendors, health-oriented displays, a games area for kids and a stage for speakers around the theme, "Healthy Diet, Healthy Planet." Exercise buffs can join the AVA/America's Walking Club between 10 am and 1pm for a 5-k or 10-k walk that starts at the site. Vendors can contact carenhansen@earthlink.net or 951-760-1131; for more information about walks, please text Kathy 951-218-3755 or email bunznkat7@gmail.com

Introducing Our New Chapter Political Chair, Bhavin Jindal

Hello Sierra Club Family!

I am excited and humbled to serve as your Chapter Political Chair for the 2019-2020 elections. These will be an impactful two years and our goal is to join with our allies and make new ones to protect our world for our friends, family, and neighbors.

ABOUT ME:

I have lived most of my life in Southern California and have been in the Inland Empire since the first grade. Growing up in San Bernardino I have witnessed the open arm embrace of policies that disregard the wellbeing of our environment and those that depended on it. As a result, I've grown up with a desire to contribute my piece to creating a better place to live in. I started college at Riverside Community College, and I graduated from Claremont McKenna with a dual degree in economics and government with an emphasis in public policy. In my free time I like to catch up on national and international events. I usually go on a binge-watching spree once a month for exciting shows and try to stay updated on the latest movies. When I was younger, I wanted to be an astronaut. Now I can be found gazing at our night sky and reading ancient legends and myths based on what our ancestors saw.



MY GOALS:

In recent years the number of environmentally conscious candidates has grown dramatically. I would like to see this growth accelerated. Our biggest cities still do not believe in the concept of sustainable development and allow the abuse of our resources with little oversight. We want to be present and carefully consider every single election that takes place within the San Gorgonio region. One of our limitations in doing so has simply been resources and bandwidth. Much of the work this year will be to start the organizing process and strengthen the resources we must work with in order to have a wider reach in the upcoming elections. Second, it is important to build and strengthen allies that share our views. We will be looking into ways that we may contribute to helping voters understand the viewpoints of our endorsed candidates and turn out to vote for them. Local policies are just as impactful as state and federal ones. Thus, it becomes just as important to focus on small local races as it is our large state and federal ones.



Chapter's March Program Features a Timely Subject With Judith Ashton Speaking on "Citizens' Climate Lobby"

The March 5th chapter meeting will feature Judith Ashton, Group Leader of the Redlands Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL). The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

Judith will focus on the "Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019," H.R.763, introduced in January. The bill encompasses the goals of the CCL, including a 40% reduction in carbon emissions in the first 12 years, creating over two million new jobs, and returning a dividend to American households. At press time, the bill has nine co-sponsors, four of them from California but none local.



Citizens' Climate Lobby

The Citizens' Climate Lobby is a grassroots environmental group advocating for a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend at the federal level. Founded in America in 2007, it has affiliates in 37 other countries and 400 local chapters worldwide. The CCL trains and supports volunteers to build relationships with their elected representatives to order to influence climate policy.

Judith is a Sierra Club member but her main environment work is with the Citizens' Climate Lobby. She is a member of the Redlands Human Relations Commission. She is retired from her previous jobs as Dean of Humanities and Social Science at Crafton Hills College and head of the English Department at San Bernardino Valley College.



Above photo from Judith's Twitter site; photo at right is courtesy of Citizens' Climate Lobby.



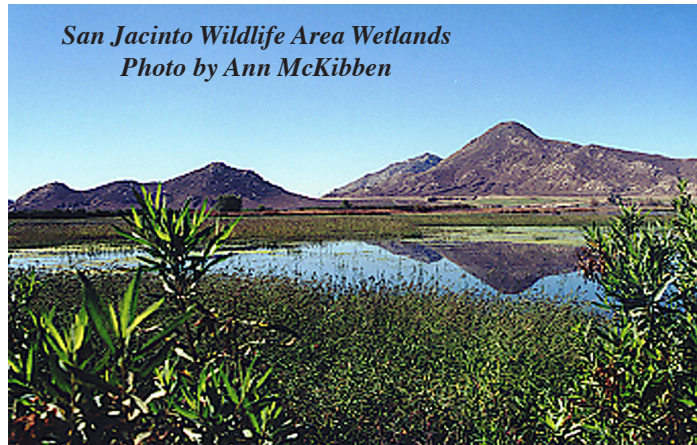
Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Upcoming Moreno Valley Group hikes include a March 2 hike to Harford Springs Reserve. Please check our web page for information and details about this hike and future outings: https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

A bald eagle count will take place on 8:00 a.m., March 9 at Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA). Meet at Lake Perris Regional Indian Museum for orientation. Please call Lake Perris State Recreation Area to (951) 940-5600 to confirm all information. No experience is necessary. Park entrance is FREE for volunteers.

The Moreno Valley Group will be hosting an information table at Duck Daze, Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, Riverside on May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/events/554004811695645/> Please send an email to movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you are interested in volunteering with us for a few hours.



San Jacinto Wildlife Area Wetlands
Photo by Ann McKibben

Here is some updated information on projects we are following:

Your Moreno Valley Group recently settled with a warehouse developer to provide 31 homes that are across the street from the project with a very good SEER 19 heating/air-conditioning and

MERV 16 filtration systems along with a 10 year maintenance agreement. As you read this, 30 of the 31 homes have received the units and expressing their gratitude knowing that the health of their families will be better protected at no cost to them. The Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice is in charge of administering the program. Truck routes were also changed to protect the residents, and the warehouse will now be much greener and better for the workers.

San Jacinto Wildlife Area Land Management Plan: A number of years ago (June 2016) the Moreno Valley Group commented on the proposed Land Management Plan (LMP) for the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). The LMP will be the guiding document for managing the 19,000 acre SJWA in the future. Once the LMP and FEIR are approved/accepted, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will implement the CDFW Lands Pass at the SJWA.

World Logistics Center (WLC): The developer wants to avoid further delays as a result of our latest appeals and has requested settlement talks. The Sierra Club therefore joined many other interested parties in mid-January for a meeting in Los Angeles to discuss issues. All parties agreed with exchanging written settlement points over the following weeks. In late November the California Supreme Court denied hearing the WLC's appeal of our August Court of Appeal victory on using initiatives for development agreements. Despite three court decisions in our favor in 2018, the WLC is still very much alive. Although the judge ruled that the city's Environment Impact Report was deficient as to the energy impacts, biological impacts, agricultural impacts, noise impacts and cumulative impacts of the project, the city issued a Revised Sections of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the WLC the last week of July 2018 to address those issues. Please contact the Planning Department and request that you be put on their mailing list to receive information on the project: Patty Nevins, Planning Manager, (951) 413-3206, pattyn@moval.org

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): A coalition of environmental groups represented by Center for Biological Diversity has challenged the Riverside County Board of Supervisor's approval of this 8,725-unit development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife area. A separate lawsuit was filed by Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and a local residents group, Keep Nuevo Rural.

There have been several status conferences with the court and briefing has now been completed. A hearing on the merits of the lawsuit is tentatively scheduled for May 17.



San Jacinto Wildlife Area Wetlands
Photo by Ann McKibben

Donations Needed:

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

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: The first part of 2019 is the best time to buy your Limited Use Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) which is good for the entire year for most state parks for those 62 years or older. It can be purchased at Lake Perris and is good for everyone in your car. Other special passes are also available. The lake is being refilled and the bike trail around the lake is now open. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651

Outings Leader Training June 1-2

Do you enjoy Sierra Club outings? Becoming an outings leader has many rewards including the ability to always participate in your favorite outings along with a bunch of like-minded adventurers. Request an application now for the June 1-2 training held at our Sierra Club owned ski cabin near Running Springs.

The 2-day class is designed to cover

all the leadership skills required by the Sierra Club to lead outings. Saturday will include outdoor leadership, Club outings administration, map and compass, environmental considerations and the Psychology of Leadership. Sunday includes a field exercise.

Once again, the chapter is offering the course at no charge; you only will be asked to provide an item for the dinner feast

Saturday night. There is a \$15 refundable deposit required upon application though. Included will be all course materials—some provided on Saturday and others mailed prior to the course for review. Early enrollment is encouraged and will allow you plenty of time to review the materials. For an application form or general questions please email Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair at ralphsalisbury@att.net. Alternately, you may mail to Ralph Salisbury, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.



1. Go to <http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org> and hit the "Donate" button:
 2. Pick your monthly amount \$3? \$10? \$20? you choose; any amount is appreciated;
 3. Hit "submit" for a big **THANK YOU!**
- from your
San Gorgonio Chapter!

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L onto San Felipe Rd/S2. Go about 4 or 5 miles, turn L on S22 (Montezuma Valley Rd.) toward Borrego Springs. Continue on S22 for about 17 miles. The trailhead is on the left 0.7 miles from the stop sign at Palm Canyon Rd. If you missed the trail head turn around at the stop sign. RESERVATIONS & LEADER GARY MARSALONE, hikesie@gmail.com. Rain cancels. SANTAMARGARITAGROUP

MAR 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM NORTH SECTION OF DEEP CREEK HIKE

This is a five-mile hike visiting the historic Hesperia Water Ditch and the pipes used for transporting water. There is a short area of elevation gain and so the hike is regarded as moderate. The return journey requires that we cross the Mojave River which may have water flowing. Be prepared to get wet feet! An historic commentary will be given. WEAR strong footwear, 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

MAR 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM KWAAYMII POINT - MASON VALLEY TRUCK TR. HIKE

This PCT segment (Section A Segment 5) is relatively gentle with elevations between 5500 ft. and 4600 ft. and features great views. Distance on the PCT is 9 miles; add 1.5 miles if Mason Valley gate is locked. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Kwaaymii Point parking area off S1 Sunrise Highway. Short car shuttle. BRING: Ten-essentials, warm layered clothing, 2 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and gloves. RESERVATIONS & LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR at dtaylorcrew@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or DAVE MELTON (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 17 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK

See the March 3 write up.

MAR 17 (SUN) 1:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY HIKE

Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen. BRING: water, flashlight, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. RSVP by 8 pm on Mar. 16. LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MARCH 18 – MARCH 24

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings & Activities)*

MAR 19 (TUE) 9:00 AM PCT TO EAGLE ROCK HIKE

This is a moderate 8 mile 1-way hike with 700 feet elevation gain which requires a car shuttle. This section of the PCT near Warner Springs, rolls through meadows and ranch lands, with spectacular wildflower blooms in the spring, oak tree lined canyons and creeks, and the highlight boulder formation known as Eagle Rock. You will want your camera for this hike!! Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, & layer clothing appropriate for the weather. RESERVATIONS: Contact leader Mar 16 to reserve a spot due to car shuttle arrangements. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 19 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 20 (WED) 4:45 PM SYCAMORE CANYON FULL MOON HIKE

Approximately 2-hour easy to moderate hike. Trail has some ups and downs. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Fwy. Rain cancels. LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 21 (THU) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU HIKE

Enjoy moderate hiking near Murrieta through this ecological reserve in all of its springtime glory, while grasslands are still green, temperatures mild, and wildflowers bloom prolifically! We will hike several trails, encompassing Vernal Pool, Adobe Loop, Poppy Hill, and Monument Hill. Be prepared to hike 10 miles in rolling terrain while enjoying vistas & wildflowers! COST: \$4 fee to enter park. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing for the weather. You will want your camera for this hike! We will carpool from Upland with previous arrangements. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 21 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 22 (FRI) 9:00 AM 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 in Green Valley Lake across the street from the post office, 33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING jacket, trekking poles, snacks, and water. LEADERS: JEAN KNOFF, 562-400-4004 (text OK), meanjeanoh@yahoo.com, & SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****MAR 23 (SAT) 7:00 AM MT. WILSON, SIX PEAK CHALLENGE HIKE**

Let's try this hike and hope for good weather. This is part of the Six Peak Challenge I started last year. From Chanty Flats, take the Winter Creek Trail. We have the option of returning by Sturtevant Camp Trail. Elevation gain is about 3900 ft. RATED: Strenuous due to 12 to 13-mile distance. MEET: Exit Santa Anita from 210 freeway, north to Chanty Flats. Meet at restroom next to entrance gate. Parking lot fills early, so be prepared to park along the road. Adventure pass required. BRING: 10 essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters water, lunch, snacks, & poles. LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329, d10olie@aol.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 23 (SAT) 4:00 PM OZZI WILDFLOWER TO SUNSET HIKE HIKE

Come enjoy spring wildflowers followed by sunset overlooking Victor Valley. Slow paced ridge loop hike 3-4 miles moderate to strenuous from Bonita Vista Trail Head up steep incline on Ozzi Trail to ridge overlooking Victor Valley in Juniper Flats. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. WEAR: Layered clothing and hiking shoes. BRING: 10 essentials, water & snacks. LEADER: MARY DELLAVALLE, (760) 810-0223, marydellavalle@sbcglobal.net. COLEADER NORM BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. Inclement weather will cancel.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 24-26 (SUN-TUE) 12:00 PM AFTON CANYON CARCAMP

Known locally as "The Grand Canyon of the Mojave" for its dramatic geological formations, this is the only place where the Mojave River flows above ground year-round, providing significant riparian (riverbank) wildlife habitat amid the desert. There are also several historic sites, old mines and slot canyons we can explore. Elevation 3800' 19 campsites, first come, first served. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: BOB MOURINO, (760)953-3854 rlmourino@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

MARCH 25 – MARCH 31

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MAR 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.
CHAPTER

MAR 27 (WED) 8:00 AM TENAJA FALLS HIKE

Tenaja falls, San Mateo Wilderness, should be a pretty spring hike, with wildflowers and maybe even water in the San Mateo Creek and the falls. We start from the Fisherman's Camp trailhead for an 8.1-mile moderate hike, about 1,500 ft elevation gain and loss. WEAR sturdy shoes or hiking boots, layered clothing and hat; bring water, snacks and lunch. Hiking poles are helpful for stream crossings. Rain within 48 hours cancels due to several stream crossings. MEET in Ontario at 8:00 am, contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ, 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 27 (WED) 9:00 AM HIDDEN VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA EDUCATIONAL WALK

Family friendly educational tour and hike at the Hidden Valley Wildlife area along the Santa Ana River in Riverside. Visit the Nature Center and approx. 2-mile walk to look for wildlife. Rain cancels. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, snack. MEET: 11401 Arlington Ave. - from 91 Fwy take La Sierra north to Arlington Ave, turn left and follow all the way to the Nature Center. LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 28 (THU) 8:30 AM PCT: 15 FWY TO SWARTHOUT CANYON HIKE

Join us as we head west from Wagon Train Rd, in Cajon Pass, under the freeway, over the railroad tracks, through Swarthout Canyon with springtime blooms, & rolling terrain. Hike 5.5 miles with 700' elevation gain to Swarthout Canyon Rd. and return the same route, making this 11 moderate miles round trip. Inclement weather cancels. BRING 10 essentials including lunch MEET: contact leader for carpool from Upland or meet near McDonalds at junction of 15 fwy & Hwy 138 by 8:15. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 29 (FRI) 9:00 AM SLIDE PEAK HIKE

Join us for a 6-mile R/T, 800' elevation gain difficult hike up to Slide Peak, one of Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET at yellow post site 5, Keller Peak Road (1N96) off HWY 18 in Arrowbear for a car shuttle. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING jacket, trekking poles, lunch, and 2 bottles of water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 29 (MON) 9:00 AM STURTEVANT FALLS HIKE

The trail from Chantry Flats parking area to Sturtevant Falls is an easy 3.7-mile round trip hike but be aware that the last 0.6 mile return to the parking lot is all uphill and is sometimes referred to as "cardiac hill." There are several stream crossings before arriving at the falls, so trekking poles are recommended. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact LEADER, JOHN ST. CLAIR at john@stclairs.us or 909-983-8501, prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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MAR 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM HORSETHIEF CANYON HIKE
This six-mile in and out hike is rated moderate because of some elevation gain (and loss). The trail takes us along part of the PCT. The views are wonderful in this historic area. Wear strong footwear, 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

MAR 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM MORTON PEAK TO SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
Join me on this approximately 8-9-mile, 1500 ft. elevation gain, shuttle hike. Start at the trailhead to Morton Peak, hike the trail to the peak, then come down the trail to where it cuts off on the Santa Ana River Trail going west. There will be great views, desert landscape, and then some unexpected green areas with wildflowers. RATED: Moderate/Strenuous. MEET: I need volunteers to help me set up the shuttle, the Morton Peak Trailhead is off Hwy 38 near Mill Creek Ranger Station. BRING: at least 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT: LAKE MORENA TO KITCHEN CREEK RD HIKE
(Rescheduled from Jan 12). PCT Section A Segment 2 distance is 10.1 miles with a total climb of 1700 ft. and 700 ft. descent. Starting elevation is 3000 ft. RATED: Moderate due to distance. MEET: Lake Morena County Park, near 2500 Lake Shore Drive, Campo, CA 91906. You may wish to camp here Friday night. Car shuttle is on paved roads. BRING: Ten-essentials, warm layered clothing, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and gloves. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DARLENE TAYLOR, dtaylorncrew@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or DAVE MELTON (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 1 – APRIL 7

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APR 1 (MON) 9:30 AM PIONEERTOWN & MORONGO VALLEY PRESERVE HIKES
Easy to Moderate 2-mile hike on Pipes Canyon trail at Pioneertown Preserve through lovely riparian area to Olsen Ruins and back. Plan to stop for lunch at Pappy & Harriet's (\$\$) then stop at Morongo Valley Preserve for 4-mile loop after lunch on the way back. Rain/excessive wind cancels. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, camera. MEET: 51010 Pipes Canyon Road, Pioneertown or call for carpool arrangements from Moreno Valley. RESERVATIONS: by 8 pm on Mar. 31 to LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 1 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, Oct. 7 & Nov. 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 1 (MON) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 2 (TUE) 7:30 AM MT LOWE VIA INSPIRATION POINT HIKE
Rated strenuous. We will hike from the top of Lake Ave in Pasadena, up 2.6 miles up to Echo Mountain, continuing on Castle Canyon Trail to Inspiration Point another 2.3 miles, then continue another 2 miles to Mt Lowe Summit, elevation 5603 ft. We will return via Sam Merrill Trail making this a killer 15-mile round trip with 4000' elevation gain/loss! If you have not hiked with this leader previously, you must call for acceptance to participate. Inclement weather cancels. BRING: 10 essentials including lunch MEET: Call leader for carpooling from Upland LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653 kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 2 (TUE) * 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911.
CHAPTER

APR 2-4 (TUE-THU) MISSION CREEK PRESERVE CAR CAMP
In the transition between the Sonoran and Mojave Deserts, this 4760-acre Wildlands Conservancy Preserve has a rich variety of species. The center is a lush wetland juxtaposed with eroded painted hills and Mount San Gorgonio looming in the background. Rich riparian habitat hosts the endangered southwest willow flycatcher and Bell's vireo and has spectacular displays of spring wildflowers in wet years. Catch a glimpse of the elusive big horn sheep in this important wildlife corridor. The preserve trail system leads onto the Pacific Crest Trail. Come for the day or stay the night. Free primitive tent camping with shade structure, picnic tables, toilets, and water. Pack out your trash. No fires, camp stoves OK. Dog(s) OK on leash. No cell service. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 4 (THU) 8:30 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 an 8-mile 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 kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 6 (SAT) 8:30 AM HIDDEN FALLS HIKE
Come explore, boulders, wildflowers and riparian areas on this moderate 5-mile hike. BRING: 10 essentials, adequate water, layered clothing. We'll drive to the trail head via Bowen Ranch Rd., 3N14. Parking at BLM kiosk. MEET: AMC theatre, 22311 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley RESERVATIONS: Carol Stubblefield, 760 964 0039, carolwhitbylass@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

APR 7 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
See the March 3 write up.

APR 7 (SUN) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU LOOP HIKE
Moderate 5-6-mile hike. We'll hike to the Vernal Pools and to the historic adobes and should see wildflowers along the way. BRING: water, snack/lunch, hiking poles if you want, and sturdy shoes. COST: \$4.00 entrance fee per person. MEET: Contact co-leaders by 7:00 p.m. Apr 6 for meeting place and possible carpool. Rain cancels. CO-LEADERS: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com and BEATRIZ VINDIOLA (562) 713-4470.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APRIL 8 – APRIL 14

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APR 8 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 9 (TUE) 8:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU HIKE
Hope for spring rains, vernal pools and wildflowers on this moderate hike of 7-9 miles through Santa Rosa Plateau. We will start at the Vernal Pools trailhead, hike down to the old adobe, and make our way back across and up one of the return trails. WEAR sturdy shoes or hiking boots, layered clothing; bring hat, minimum 2 liters water, sun protection, snacks and lunch. COST: Day use fee \$4 per person Rain cancels. MEET in Ontario at 8:00 am, contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385.
CHAPTER

APR 10 (WED) 7:30 AM SIERRA MADRE LOOP HIKE
Hike 3 strenuous miles up Bailey Canyon gaining 2300 feet to Jones Peak (elevation 3400'). After a lunch break, take Lost Canyon trail down 1 mile to connect with the Mt. Wilson Trail, stopping at First Water, then continuing 4.5 miles down, ending at Mt Wilson Trail Park. This will complete a moderately strenuous 8.5-mile loop, requiring a short car shuttle. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch or snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 10 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, sstueber16@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

APR 11 (THU) 8:00 AM RAINBOW ROCKS CANYON, WHITEWATER HIKE
Hike past large colorful boulders & interesting terrain to a hidden waterfall at the upper portion of a wooded, cool desert canyon. 7.6 miles total with the return. The trail starts in the Wildlands Conservancy's Whitewater Preserve but the canyon, rainbow rocks, & waterfall lie on BLM land. NOTE: Feral cattle live in the canyon; if they seem a problem, turn back to hike north for a few miles on the Pacific Crest Trail. RATED: Moderate; steady uphill hiking with possible stream crossings; about 800 feet elevation gain/loss. MEET: Whitewater Preserve, 9160 Whitewater Canyon Rd, Whitewater CA 92282. BRING: Water & snacks, poles, wind/sun protection, personal first aid & no trace toilet supplies. WEATHER: Check forecast before hike. Rain or snow cancels. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: LJ FOSTER at eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com & include your name.
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 11 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM FAMILY FRIENDLY WILDFLOWER HIKE HIKE
This is 3-mile hike through the Juniper Flats area near Round Mountain in the San Bernardino Mountains. It is rated as easy to encourage families to attend and enjoy the numerous wildflowers in the area. Wear strong footwear bring water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 769-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

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APR 14 (SUN) 8:00 AM MOUNTAIN HOME TRAIL HIKE

This hike was postponed in December due to weather. A 9-mile, 1800 ft. elevation gain hike from the trailhead up to Angelus Oaks. It's the old road to Big Bear and is quite interesting. We are hiking between mountains so it's quiet and lovely. RATED: Moderate/Strenuous. MEET: The trailhead is at the Loch Leven Conference Center in Mountain Home Village off Hwy 38. BRING: at least 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 14-16 (SUN-TUE) 12:00 PM OWL CANYON/RAINBOW BASIN CARCAMP

Rainbow Basin Natural Area is an Area of Critical Environmental Concern with outstanding views, geological and paleontological features. Owl Canyon Campground, elevation: 3036, is first-come first-served with 22 campsites (no hookups). Campsites include a picnic table, and fire ring. Pit toilets in the campground. The campground is dry. Bring water with you. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: BOB MOURINO, (760)953-3854, bob_mourino@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

APRIL 15 – APRIL 21

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APR 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****APR 17 (WED) 7:00 AM TIMBER MOUNTAIN HIKE**

A strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8,303), 9 miles round trip with 3300 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, spruce, fir, and pine. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. MEET: Contact leader prior to the scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us or 909-983-8501.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 17 (WED) 4:45 PM BOX SPRINGS TOWERS HIKE

Moderate 4-mile round trip hike to the towers. Approx. 400 ft elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, snack and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 Fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles where road veers left and turns into Box Springs Mountain Road (mostly dirt road). In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. COST: Parking fee \$5. Rain cancels. LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 18 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

****APR 19 (FRI) 10:00 AM SWITZER PARK PICNIC AREA WALK**

Celebrate Earth day & John Muir's birthday early! Come Join us for a 0.5-mile easy walk on a paved ADA-compliant path around Switzer Park, and then have some birthday cake! This walk is ideal for young kids and those with limited mobility. Adventure Pass recommended, and amenities include restrooms and picnic tables. MEET At the Switzer Park Picnic area in Skyforest. WEAR walking shoes. BRING trekking poles/walking stick, and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 20 (SAT) 7:30 AM BIG JOSHUA TREE & LOST HORSE LOOP HIKE

Head east from Juniper Flats IN Joshua Tree NP to the Big Tree Trail climbing into a beautiful Joshua tree-filled valley before joining the Lost Horse Loop trail. Hike past the Lost Horse Mine over a low pass with views of Pleasant Valley and the Little San Bernardino Mountains before continuing past more mines and an old cabin site. Descend a wash and follow the loop back to the Big Tree Trail and our cars. A combined ascent and descent of 2,144' on this 13.5 mile hike. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: At Oasis Visitor Center parking lot, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA. BRING: Ten essentials, 3-4 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, and lunch. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVE NEUMANN, 208-892-3001 or idmtman@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 20 (SAT) 4:00 PM WILDFLOWER TO SUNSET HIKE HIKE

Enjoy spring wildflowers and sunset overlooking Victor Valley. Slow paced moderate/strenuous 2-mile loop hike from Bonita Vista trailhead up steep incline on Ozzi Trail to ridge in Juniper Flats overlooking Victor Valley. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. WEAR: Layered clothing and hiking shoes. BRING: 10 essentials, water & snacks. LEADER: MARY DELLAVALLE, marydellavalle@sbcglobal.net, (760) 810-0223, CO-LEADER NORM BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. Inclement weather will cancel. MOJAVE GROUP

APR 20-21 (SAT-SUN) PCT MILL CREEK SUMMIT TO ACTON HIKE & CAR CAMP

A two-day event covering the PCT Section D. First day, hike 11.8 miles from Mill Creek Summit to Messenger Flats. Car camp there and the next day hike 13.8 miles to town of Acton. First day elevation change is 3250 ft. gain & 2280 ft. loss. Second day elevation change is 1810 ft. up & 5470 ft. down. RATED: Strenuous due to distance, elevation

Save This Date! Wildlands Conservancy is Focus of Chapter's April 2nd Program

Come learn about the Wildlands Conservancy's preserves, which offer great opportunities for education and recreation. The conservancy protects these significant areas for their landscape and wildlife values, but they are also open to the public for enjoyment. Our speaker, John Trammell, is Project Manager for the conservancy, working out of their headquarters in Oak Glen.

Meet John Trammell as he shares an inside look at the visitor opportunities and



conservation work at the conservancy's Southern California preserves and grand statewide conservation projects. John has worked for Wildlands since 2014. He has worked as a Naturalist at Oak Glen Preserve, Ranger at Bluff Lake Reserve, Conservation Advocate and currently Project Manager at the Executive Headquarters.

The Wildlands Conservancy is dedicated to preserving the beauty and biodiversity of the earth and to provide programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature. Wildlands has established the largest nonprofit nature preserve system in California, comprised of sixteen

preserves encompassing over 148,000 acres of diverse mountain, valley, desert, river, and oceanfront landscapes. They see over one million visitors annually.



A gorgeous day at Bluff Lake Reserve.

Preserves in the San Gorgonio Chapter area total over 36,000 acres and include Bluff Lake Reserve in Big Bear Lake, Bearpaw Reserve in Forest Falls, Oak Glen Preserve in Oak Glen, Pioneertown Mountains Preserve in Pioneertown, Whitewater Preserve in Whitewater, and Mission Creek Preserve in Desert Hot Springs. These preserves are open to the public free of charge.

In addition to creating a preserve system, Wildlands has worked on many statewide and nationally significant conservation projects that has resulted in protecting 2.1 million acres of California's heroic landscapes.



John doing field work at Wind Wolves.

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change, minimal tree cover, and some burned area. BRING: 10 essentials, sunscreen, poles, all water and food, and camping supplies. More planning when hikers have signed up. MEET: TBD at final planning. We will shuttle vehicles, water, food, and supplies. RESERVATIONS & LEADER DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329, d10olie@aol.com. APPRENTICE ASSISTANT LEADER JOE AMADOR. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 21 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
See March 3 write up.

APRIL 22 – APRIL 28

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APR 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

APR 26 (FRI) 9:00 AM TUNNEL II FIRE EDUCATION HIKE
A 5-mile R/T, 600' elevation gain, moderate, educational hike. Learn about the ideologies in fire ecology that have changed the way we look at fire behavior since the Grass Valley Fire of 2007. Well behaved dogs welcome. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING trekking poles, snacks, and water. MEET: Arrowhead Ridge (201 Grass Valley Rd., Lake Arrowhead, CA) to carpool in high clearance vehicles to the trailhead. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 27 (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT: CLOUDBURST SUMMIT TO ROCK CREEK RD HIKE
This shuttle hike is a 9-mile segment of the 110-mile PCT Section D. The hike depends on Hwy 2 being open. The trail parallels the highway to Three Points trailhead, then goes over the hill. From about 7000 ft. elevation down to about 5200 ft. RATED: Moderate. BRING: 10 essentials, sun screen, 2-3 liters of water, snacks, lunch and poles. MEET: McDonalds at Interstate 15 and Hwy 138, 3230 Wagon train Rd, Phelan, CA 92371. LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD 909-881-1329. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM MILLER CANYON HIKE
This 4-mile round trip hike is rated as easy. There is minor elevation gain and loss. Miller Canyon is close to Silverwood Lake and part of the Crestline watershed. The trail passes through a heavily wooded area before reaching the lake. This is a suitable family hike. WEAR strong shoes 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

APR 27 (SAT) 8:30 AM WILDHORSE CREEK TRAIL HIKE
From Hwy 38 near Heart Bar, this is a great mountain hike. Round-trip distance is 8 miles with 1400 ft. elevation gain/loss. Hike through desert chaparral into the pines, oaks and junipers. Have a snack break next to a creek before returning on the same trail back to our vehicles. RATED: Moderate. MEET: At the Wildhorse Creek trailhead on Hwy 38 just south of Heart Bar campground turnoff. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 28 (SUN) 8:30 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE HIKE
Easy/moderate approx. 5-mile R/T hike along the PCT to Red Dome Rock. NOTE: should Whitewater be closed, Big Morongo Valley Preserve will be the alternate hike location. BRING: Water, sunscreen, snack/lunch, layered clothing. Rain cancels. MEET: Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 7:30 a.m. or meet at 8:30 a.m. at parking lot at Whitewater Preserve by ranger station. Take 10 Fwy East., exit at Whitewater, head north along canyon. RESERVATIONS by 8 p.m. Apr 27 to LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APRIL 29 – MAY 5

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MAY 2 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 3 (FRI) 9:00 AM CRAFTS PEAK HIKE
Join us for an 8-mile R/T 1000' elevation gain difficult hike to the top of Crafts Peak, one of the Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET at the Green Valley Lake Campground, at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking boots. BRING trekking poles, lunch, and 2 bottles of water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

COMING UP

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AUG 25-31 (SUN-SAT) MONO RECESSES & PIONEER BASIN BACKPACK
On this 30-mile on-trail semi-loop backpack, visit Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses - some of the most beautiful areas in the Sierra. Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses are north-south tending basins above and below westward-flowing Mono Creek. Start and finish at the Mosquito Flat Trailhead at the end of Rock Creek Road, south of Mammoth.

Four camping spots and two layover days. We will strictly follow LNT practices and keep an early schedule. RATED: Moderate. But all sierra backpacks are strenuous – it's just a question of degree. BRING: Equipment list will be distributed. Individual commissary. MEET: TBA. Dates listed above may shift a day or two when we go to reserve permit at the end of February. For trip info sheet, contact LEADERS Dave Melton at dmelton61@yahoo.com 760-408-2456 or DAVID HOLTEGAARD 909-881-1329. BIG BEAR GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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MAR 3 (SUN) 8:00 AM 12th ANNUAL WALK ON BLUE MOUNTAIN EVENT
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT CITY OF GRAND TERRANCE
Join your friends for this annual event originally promoting the development of a park on Blue Mountains in the City of Grand Terrace and a hiking trail to the top of the mountain. Since last year's walk, Grand Terrace received a \$220,000 grant from the State of California to develop the park/trail. The city is providing matching funds and hopes to open the park in 2020. The walk starts at the intersection of Palm Ave. and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace. Plan on a start time of 8:00 AM with the latest departing time of 2:00 PM. The 3-mile hike includes a gain of 1,092 feet if you go all the way to the top. WEAR sturdy footwear and BRING water and sun/wind protection. Friendly dogs on leashes allowed. Plenty of free on-street parking and parking at Grand Terrace City Hall is available. For more information contact Jessi Smith at j.smith@grandterrace-ca.gov or 909-824-6621 Ext 259. See next page for more details.

NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

(EVERY MON) 7:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAILHIKE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT VOLKSWALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA
Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4-mile hike on the beautiful Santa Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas & New Year's Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, & fellowship, Volksmarch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. "Volks" means "people" in German. MEET to carpool at 7:00 AM sharp at Barons Market, 32310 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat & BRING plenty of cold water & a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the *meetup.com* page: *Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone!*
[MEETS February 23; March 4, 11, 18 & 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29]

(1ST & 3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE/FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
International folk dancing: Greek, Israeli, Serbian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309
[MEETS March 1 & 15; April 5 & 19; May 3]

(3RD WED) 6:30 OR 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize on the third Wednesday of each month. The June & December meetings are potluck dinners starting 6:30 p.m. other months start 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.
[MEETS March 20 & April 17]



— Keller Peak Ski Hut — Celebrating an 80 Year Legacy

Keller Peak Ski Hut was built by the Ski Mountaineers in 1938 and is managed for the use of all Sierra Club members by the Keller Hut Committee, staffed by volunteers from several club chapters, sections, and groups. The hut is located at an elevation of 6800' between Running Springs and Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains, conveniently located across the street from Snow Valley Ski Area. Chains required when snow falls.

Overnight Capacity: 30 (Overnight: Inside 20 sleeping pads - Outside space for tent, hammock, or sleep in vehicle).

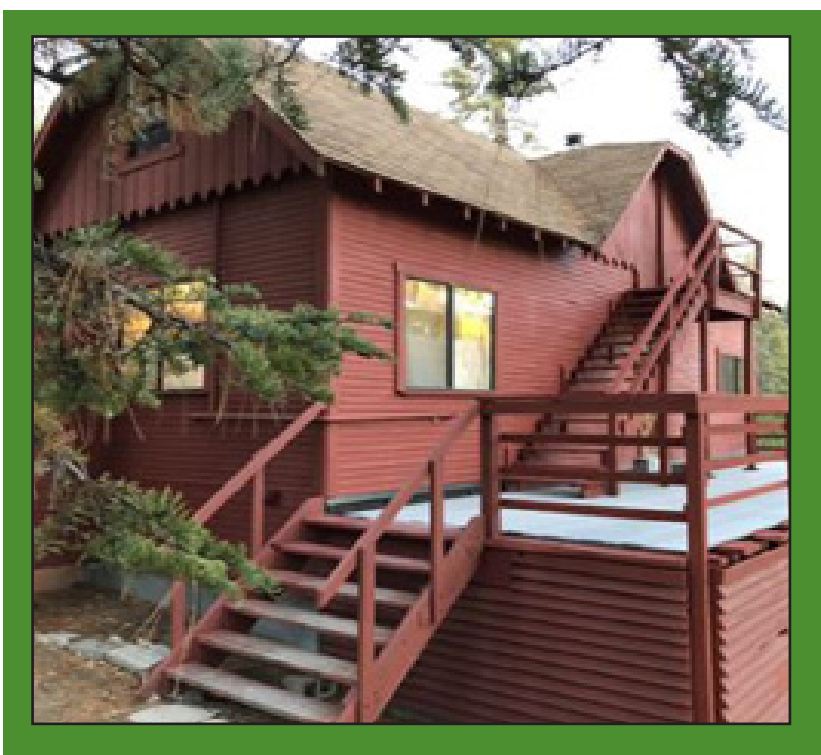
Facilities: Two rustic living/dining rooms, two dormitory lofts (separate men and women on open weekends) with 10 sleeping pads each. Fully equipped kitchen with cookware, dishes, and utensils. Furnish your own food, sleeping bag or bedding, flashlight, personal items,

and hand towels. In cold winter months please contribute firewood for the pot-belly stove and fireplace. Reservations: Open to Sierra Club members and their guests.

Weekend Rates: \$15.00 each for Sierra Club members and their family, \$20.00 each for non-members and their family, \$10.00 each for children under 12 years of age.

Day use Rates: \$5.00 each for Sierra Club members and their family, \$10.00 each for non-members and their family, \$5.00 for children under 12 years of age.

Upcoming: March 9-10 - Open Weekend. For more information contact Brian Decker at scubaairpig@yahoo.com. April 27 - Spring Hut Host Training (Some restrictions apply) Contact: kellerskihutouting@gmail.com for more information. May 11-12 - Grand Re-Opening Party. Contact Mike Adams at adamsmfreerange@aol.com



12th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain



Join your friends on the 12th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain on Sunday, March 3rd, at 8:00 a.m. Originally sponsored by the Sierra Club, Friends of Blue Mountain and Foundation of Grand Terrace, this year the City of Grand Terrace will organize the event.

This annual walk originated as an effort to promote the development of a park on Blue Mountain in the City of Grand Terrace and a hiking trail to the top of the mountain. Since last year's walk, Grand Terrace received a \$220,000 grant from the State of California to develop the park/trail. The city is providing matching funds and hoping to open the park in 2020. The walk starts at the intersection of Palm Ave. and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace. Plan on a start time of 8:00 a.m. with the latest departing time of 2:00 PM. The 3-mile hike includes a gain of 1,092 feet if you go all the way to the top. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water and sun/wind protection. Friendly dogs on leashes are allowed. Plenty of free on-street parking and parking at Grand Terrace City Hall is available.

For more information contact Jessi Smith at j.smith@grandterrace-ca.gov or 909-824-6621 Ext 259. It's time to celebrate the upcoming success of this multi-year effort!



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Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

April 7-9 May 5-7 June 9-11, July 14-16
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Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour of the enchanting Channel Islands. Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines. Marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds—and an occasional whale. Watch for the endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or, just relax at sea. This cruise departs from Santa Barbara. The cost, \$730, includes an assigned bunk and all meals, snacks, and beverages. Kayaking will be overseen by our concessionaire; all hikes will be on trails, class 1 terrain. This trip is a fundraiser to support the Sierra Club political program in California. To reserve space send a \$200 check, written to California Sierra Club PAC to Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more information contact leaders:

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