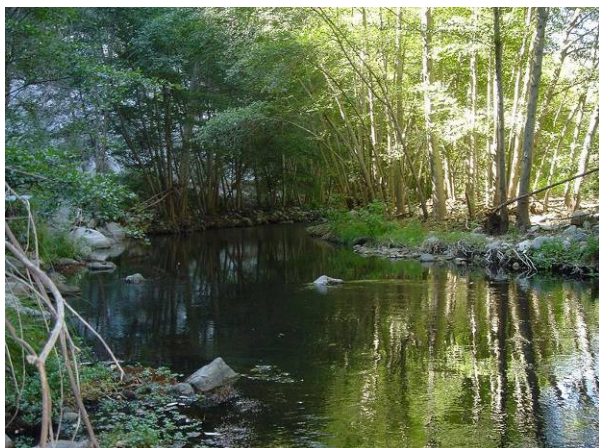
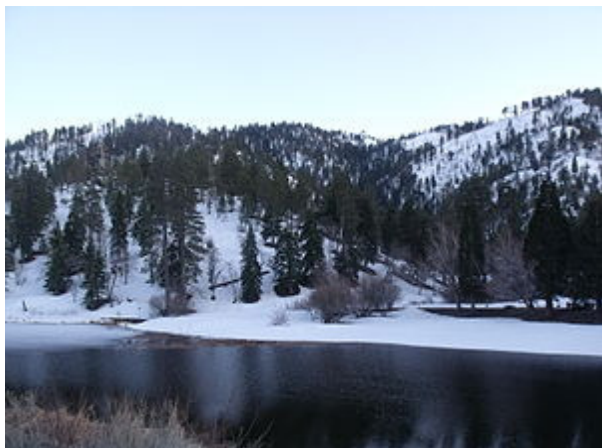
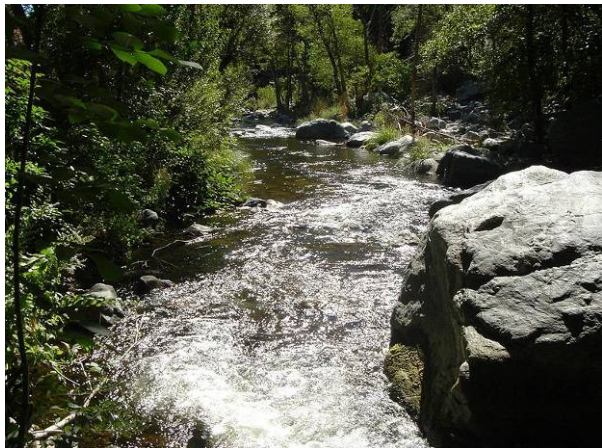


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and no amount of worrying can
change the future**

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Angeles National Forest Facts

Covering 655,387 acres (1,024 square miles), the Angeles National Forest (ANF) is located in the San Gabriel Mountains of Los Angeles County located just north of the densely inhabited metropolitan area of Los Angeles. The US Forest Service of the USDA manages the habitats, flora/fauna ecosystems and watersheds in the ANF. Some of the rivers with watersheds within its boundaries provide valuable non-groundwater recharge water for Southern California. The existing protected and restored native vegetation absorb and slow surface runoff of rainwater to minimize severe floods and landslides in adjacent communities.

The land within the Forest is diverse, both in appearance and terrain. Elevations range from 1,200 to 10,064 feet. The Pacific Crest Trail crosses the forest. Much of the ANF is covered with dense chaparral shrub forests with oak woodlands, which changes to pine and fir-covered slopes in the higher elevations. Tree species for which the forest is important include Big Cone Douglas-Fir, Coulter Pine, and California Walnut. The Angeles National Forest contains five nationally-designated wilderness areas. Two of these also extend into neighboring San Bernardino National Forest: Magic Mountain, Pleasant View Ridge, San Gabriel, Sheep Mountain, Cucamonga Wilderness.

The San Gabriel Forest Reserve was established on December 20, 1892; the San Bernardino Forest Reserve on February 25, 1893; and the Santa Barbara Forest Reserve on December 22, 1903. They became National Forests on March 4, 1907, and were combined on July 1, 1908, with all of the San Bernardino forest and portions of San Gabriel and Santa Barbara forests composing the new Angeles National Forest. Angeles National Forest is registered as California Historical Landmark for being the first National Forest in the state.

Statistics and General Information:

- Acres of land: 655,387
- Wilderness areas: 5
- Wilderness areas acres: 80,284
- Miles of roads: 1,032
- Recreational residences: 505
- Picnic areas: 36
- Campgrounds: 66
- Ski areas: 2
- Trailheads: 53
- Trail miles: 697
- Off highway vehicle areas: 3
- Off highway vehicle route miles: 261
- Lakes and reservoirs: 10
- Rivers and stream miles: 240
- Sensitive plant species: 22
- Sensitive wildlife species: 23
- Threatened and endangered species: 16

Mountain peaks within the ANF include:

- Mount San Antonio (10,064 ft) also known as "Mt. Baldy"
- Pine Mountain (9,648 ft)
- Dawson Peak (9,575 ft)
- South Mount Hawkins (7,783 ft)
- Vetter Mountain (5,908 ft) Site of historic Vetter Mountain Fire lookout tower which was destroyed in 2009 Station Fire
- Mount Wilson (5,710 ft) providing the location of the Mount Wilson Observatory
- Slide Mountain (4634) - Site of historic Slide Mountain fire lookout tower
- Mount Lukens (5,074 ft)
- Mount Gleason (6,502 ft)
- Mount Baden-Powell (9,399)
- Mount Burnham (8,996)
- Throop Peak (9,183)
- Mount Disappointment (5,994)
- Echo Mountain (3,207)
- Iron Mountain (Sheep Mountain) (8,007)
- Mount Lowe (5,603)
- San Gabriel Peak (6,161)

Mar 27, 1891

A GREAT PROJECT

To Mt. Wilson Over an Electric Railroad.

IN THE LA TIMES

WORK WILL BEGIN AT ONCE.

**A Most Advantageous Thing for Pasadena-In Running Order In
Less Than a Year-Prof. Lowe at the Head.**

During the past year the air has been rife with rumors regarding the construction of a railroad to the top of Mount Wilson, but no definite information has so far been given the much-interested public on the subject. The Times today presents all the facts obtainable. Considerable space is devoted to the matter, for the reason that it is of paramount importance to Pasadena and, indeed, the whole of Southern California.

To begin with, an electric road will be built the top of the peak. The survey just completed under the auspices of Prof. T.S.C. Lowe of this city, has shown the project to be entirely feasible. The road will be twelve miles long. It begins its ascent at the mouth of Rubio Canon, just north of Altadena, from which point it will course, along the side of the mountain on a easy seven per cent grade, keeping on the west side of Eaton Canon (called by many admirers "Grand" Canon. as it is said to surpass in beauty both the Arkansas and Grand Canons of the Colorado), and reaching the peak where the observatory stands, which spot has been secured for the main mountain station of the road.

Prof. Lowe feels sanguine that the road will be completed within one year and good part of it to points of interest on the route in much less time. One half the sum necessary for building the road was subscribed as soon as it was known that work would be entered upon at once, and there is sufficient indication that the whole amount will be forthcoming without much solicitation. It is fortunate for the enterprise that it has at its head a man of Prof. Lowe's energy and judgment. His touch is a signal of success. He never takes hold of an enterprise until he is convinced that it is feasible and that it will pay, and once he takes hold he never lets go until success is achieved. In this undertaking he has not been satisfied with hearsay, but has personally climbed and explored the mountains a number of times and has carefully inspected the route determined upon.

There are less than a dozen mountain railroads operating in the world, hence they are a rare novelty and invariably surpass all other roads in earning capacity. The conditions here are extremely favorable for a road that will eclipse them all, and the progressive capitalists who have put their money into the undertaking will undoubtedly reap rich rewards. The only wonder is the opportunity was not sooner grasped. Most of these roads can be operated but a few months in the year. The Mt Washington road runs on an average two and half months in a year. Its original cost was large, the running expenses are heavy, and the cost of repairs excessive--the roadbed being built almost entirely on timbers, which in that climate, decay rapidly. In spite of all this, and the fact there is comparatively no local population within several hundred miles to patronize the road, it rarely divides less than a 17 per cent annual dividend. When the road was built the number of people visiting Mt. Washington, notwithstanding there is a good carriage road was not half as great as the present yearly total of those who ascend Mt. Wilson. The two mountains are of nearly the same altitude, but the climatic conditions are altogether different. During fully one-half of the Mt. Washington season the visitor seldom sees anything but the hotel and craggy rocks, the summit being so enveloped in clouds. There is not a shrub or stick of timber along the last three miles of the road. Yet 30,000 make the trip every season, as compared with less than three thousand. before the railroad was operated. If, under these circumstances, an expensive road, running but a small portion of the year, pays so well, how much more may be expected in a locality like this, where the season is full twelve months, with the skies almost continually clear, and where there are so many and far greater attractions. Probably four times as many strangers visit this locality annually who come long distances to see and enjoy all that is within reach, in addition to a near-by, permanent, well-to-do population of about 200,000 people. These latter at present supply the bulk of all who ascend the mountain.

Those who have ascended the most prominent accessible mountains are emphatic in pronouncing the Sierra Madres the most interesting of all. While ascending abruptly from the valley, they are for the most part covered with verdure, including many varieties of heavy timber, and at the top at an altitude of over six thousand feet, may be seen trees of all sizes up to nine feet in diameter, with intervening spaces suitable for building purposes and miles of grade where carriage drives could be made through timber lands resembling immense parks.

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The view from the summit beggars description and has been too often dilated upon to call for repetition here. It comprises the whole of the San Gabriel valley with its many towns, Baldwin's 57,000-acre ranch, Chino ranch of over 60,000 acres, Shorb's winery (the largest in the world), and far out over the blue waters of the Pacific, dotted with islands, prominent among which are the Santa Barbaras and Catalina with its harbor of Avalon, where although sixty miles away, buildings and shipping can be plainly seen. The mountain scenery to the west, north and east is even more attractive. At no other spot in the world can as grand and comprehensive a mountain view be obtained.

Within a mile from the summit flows the west fork of the San Gabriel River, which abounds in fine trout. In addition to this wealth of natural attractions it is proposed to erect on the highest available point the largest telescope in the world, the lenses of which are now cast and in the hands of the Clarks of Boston. Harvard also proposes to mount the largest photographing telescope ever constructed, and for this purpose have purchased on to the best sites on the mountain, it having been demonstrated by two years practical experiments that this is the clearest atmosphere known for such purposes. It would, however, be impracticable, if not impossible, to erect either of these telescopes without the aid of a railroad to carry the necessary heavy freights.

The construction of the new road will begin at once, the right-of-way over the entire route having been secured. The road will be built in the most substantial manner, with heavy rails and ties, suitable for the use of either steam locomotives or heaviest electrical motor cars, the latter being deemed preferable on account of the great power that can be obtained, its reliability, easy management, absolute safety and economic cost of operating. It is estimated on a conservative basis, that not less than 60,000 fares will be collected per year on the road when completed, which number will steadily increase from year to year. Still, if only 20,000 fares were collected at a lower rate than is now charged on the Mount Washington or Pike's Peak roads, the company will clear a satisfactory profit over and above all expenses. It is believed the net earnings from the first year's business will be sufficient to pay 15 percent, on the company's capital stock, after paying interest on sufficient first mortgage, 7 per cent bonds to insure the construction and equipment of the road.

It would be impossible to calculate the benefits that will accrue to Pasadena from the carrying out of this project. It will give employment to many who need it will widely advertise the town as being at the starting-point of what is bound to prove the most wonderful and popular mountain railroad in the world. All praise to the men who have backed up their faith in Pasadena by investing their money in an undertaking which will prove advantageous not only to themselves, but to the entire community. The era of prosperity seems to be full upon us.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

Shortly after incorporation it became apparent that the railway, which almost immediately began construction, would not be building to the peak at Mount Wilson, due to a lack of cooperation in settling rights-of-way. The new terminus would be Oak Mountain, later to be named Mount Lowe, in honor of the builder of the Railway.

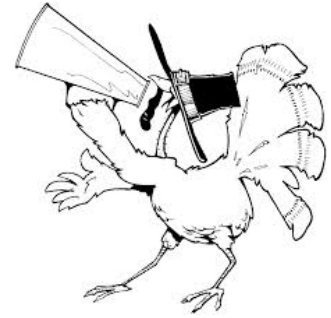
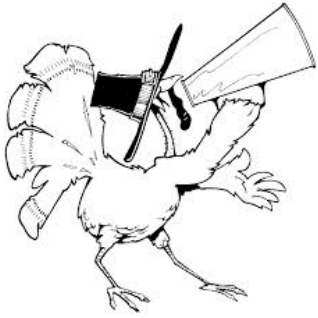
The Mount Washington railway, located in New Hampshire, was a cog-driven train that opened July 3, 1869.

The Pike's Peak railway, located in Colorado, was a cog-driven train that opened June 30, 1891.

Unlike Pike's Peak and Mount Washington trains which used steam, Prof. Lowe train used a new marvel power source called electricity.

The Mt. Lowe railway opened on July 4, 1893 and was met with quick interest and success. For the seven years during which Lowe owned and operated the railway, it constantly ran into hard times. For one, its location was off the beaten path of the common traveler with little means of transportation up to the Altadena hillside. For another, fares did not cover the cost of continuous construction done on money borrowed at 10½% interest, and the opening day fare of \$5.00 (equal to about \$100 in 2013) would not remain attractive to the greater public. By 1899 Lowe had gone into receivership and eventually lost the railway to Jared S. Torrance. Lowe's fortunes had been all but lost, and he lived out his remaining days at his daughter's home in Pasadena where he died at age 80.

Both Mount Washington railway and Pike's Peak railway continue to operate to this day.



Don't Forget !
LARRD Volunteer Meeting
Nov 20, 2013
7:00 p.m.
701 N Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006

BE ON THE LOOK OUT!

I'd like to get all missing/damaged trail signage fixed. Anytime you are out in the forest and notice missing/damaged trail signs, or locations where signage is needed, please let me know by either emailing or calling me. Thanks.



Dennis Merkel, CPRP, FPO
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Los Angeles River Ranger District
Angeles National Forest

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City of Glendale Community Services & Parks

Invites you to join us for.....

Winter Birds on the Los Angeles River

◆ WHEN:

Sat. November 2, 2013

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

(Please note the early start)

◆ WHERE:

Glendale Narrows
Riverwalk

300 Paula Avenue
Glendale, Ca 91201

(Corner of Paula Ave & Garden St)

This program will take place along the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk on the Los Angeles River. Learn about the birds that are in this area during the winter months.

Join our hike leader, Raul Roa, bird watcher and photojournalist, for an early morning of birding and photography.

Attendees are asked to bring binoculars, a bird identification book (you can check one out from the local library) and a camera with the longest lens you have.

Please wear sturdy shoes/boots, bring water, hat, sunscreen, and protective clothing

This program is free, but space is limited. You must R.S.V.P. to (818) 548 - 3795 to reserve your spot.

Para información en español, llame a (818) 548-2000

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Great Blue Heron



Spotted Sandpiper



White-throated Swift

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REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE UPON REQUEST. PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 48 HRS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



November 17-Nature Series-BEARS!!!!

**The Community Hiking Club and
Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates
and County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation
present
The Urban Black Bear**

The Community Hiking Club, Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates and Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation are pleased to present “The Urban Black Bear” as the November Community Nature Series presentation.

American Black Bears (*Ursus americanus*) are captured throughout the summer in photos and video roaming through neighborhoods and down trash lined streets and are often the lead story on the nightly news. This is the urban black bear, bears that are second and third generation who have been born and raised within city limits. These opportunistic creatures are mastering the technique of “Living with Humans”.

Kim Bosell spent 3 years with California Department of Fish and Game as a Scientific Aide on an urban bear study which trapped and radio-collared trash bears to determine how much time the bears were spending in urban areas, what they were eating and where they were sleeping while there. Later she worked for the City of Monrovia Parks and Police Departments handling all Black Bear and Mountain Lion calls and running a Bear-Be-Gone Program for 5 years.

Come out and learn about bear behavior and what you need to know if you encounter a bear or find that you have more than skunks living under your house.

When: 2:00 in the Classroom at Placerita. Bring the kids too!

Directions to Placerita: From the I-5 freeway, take the SR-14 North. Exit at Placerita Canyon Road. Turn right. Go approximately 2 miles. You will see a wooden sign that says “Placerita Natural Area”. Turn right into this drive way. Follow this road all the way to the building. Park. The classroom is in the building. Please be prompt. There is limited seating.



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



VOLUNTEERS
carrying out The trash
after Helping with at
the Big Santa Anita
Graffiti Removal and
cleaning day

**This was one of 13
obstructions, ranging from
minor to major, along the
Mt. Waterman Trail**



**Thanks to work of
David Ledford (LARRD
Vol. 125) and Kent
Schwitkis those 13
obstructions are gone!**

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

626-797-7243 www.altadenatrails.org

Monthly meetings on second Tuesday at Altadena Community Center

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers

Mark Gage mrgy33@hotmail.com

- Trail Maintenance- "Gardening by the Mile not the Yard."....
Hikers and Bikers working together on trails. We work on the trails almost every Saturday. Our focus trails are Lower Sam Merrill, Castle Canyon and Echo Mt. Trails.

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol m.rmeguire@hotmail.com

Our mission is to provide educational and a responsible image to all trail users. To encourage rider's to obey forest regulations and working to preserve and protect trails. A.M.B.P is here to serve and inform the public.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

Pam Morey pammorey@fs.fed.us Forest Care Program Coordinator
909-744-9510 ext. 125

- Help rebuild Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout with a purchase of a reusable tote bag for \$5.
- Help support ANFFLA every time you shop!
Register your Ralphs Club Card and your Food4Less card and ANFFLA will receive a donation every time you shop. It's an easy to help support our efforts and costs you nothing!



Antelope Valley Conservancy www.avconservancy.org

avconservancy@yahoo.com

PHONE (661) 943-9000 Face book: Antelope Valley Conservancy

- Looking for a sustainable gift? Consider giving a Membership in Antelope Valley Conservancy. Only \$25. A gift that keeps on giving.
• If you use Google or any other search engine, please try GoodSearch.com to help us build the Sustaining Endowment. Just type "av conservancy" as your charity and Yahoo donates a penny for each search- at no cost to you! Do it now, so you don't forget. Thank you!

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

<http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/>

John Howell, (626) 796-0782 johnrhowell@earthlink.net

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy was able to purchase 13 acres of land in Millard Canyon that will preserve a wildlife corridor between two residential developments in Altadena. The 13-acre parcel is west of the La Vina housing development and to the east of homes in The Meadows, another residential neighborhood.

Leaving the parcel undeveloped preserves a connection between open space north of JPL and the foothills north of Altadena.

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy raised the \$675,000 needed to purchase part of Millard Canyon, thanks to many individual and group donations and grants.

Audubon Center at Debs Park

4700 North Griffin Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90031

PHONE: (323) 221-2255

Contact : http://debspark.audubon.org/email/1617/field_location_emailCalendar: <http://debspark.audubon.org/events>

- Every Saturday 8:30 a.m. Free Tai Chi contact: <http://debspark.audubon.org/forms/contact-us/636>
- NOV 9th 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Audubon Center at Debs Park 10th Anniversary
We'll have music, food and fun! Scheduled to appear: Las Cafeteras, The Nature of Wildworks, The Hallow Trees, and Plant Food for People.

Giving just a little bit of your time can make a big difference to the success of the Audubon Center at Debs Park. We offer many opportunities to help us bring people together to appreciate, enjoy, and protect birds and nature.

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

I've completed the Bear Canyon Trail Maintenance schedule for the 2013-2014 calendar year. Last year I based the dates on the weather predictions in the Old Farmer's Almanac and every day was a great day. So I did it again this year.

Unfortunately for trail work, it is supposed to be colder and wetter this year (which happens to be good news for someone with a brand new Subaru Outback and a Mt Baldy Season pass....) I've included the schedule. Under each date is the weather prediction for the week from the OFA. I'll be sending out a notice for the November event in a separate email..

Andy

abhoyer@yahoo.com

213-675-0420

Bear Canyon Trail Maintenance 2013-2014 Schedule With Old Farmer's Almanac Weather Prediction

- Nov 16th "No Tools Hike" Temp. 58° (1° above avg.) 11th-18th Sunny, seasonable
- Dec 28th Outing Temp. 54° (avg.) 22nd-31st Sunny, turning warm
- Jan 25th Outing Temp. 53° (1° below avg.) 25th-27th Sunny, cool
- Feb 22nd Outing Temp. 52.5° (2.5° below avg.) 22nd-28th Showers, then sunny, cool
- Mar 22nd Outing Temp. 56° (1° below avg.) 21st-25th Scattered showers, cooler
- Apr 19th Outing Temp. 60° (avg.) 15th-20th Showers, then sunny, warm
- May 17th Outing Temp. 66° (2° above avg.) 11th-19th Sunny, warm inland
- Jun 14th Outing Temp. 68° (avg.) 13th-17th Sunny inland



Big Santa Anita Canyon

<http://www.bigsantaanitacanyon.com/>

- **Open Year round, 6 am to 8 pm every day.**
- **The road is gated and the gate is locked at night.**

Be sure to return to your car before 7:30 pm or you may not get out! During and after heavy rains, fires, or after significant earthquakes, and during fire alerts the road may be closed.

- **The Sierra Madre Police Dept. is in charge of locking/unlocking the gate. If you are concerned that the road might be closed you can call them for info: 626 355-1414.**

- **Adams Pack Station Contact:**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (626) 447-7356

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway

dayhiker86@yahoo.com

Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council

<http://www.laac-hat.org/>

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

<http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/>

- **Nov 20th MEETING** Come and Join Us CTUC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale, CA.

Our meetings are open to everyone who wishes to participate. Volunteers have a great time working together on these types of projects. To volunteer on one of our projects, please join us by calling our Chairman, Terry Kaiser at 818-353-4682. You may also email: edwaldheim@aol.com

- **CTUC MAPS** The first map in our series was completed in 2005 and now, several years later, there are eight maps in print with as many as four more in the works. CTUC maps are unique in that they are not complete inventories of routes. Instead they are travel guides to the area with selected routes shown.

For more information: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/maps>

CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

<http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/parks/default.aspx> 818-548-2000

- **Nov 2nd Winter Birds on the Los Angeles River**

Location: Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, 300 Paula Avenue (corner of Paula and Garden Street), Glendale

Description: Join us for an early morning walk along the Los Angeles River as we observe the water birds that call Glendale their home. Photojournalist Raul Roa will be on hand to provide tips on bird watching and nature photography.

If possible, please bring binoculars, a camera with telephoto lens, and a bird I.D. book.

RSVP to (818) 548-3795 to reserve your spot.

- **Nov 16th Third Saturday Wilderness Workday**

Location: Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road, Glendale, CA 91214

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Description: Our efforts to restore Deukmejian Wilderness Park continue with our regular Third Saturday Wilderness Workday. Join us in a beautiful setting for tree watering and the removal of non-native invasive species. This activity is great for all ages and abilities. Community Service hours are available. Please wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, and bring sunscreen, sun glasses, and a hat. We'll provide the drinks and snacks. **You do not need to RSVP for this event unless you are bringing a large group of children under the age of 18. Call (818) 548-3795 for more information.**

Nov 2nd-Placerita Canyon Trail to East Walker Ranch and back

This is a great hike for everyone. Placerita's Canyon Trail is a nice 4 mile RT trail with almost no gain, and is perfect for beginners. The pace will be moderate to fast, but the terrain is easy. Once our beginning hikers reach Walker Ranch, they can opt to leave the hike at this point, and return to Placerita Nature Center on their own.

Moderate hikers will continue on to East Walker Ranch will add an additional 4 miles, making the total 8 miles. East Walker Ranch has several hills that are difficult, but for the most part they are short in duration, and make this a moderate hike. This half is probably not the best for beginning hikers. **Moderate hikers will probably really enjoy this hike. It is a nice workout that won't take the entire day.**

Bring: Lots of water, lunch, snacks, camera, shoes with good tread, and if you plan on continuing on to East Walker Ranch, you will find hiking poles to be very helpful.

Mileage: 4-8 miles, Gain: 500' intermittent

Meet your hike leader at 8:00 in front of the Nature Center building at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure.

Directions to trailhead: From the I-5 freeway, take the SR-14 North. Exit at Placerita Canyon Road. Turn right. Go approximately 2 miles. You will see a wooden sign that says "Placerita Natural Area". Turn right into this drive way. Follow this road all the way to the building. Park. Look for your leader on the steps.

Leader: Dianne

Rated: Easy to Moderate

Nov 9th -Exploratory hike from Middle Fork of Lytle Creek to Icehouse Saddle

This hike is approximately 12-13 miles with 3600' elevation gain. This is a tough hike and is recommended only for advanced hikers. It will be strenuous and fast paced.

Hike Description: This hike takes the eastern approach to the Cucamonga Wilderness, climbing up the Middle Fork of Lytle Creek to Icehouse Saddle. This is a single track trail and we will pass 3 wilderness campsites, Stone House, Third Crossing and Comanche. We start in chaparral, progress upward through belts of big-cone spruce and Jeffrey pine, and end up in the cool high country of lodgepole pine and white fir. There are two hard to find waterfalls around 3rd crossing. This scenic and wildlife rich trail is a little used route into the Cucamonga Wilderness.

Carpool information: Meet at Towsley Canyon front parking area outside the gate between 05:45-06:00 AM and carpool arrangements will be made at that time. **Carpooling is suggested to save gas, eliminate the need for so many parking passes, and to keep the group together. If you wish to meet at the trail head, the information is below:**

Directions to the trailhead: From Interstate 15 in the San Bernardino area, take the Lytle Creek Road exit and drive northeast on Lytle Creek Road, past the Lytle Creek Ranger Station, 6.6 miles to the small community of Lytle Creek. Turn left on Middle Fork Road and cross the bridge over Lytle Creek. Drive east on the Middle Fork Road for about 3 miles to the Middle Fork Trailhead. As it approaches the trailhead, the road gets increasingly rocky and rutted. High clearance vehicles are suggested. You will need a \$5 Adventure Pass to park at the Middle Fork Trailhead. You can buy one at the Lytle Creek Ranger Station on Lytle Creek Road.

Leader: Dave

Rated: Strenuous/Difficult and recommended for advanced hikers only

Community Hiking Club cont.**Nov 16th -Slide Mountain -**

Today we are hiking to the top of Slide Mountain through a burn area. This is 12 miles round trip on a steep trail. We will hike to the fire lookout on the top of the mountain. There are incredible views of Lake Pyramid and Lake Piru. You will also see a 360 degree view from the top. This is a tough hike, and beginners are not advised to try the entire trail. If you are beginning, it is suggested that you try the first couple of miles, then return to your vehicles. Adventure passes are required for parking in the Angeles National Forest.

MEET: We will meet at the outside gate of Towsley Canyon at 8:15 for an 8:30 departure to the trail head. We will be carpooling to the trailhead above Castaic on I-5, about 20 minutes away. Bring lunch, snacks, more water than you think you will need (3 liters is recommended, poles, and hiking boots with good tread. The hike leader will turn hikers away if you do not have appropriate footgear.

To meet at the trail head: Go north on I-5, exit Templin Hwy, turn left. Go under the freeway, and turn right. Follow this road until it ends at a white forest service gate. Park. Display your Adventure Pass in your windshield. Meet us at the gate at 8:55 (approx)

Leader: Steve RATED: Difficult (Easy/moderate hikers are encouraged to try the first few miles)

Nov 17th - Fall Colors hike to Big Sycamore Canyon

This hike will be a fast-paced 10 mile loop, with approximately 1200 ft gain, through Serrano and Big Sycamore Cyns. Big Sycamore Cyn was listed in the Sept 2011 issue of Sunset magazine as one of the 10 best places in the western US to see fall colors in Oct and Nov. Monarch Butterflies are also present in a grove of trees here during this time.

Bring lunch, snacks, and water. Serrano Cyn contains poison oak, so long pants are recommended. The trail is part of Pt Mugu State Park, and there is a day use fee of \$12 for parking, unless you choose to park along PCH, and walk into the park. **Also, as it is a State Park, dogs are prohibited.**

Bring your camera, lunch, lots of water, and poles if you have them. Wear boots with good tread.

To carpool, meet the leader at Towsley Cyn at 6:30 for a 6:45 AM departure.

If you wish to meet the leader at the trailhead at 8:15 AM in the day use parking area of Sycamore Canyon Campground, directions are below.

Directions to the trail head: From the south, drive north on PCH from Malibu to Big Sycamore Canyon campground, or from the north, take the 101 Fwy to Camarillo. Exit S. Las Posas Rd (near the outlet stores). Follow Las Posas Rd to PCH. Go South on PCH. Pass Pt Mugu Rock and continue for apx 4 miles and turn left onto the road to Sycamore Canyon Campground (Thornhille Broome State Beach is on the right, and Google shows this turn as Big Sycamore Canyon Rd). Go past the entrance booth, and turn left immediately to find the day use parking area. If you start driving through the campground, you have gone too far.

Leader: Nikki RATED: STRENUOUS and fast paced, for advanced hikers ONLY

Nov 23rd - O'Melveny Park to Weldon Canyon

Today we'll be burning some calories in anticipation of our upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. This 9 mile hike is a butt-killer. We will be going from O'Melveny Park in Granada Hills up and over the mountains into Santa Clarita, traveling from East Canyon to Weldon Canyon where we will end up. There is about 1800' of gain, all at the beginning of the hike. We will begin the hike through old citrus groves and eucalyptus, travel through grasslands, oak woodlands, and enjoy amazing views of Santa Clarita and the San Fernando Valley. We'll even have a bird's eye view of the Sunshine Land Fill. We will take a break for an early lunch at the Mission Peak Monument.

Meet your hike leader at the Weldon Canyon Trail head at 8:00 for an 8:15 shuttle departure to O'Melveny Park. No parking permits/passes are needed.

Directions to meeting area: Exit the I-5 freeway at Calgrove Blvd. If you're coming from Valencia, turn right onto the Old Road. If you're coming from the South, turn left. Continue on the Old Road past Towsley Cyn, past the post office, past East/Rice Cyns. Continue on this Road until to approach the BRIDGE that goes over the freeway. Turn right on this bridge. When you have crossed over the freeway, make another right, and look for the green MRCA trail head sign in about 50' on the left. If you reach the worm farm or the gun club, you've gone too far. (The trail head is an SCE access dirt road with a barrier across it.) You can park for free on the road. This is where we will meet. Please be prompt. We will leave half of the vehicles here, and transport the group down to O'Melveny in the other vehicles.

**Leader: Dianne Rated: Moderate to slightly difficult due to the uphill portion
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November 30th -Bear Divide To Walker Ranch

Today's hike will begin at the Bear Divide Trail. It is uphill for 2 miles to the Wildland Firefighting station where we'll take a brief break before heading to Wilson Saddle, then down Los Pinetos to Walker Ranch. You will see some incredible views along the way, so bring your camera. Bear Divide always makes me feel like I'm miles away from home. It's like a Southern Sierra hike with the pines and the beautiful scenery. From there you will see Santa Clarita Canyons (Bear Canyon, May Canyon, etc). After traversing the divide, it's downhill all the way to Walker Ranch! The total hike is 7.5 miles. The gain is about 800'. (It will feel like more!)

Wear boots with good tread, a hat, and poles will be helpful if you have them.

Bring: Lots of water, snacks, and your smile!

Meet at Walker Ranch Trail head at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure to the Bear Divide Trail head. We will leave half the cars at Walker Ranch, and carpool to the trail head.

Rated: Moderate Leader: Dianne

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

PHONE: (818) 773-3555

FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/CORBAMTB>

<http://corbamb.com/>

For schedule goto: <http://corbamb.com/Calendar/index.shtml>

• **Nov 4th COSTAC Monthly Meeting** The Conejo Open Space Trails Advisory Council meets the first Monday of the month to discuss Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency trails issue. The public is welcome to attend. **For more information, contact Nicole Tindell, 805-495-0545.**

• **Nov 7th - 10th California Bicycle Coalition Summit**

Join us for a gathering of the leading thinkers, movers and shakers in bike advocacy, the bike industry, and bike-friendly change agents in transit, urban planning, health, design, technology, tourism and more as we share, envision, connect, collaborate and celebrate! Don't miss out! contact Dave Snyder at Dave@calbike.org

• **Nov 25th Monthly CORBA Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome**

The Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization serving the mountain bicycling community of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas including southern Ventura County. We are dedicated to preserving open space, maintaining public access to public lands, and creating more trail opportunities for all to enjoy. We are a chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association.

Crescenta Valley Trail Crew aka CV Trail Crew

Karen Buehler 818-363-6216 karen.buehler2@gmail.com

Face book: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/cvtrail.crew>

• **Fridays – 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM Trail Restoration Deukmejian Wilderness Park**

• **Nov 23rd– Trail Restoration Deukmejian Wilderness Park**

We will also continue maintenance of the trails in Deukmejian Wilderness Park and other projects in Angeles National Forest including Grizzly Flats final touches.

Friends of El Prieto Trail bannermoffat@earthlink.net

An organized group of individuals working on improving the trail to pre fire condition.

If interested in assisting, please contact Banner Moffat by e-mail.

- Banner Moffat

HABITAT WORKS <http://www.habitatwork.org>

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

www.haramokngna.org 663-449-8975.

• **Nov - 10th Rabbit blanket workshop @ 11:00 am**

Attend our rabbit blanket workshop to learn the traditional methods used by natives of Southern California and other regions to create blankets and robes from rabbit fur. The instructor for this workshop will be Barbara Drake (Tongva). Workshop cost is \$25 to cover materials. Additional rabbit pelts are \$10 each. RSVP online at: <http://www.haramokngna.org/rsvpmaker/rabbit>

• **2014 Tongva calendar**

The calendar is illustrated by contemporary artworks by local Native artists with a history of supporting Haramokngna.



This is the first time a Tongva calendar is being made, a significant achievement and historic first. Tongva words appear alongside English, and we acknowledge the Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival for partially funding the project

If you are interested in ordering a calendar for \$20 – or ordering several for gifts – please go to our website www.haramokngna.org to order on-line.

• **Stop by our Center any weekend from 10am – 4pm** and by appointment for groups during the week . We are happy to answer any questions about Native American culture, the Angeles National Forest, hiking trails, camping, etc. We have ample parking out front.

• **Volunteers** As a cultural, environmental and arts organization, Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center shares the flavor of Native American history, culture, traditions and arts with the Los Angeles community. We are always looking for energetic individuals ready to represent the Cultural Center during special events and regular office hours.

• **Check the Pukuu's Amazon Store** <http://astore.amazon.com/pukucultcomms-20>

When you order items thru our store, a percentage is donated to our center. THANK-YOU

High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that packs Equipment, Material and Supplies etc. to your Trail or worksite. Packs Trash & Rubbish out of the Forest.

Contacts: Jonathan Schultz 951-830-3400 maujds@earthlink.net

- Forest Certified Animal Packer,
- Master Teacher for "LNT",
- "C" Crosscut Saw Certifier
- Chainsaw "B" faller

Glen Foster 760-949-3497 or 760-508-0344 pjgwfoster@aol.com

Certified Packer

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL) **Jack Russell** 562-861-3187

- Nov 16th Outing

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

We will continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe West Trail, working from the middle up (unless some other request comes up). Maintenance involves cutting back brush to 6 foot-wide clearance, and tread repair to 3 foot-wide.

Matt Maxonmatt@mattmaxon.com

Continuing to work on the Stone Cyn Trail. No set schedule. Hope to get out for 1 day at least, every month. I'm very flexible If you want to come out contact me and we'll work something out. Brush clearance top down is my main focus right now, but there is plenty of tread that needs work, switch backs that need to be rebuilt, and 2 slide areas / washouts that need something done with them.

Mount Disappointment 50K Conservation Groupwww.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

- We are planning the races for in 2014

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association<http://mwba.org/>Mitch Marich, info@mwba.org

- **GO HERE TO BECOME A MEMBER:**

<https://www.imba.com/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=124>

In an ongoing effort to improve and expand the mountain biking opportunities in California, Mount Wilson Bicycling Association (MWBA) and the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) have teamed up through IMBA's Chapter Program. The Mount Wilson Bicycling Association was founded by IMBA Hall-of-Famer Alan Armstrong in 1996 to advocate trail use by mountain bikers through an effort to reach out to all trail users to support the local trail system in a productive way. Your membership dues support trail work efforts by providing equipment and supplies used to improve our local trails for all users. Don't forget to attend MWBA's annual Pancake Breakfast which is our main source of funds.

Mount Wilson Institute

P. O. Box 1909, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1909

(404) 413-5484 <http://www.mtwilson.edu/>

Cosmic Cafe (626) 440-9018

- **Cosmic Cafe is open until Dec 1, we're excited to see you on Saturdays and Sundays and some holidays 10am-4pm.**
 - For directions or more information please visit www.mtwilson.edu
 - The Cosmic Cafe sells the Adventure Pass during our operating hours.
 - There is a guided walking tour every Saturday and Sunday (from April 1st - November 30th) at 1 pm, tickets are sold at the Cosmic Cafe and are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for kids and seniors.

Support Mount Wilson Observatory

We Need Your Help - Mount Wilson Observatory is privately owned and receives no continuing state or federal support. You can help ensure the continued operation of this science heritage.

- **Join** our Friends of Mount Wilson Observatory organization to receive a variety of member benefits and stay informed on the latest scientific and other activities from the mountain.
 - **Contribute** to our Second Century Campaign. As Mount Wilson continues into its second century, a capital campaign is being developed to preserve this great observatory for future generations.
 - **Be a Docent Tour Guide** - We welcome applications from individuals interested in participating as docents in our very active guided tour programs.

For application information go to: <http://www.mtwilson.edu/docents.php>.

Mount Wilson Race

<http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com/HOME.html>

- **Plans are being made for the May 24th, 2014 race.**

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities please contact the Recreation Supervisor for the City of Sierra Madre Kyle Schnurr, kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com or by phone at (626) 355-7394.

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS <http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

Ben White: 626-303-1078

ben@sgmtrailbuilders.org

We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month Trail working volunteers may join the San Gabriel Mountains Trail Builders in the continued restoration process for trails in and around Crystal Lake, East Fork, Heaton Flats, Upper & Lower Bear Creek, the Baldy Area and many other locations on the Angeles National Forest.

Learn how to use all the Trail tools to work the trails. Help you learn how to get your certificates for Chainsaw and Crosscut Saws use on the National forest.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please send e-mail to feedback@crystallake.name I will let you know when, where, and what you need to know to join us.

MEETING LOCATION :

San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center,
1950 North San Gabriel Canyon @ 7:30am

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.co>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919 E-mail: Emworks@verizon.net

- **Dec 14th Annual Mt. Lowe / Alpine Tavern Excursion**

Sierra Club www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

Sierra Club-Pasadena Group

P.O. Box 94086

Pasadena, CA. 91109-4086 (626) 791-76606

For more calendar details go to http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/outings_3mos.html#nov

- **Nov 6th 7:00 PM**

Monthly Meeting: In celebration of the 175th Anniversary of John Muir's birth, Pasadena Group Chair David Czamanske will present a program "**John Muir's Childhood and Youth**". Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, program at 7:15 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact Group Membership Chair, Elizabeth Pomeroy 626-791-7660 ewpomeroy@gmail.com

- **Nov 7th/14th/21st Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**
- **Nov 9th Native Plant Sale - Sponsored by California Native Plant Society (CNPS)**

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- Nov 9th 3:00 PM SPECIAL EVENT

A one-man play entitled "The Spirit of John Muir" and featuring famed Muir interpreter Lee Stetson will be presented in the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room

- Nov 10th Arroyo Seco to Paul Little Picnic Area and Brown Mountain Dam
- Nov 16th Idlehour Trail Camp hike
- Nov 17th Full moon hike of the Beaudry Loop in the Verdugo Mts
- Nov 17th Art Hike
- Nov 23rd Switzer Picnic Area to Bear Canyon Camp
- Nov 29th to Dec 13th Benefit Shopping at Ten Thousand Villages at 567 S Lake Ave Pasadena, CA 91101. Stop by any time during this two-week period between the holidays to browse and shop hand-crafted items made by indigenous people from around the world. Identify yourself as a Sierra Club member and a percentage of proceeds from your purchases from this non-profit organization will benefit Pasadena Group conservation and outreach activities

Tree People <http://www.treepeople.org> FACEBOOK: Tree People

12601 Mulholland Drive

Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Telephone (818) 753-4600

For more calendar details go to: <http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2013-11>

- Campus Planting Nov 9th
- Park Work Day Nov 7th/9th/14th/21st
- Public Orchards Tree Care Nov 2nd
- Professional Development Training for Teachers
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Nov 2nd/3rd/16th/17th/23rd
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Supervisor Training Nov 16th
- Street Commercial Tree Planting Nov 11th
- Street - Residential Tree Care Nov 2nd
- Street - Residential Planting Nov 23rd

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/> Sarah Miggins smiggins@fs.fed.us 909-382-2796

602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

- Greenthumb Restoration Volunteers Nov 9th Lytle Creek

Volunteer Become a Discovery Center Volunteer! If you enjoy the forest and would like to help visitors learn about our local mountains, then the Discovery Center has a volunteer opportunity for you! You'll be joining over 100 other volunteers who enjoy meeting Discovery Center visitors and helping them get the information they're looking for such as where to hike, camp, picnic, go off roading, etc. Help families and students learn about the forest through our naturalist table, nature walks and school programs. You'll have a chance to visit with people from all over the world. Volunteers are asked to donate 8 hours of their time a month, or more if they want to.

We need volunteers to help with a variety of jobs We teach you everything you'll need to know!

If you are interested in one of the following positions or would like to attend an orientation session please

contact: Wendy Craig wraig@mountainsfoundation.org
Big Bear Discovery Center Volunteer Coordinator
(909) 382-28403

Pacific Crest Trail Association

<http://www.pcta.org>

FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/PCTAFan>

Liz Bergeron lbergeron@pcta.org

Sacramento, CA Phone: (916) 285-1846 x 2

• **Jan 1st - Dec 30th. 'Fannypack' Projects [FALC]. SBNF, ANF, CNF, and BLM.**

Swat teams to inventory trail, clear trees and boulders, and repair slides on short notice.

Open to qualified volunteers.

Contact: Pete Fish, Email: pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net, Tel.: 805-658-6540

or: John Hachey Email: goaliejhachey@msn.com, Tel.: 909-605-3219.

• **Join us! The Pacific Crest Trail is more than a trail from Mexico to Canada.**

It is a community that stretches around the world. Come out and play.

<http://www.pcta.org/get-involved/> **Play in the dirt, Meet new people, Sleep under the stars.**

Pacific Crest Trail maintenance volunteers are needed throughout California, Oregon, and Washington to help repair erosion problems, clear fallen trees, and remove encroaching brush. Help make the hiking and equestrian experience a better one now and for future generations.

Volunteers can head out for the day, a weekend, or longer with car and backcountry camping options available. There are no fees to volunteer and meals are included at our overnight events. Prior trail maintenance skills are not needed on most projects, experienced crew leaders are there to teach you the skills needed. To learn more contact Merrit Hoeh at (916) 285-1838, volunteer@pcta.org or check out the volunteer schedule at www.pcta.org. Have an adventure of a lifetime by volunteering on the Pacific Crest Trail!

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

Wrightwood, CA <http://www.grassyhollow.net>

Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737 Loren Lake lorenll@verizon.net

• **The Grassy Hollow Visitor Center and Grounds are open for day-use only**

Hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Weekdays- for school groups, youth organizations, etc. By Appointment

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130

Kevin Sarkissian 661.250.0022 X 552 ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org

Continuing in January 2014, 'Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation' will again be offered as a 5 credit class through the District's Regional Occupational Training Program as a collaborative training venture between WS Hart Union High School District, USFS, PCTA, LA County Parks and Rec, and the MRCA. In addition to high school credit, participating students may be offered a paid work experience internship while gaining practical exposure to land management practices and career pathways related to conservation and resource management including; trail maintenance and construction; wildlife conservation; backcountry navigation; environmental stewardship; search and rescue response; and much more!

This 18 week class is also open to interested non-district students, adults, and agency personnel.

For a complete course outline,

visit www.hartrop.com/forestry

or contact Kevin Sarkissian at

ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org

661.259.0033 X 525



Los Angeles River Ranger District
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Jul 15, 2010 email: info@tundracomics.com



Volunteer Today
Send this in Right Away to
Dennis Merkel —12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd
San Fernando, CA 91342

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (hm) _____

e-mail _____

Interests

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.
Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/
Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/
Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/
Conservation Education / habitat restoration and tree planting
Other: _____
