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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Sept 2015

Basic skill: pooping in four steps

By Jack "Found" Haskel

Pacific Crest Trail Association

<http://www.pcta.org/wild/2014/10/21/basic-skill-pooping-in-four-steps/>

October 21, 2014 Hiking advice tip Jack "Found" Haskel

We've got to say it: some of you need potty training.

Don't panic, the PCT is nearly entirely poop free. You can walk miles and miles without coming across someone else's business. Thank goodness. But walk long enough and you'll develop the outdoors sixth sense: the ability to notice things you didn't see before.

- Uncovered feces, barely covered feces, and "toilet paper blooms" (loose TP) are disgusting problems.
- Human waste is concentrated in and around areas of easy access.

Keep this trail clean by following these steps:

1. Plan ahead and prepare:

If you wait 'til the last minute, you won't have time to do it right. Set a goal to never defecate at camp. The rule is 200 feet from water, camp and trail. That's a minimum. Go further. Go a half a mile. Get away from that lake where everyone sleeps by doing your business after you've packed up camp and started your hike.

2. Have a proper "poop kit":

Having the right gear is a hallmark of a skilled and experienced hiker. In addition to toilet paper in a ziplock, you'll need hand sanitizer, a spare bag to carry out used TP, (freezer thickness seals out all smells) and a lightweight trowel (some weigh less than a AA battery) for digging holes.

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ATTENTION:

Hyperlinks have been added to newsletter.
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Your new hires are as high as a kite when they first come on board, so keep them there and use that enthusiasm to give your entire team a shot in the arm

Electronic copy of Newsletter at:
<http://www.mtlowe.co/VolunteerNews.htm>

September 23
The First Day of Autumn
(Autumnal Equinox) 2015

Basic skill: pooping in four steps

3. The “Rock ‘n Roll” method sucks:

It’s the bane of our volunteers. You found a rock, rolled it out of its hole, did your business and rolled it back. Toilet paper blossoms from its sides but that’s not even that worst of it. The PCT is essentially 2,650 miles of rocks that we’ve moved. We can’t tell you how many times we’ve gone to harvest a rock for trail repair and picked into your pile of poo. Make a commitment: bury your waste 6- to 8-inches deep, always.

4. Dig the hole, make a stew and pack that TP out:

You’ve found a secret spot. Keep it a secret by promoting quick decomposition. Stir a little dirt into it before you camouflage your site. Act like a cat: hide your business. TP takes a long time to decompose: pack it out. Wrap a bit of clean TP around the used before putting it in some ziplocks. Keeping it in your pack until you reach the trailhead garbage can, the one in town or the can at home is common practice. It’s no big deal.

VOLUNTEER FUN!

2015 Concert Series

Adam's Pack Station @ Chantry Flat

Come join us for music Sundays...

Part of our plan to make Chantry Flat a destination spot is to showcase local musicians. The mountain resorts of the “Great Hiking Era” often featured live music, and those of Big Santa Anita Canyon attracted visitors from throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Party goers would hike miles from the trailhead in Sierra Madre to fill the dance halls. We are reliving this tradition on the first Sunday of the Spring and Summer months, only without the miles of hiking...

Performances will be of the more intimate, acoustic variety; such as modern folk, singer/songwriter, cowboy, bluegrass etc. We will try to keep a large rotation of acts so that you might always hear something new. If you know how to play, bring up an instrument with the number of strings you like and we’ll make room for you. We will always have plenty of food being served, so take the extra eight minutes to drive up the road for lunch, entertainment and fresh air. If you plan to hike, come early and lunch afterward – many have found it hard to leave!

BBQ and Beer

No need to pack a lunch. We serve fresh burgers & fries, Nathan’s hot dogs, grilled hot links and veggie burgers. Cold beer, soda pop and snacks are also available.

Music Schedule

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| • Sept 6 th
12:00 - 5:00: Barnyard Jamboree | • Sept 13 th
12:00 - 5:00: Terry Okey's Cactus Jam | • Sept 20 th
12:00 - 1:30: Sandy Ross
1:45 - 3:15: Pat Nason
& The Regular crew
3:30 - 5:00: Bleu Skies |
| • Sept 27 th 12:00 - 5:00: Barnyard Jamboree | | |
| • Oct 4 th
12:00 - 5:00: Barnyard Jamboree | • Oct 11 th
12:00 - 5:00: Terry Okey's Cactus Jam | • Oct 18 th
12:00 - 1:15: Bryan Chan
1:30 - 3:15: Darren Longman
3:30 - 5:00: Paul Inman's Delivery |

Cabin Owners Open Drive Against Closing Arroyo Seco Play Area as Defense Measure

Charging that within a few years all close-in mountain recreation areas will be closed to free public use, the Arroyo Seco Cabin Owner's Association has appealed to the County Board of Supervisors to co-operate in a campaign to save these beauty spots for public enjoyment.

The association is launched in an effort to enlist support of nature lovers of Southern California and cabin owners in canyons adjacent to this county and the California coast line to keep these areas from being closed under what it terms as the misleading and erroneous plea of national defense.

William D. Davis, 75E. Foothill blvd, Altadena, secretary of the association, in a letter to the Supervisors yesterday, charged that the Arroyo Seco Canon, now temporarily closed to the public, will remain permanently closed if present flood control and erosion plans of the Federal government are not altered.

These plans call for the construction of a dam by the Department of Agriculture through the Forest Service to create a debris basin. The department recently received \$1,100,000 for flood control and erosion work in the Arroyo Seco Canyon area.

An alternative plan is suggested by the association which provides for construction of several small check dams to serve the same purpose, yet which would permit the canyon to be open for public enjoyment.

"There is no indication that the public will ever again have free access to the beauties and recreational advantages of the Arroyo Seco," the association's letter asserted.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!



On January 22, 1941 the USFS was approved for funding with a \$1,100,000 fire, flood protection program for Arroyo Seco.

That \$1,100,000.00 dollars in 1941 had the same buying power as \$18,318,666.67 in 2015.

The Brown Canyon Barrier was to be the first major construction project in this program. In 1942 the Brown Mountain Dam was completed

To the left is a downstream view of the dam during construction.

The event that triggered the flood protection program was the 1938 flood. Between February 27th and March 3rd, 1938 Los Angeles was inundated with two storm systems delivering record breaking rainfalls. By March 3rd, the San Gabriel Mountains received 32 inches of rain, more than their average yearly total, and Los Angeles received over 10 inches of rainfall over the 5-day storm. 115 people lost their lives, thousands more were evacuated, over 6000 homes were damaged or destroyed, and 108,000 acres - one third of Los Angeles - was flooded.

Take a Hike! Brown Mountain Dam sits right in the middle of the Arroyo Seco River about 3.2 miles north of the mouth of the Arroyo Seco at Hahamongna. Take the Gabrielino Trail, the main Arroyo trail, up the canyon to Paul Little Picnic Area. Don't take the path on the right up the slope, but rather go past the picnic area about 200 yards further up the stream.

FUNDRAISER

Music in the Mountains Season 10 Big Bear Discovery Center OUTDOOR Amphitheater

Jim Curry, Tribute to Music of John Denver
Saturday, Sept 5, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM (PDT)

Welcome and join us for Season 10 under the stars at 7,000'!

Help us heal our forest with music!

We're celebrating 10 years of classic rock music with **YOU** ~ our fabulous supporters through your ticket and membership sales ~ and with the super tribute bands that helped us present some of the best classic rock music in Southern California. Together, you helped raise thousands of dollars for forest restoration on the mountains you LOVE, the San Bernardinos. We also educated thousands of visitors on how to recreate more responsibly and to be better caretakers of our public lands for today and tomorrow.

For more information goto:

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/music-in-the-mountains>

Heartful thanks to all of our sponsors for their support over the years. They help make it happen! They're back and we thank them for investing in the fun and fundraising with Music in the Mountains!

DON'T FORGET !!!!

LARRD Volunteer Meeting
SEPT 16, 2015
7:00 p.m.
701 N Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!



HAT Training VHC WLACC 2016 Become a USFS approved Trail Boss Supervise Trail Maintenance for the youth in your group. (Great Eagle Projects!)

Let us train you and other adults in your group so that you are qualified to do Trail Surveys and set up projects and complete them on your own.

Purpose:

To provide properly trained personal with the ability to supervise either “Trail Blazing” or “Forest Conservation” program projects at the unit level.

All Trail Bosses will be trained by USFS Personnel or their approved Trail Boss Trainer.

Requirements:

Must be 18 or older.

Complete 4 days of 6 hours each in training exercises with the Trail Boss Program.

Conduct an approved Weekend project. Minimum 10 hours with your unit. (or another unit) under your supervision, and have it checked out by the Trail Boss trainer.

(Training days do not have to be consecutive days, weeks, or even years).

Training objectives are: Tool Safety, Condition Survey, Brush Clearing, Tread Work, French Drains, Soil Sacks, Water Bars, Switchback Construction, Tread Support, Etc.

Bring: Gloves, Hat, Water and Lunch, 10 essentials, Day pack, Work clothes.

Available training days in 2016 are: Jan. 9-10. March 5-6. Apr. 23-24. Apr. 30 May. 1.

Call to confirm training day for yourself. (Course cancels if no calls)

**We Meet at the McDonald’s at Bouquet Canyon Rd. and Valencia Blvd. in Valencia
at 8:00 AM**

Contact:

**Patrick Aubuchon, Chief Trail Boss.
818-781-7465 - bigaub@sbcglobal.net**

Trail Skills College

Pacific Crest Trail Association Trail Skills College

Trail Skills College is a place to learn all you ever wanted to know about building and maintaining trails. Choose from a variety of classes from trail tread construction to crew leadership. Through trail stewardship, you can enhance the trail experience, leading to healthier and happier trails throughout the Northwest.

Trail Skills College is free to all participants! Camping and meals are provided throughout the weekend. Whether you are new to trail maintenance or a seasoned veteran, we have a class that will enhance your trail maintenance skills. Limited space is available and classes do fill up so register early! We look forward to seeing you at the Trail Skills College!

Southern California Trail Skills College Oct 4-5, 2015

When is it? October 4 – 5

Where is it? Idylwild

How do I register? Registration for the Southern California Trail Skills College will open to the public on Tuesday, September 8. A link to the application will be available on this webpage. Those individuals who have previously volunteered with PCTA in Southern California will be invited to priority registration starting Monday, August 31. Links to the priority application will be available through email.

Questions? Please contact PCTA Volunteer Programs at (916) 285-1838 or at volunteer@pcta.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Gabrielino Trail Help

The Gabrielino Trail from Red Box to West Fork has been worked by volunteer crews in the past and is on the list for future trail work. Bear in mind we have over 375 miles of trails in the Los Angeles River Ranger District alone and the majority were damaged or destroyed by the Station Fire so it will be a long time before all trails are restored to a degree considered adequate. Some of the damage is so extensive that contractors have been hired to help restore the trails and in fact a project will begin on the Strawberry Peak/Colby Canyon Trail the first of next month to restore the washed-out areas. Forest Service partners such as the National Forest Foundation and Friends of the Forest are actively participating in restoration efforts. The Gabrielino Trail has had several Boy Scout Troops as well as other volunteer groups provide maintenance. We are always looking for more volunteers to assist throughout the District. If you know of anyone interested, please contact me.

Thanks,

Dennis Merkel, CPRP, FPO

Phone: 818 899-1900 Ext 229

Fax: 818 896-6727 Email: dcmerkel@fs.fed.us

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Angeles National Forest Volunteer Opportunity

EVENT: 2015 Los Angeles County Fair America's Great Outdoors

- Host Organization:** USDA Forest Service, Angeles National Forest
- Contact Person:** Nathan Judy, FS Coordinator
- Phone:** (626) 716-0846 cell,
- E-mail:** njudy@fs.fed.us
- Event Date(s):** **Friday, September 4, 2014 to September 27, 2014**
Open Labor Day weekend, closed subsequent Mondays and Tuesdays.
Fair runs a total of 23 days and nights (Labor Day Weekend + 4 weeks).
- Event Time:** Volunteer shifts are as follows:
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:30am-2:30pm or 2:30pm-8:00pm;
Saturday and Sunday - 9:30am-2:30pm or 2:30pm-8:00pm.
Sign up for as many (or as few) shifts as you like. Working one shift will give you one entrance ticket (good all day) and one parking passes.
- Event Location:** America's Great Outdoors (located behind historic Flower Building)
Los Angeles County FairPlex
1101 W. McKinley Avenue
Pomona, CA 91768
- Events Planned:** Host interactive public interpretive activities related to America's Great Outdoors site, such as, the Welcome and Prize Center, Camp Smokey, interacting with the public, participating in daily the parade, working with partnering agencies, and representing the USDA Forest Service in a professional capacity
- Event Description:** **Easy to Moderate work.**
- Event Sponsor(s):** USDA Forest Service / Angeles National Forest & San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, Bureau of Land Management, and Los Angeles County Fire Department/Forestry Division
- Event Leader(s):** Nathan Judy, Fire Information Officer, Angeles National Forest
- What to bring:** Lunch and a water bottle to stay hydrated, sun screen, and a smile.
- What to wear:** Work pants, sturdy shoes, hat, and sunscreen.
- Pre-Registration:** **YES.** Please call or e-mail contact person listed above so that we may count the number of volunteers participating.



**Dave Baumgartner , Thurman Coach working on the lower Trail Canyon Road
Photo by Brenda Beck**

Angeles mountain bike patrol & Corba working with the AC100 race to insure runners health and safety.

Photo by Robin Mcguire



**Peter Harrison and Sung-Yung Lee clean up graffiti on the Grizzly Flat fire road gate.
Photo by Brenda Beck**



Angeles mountain bike patrol at the Camp 16 Station Fire Memorial on Mt. Gleason

To get there take highway 2 to Mill Creek Summit Picnic Area.

Then take the Mt Gleason service road for 6.5 miles. (note this road is closed to cars, you will have to hike or ride a bike in)

You will then enter the remains of Camp 16 which will contain the memorial of Arnie Quinones and Ted Hall



Sawyer B Mike Mcguire removing trees on the Gabrielino Trail 1 mile past Gould Mesa



A tree on the Gabrielino trail is removed by Mwba & Corba

Photo by Robin Mcguire



**Jack Russell armoring
the Mt Lowe East
Trail**

**Photo by
George Aumann**



**Troop 54 and JPL
Trailbuilders hiking to the
work site on Mt Lowe East**

Photo by George Aumann



**Thurman Coach working on the
Trail Canyon Road
Photo by Brenda Beck**

FIRE INFORMATION



**Go to the link below
to find out the latest progress reports about any fire
in the United States**

At the website select the state and fire

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

On Line Trail Conditions

The website: <http://trailmaintain.org/> will allow volunteers to check the conditions of a selected trail in a color coded format. Green=clear, yellow=passable, red=blockage, black=dangerous or closed, brown=status unknown and blue =work scheduled.

The website uses Google maps, Google Maps is a desktop and mobile web mapping service developed by Google. It offers satellite imagery, street maps, and Street View perspectives, as well as functions such as a route planning for traveling by foot, car, bicycle (in beta), or via public transportation.

While website is under development, you can visit and check out the website.

AC100 <http://www.ac100.com>

2015 RACE RESULTS:

98 completed the race

15 did it in under 24 hours

Have begun planning for the August 6, 2016 race.

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol m.rmcguire@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 Mountain Bikers and Trail KeepersMark Gage mrqy33@hotmail.com

- **Trail Maintenance- "Gardening by the Mile not the Yard"**

Hikers and Bikers working together on trails. e work on the trails almost every Saturday

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

- **BECOME A FIRE LOOKOUT!** It's probably easier that you realize to become an active Fire Lookout with the ANFFLA. It just takes a few classes training (which are quite fun!) and the desire to spend some time in the Angeles National Forest. For more information about becoming a fire lookout pammorey@fs.fed.us or 909-744-9510 ext. 125
- **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!

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy <http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/>John Howell, (626) 796-0782 johnrhowell@earthlink.net

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

- **Sept 12th Habitat Restoration Days** 2nd Saturday of every month, 9:00-11:00am
Join us in removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives.
- **Sept 20th Rosemont Preserve Open Gate** 3rd Sunday of every month, 3:00-5:00pm
Come and spend an afternoon at the Rosemont Preserve! This is a chance to visit the Preserve and wander the trail - discover this beautiful wilderness area in our very own community! The gate will be open from 3-5pm and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and show you this community resource we have worked so hard to protect and develop

Upcoming Docent-led Tours**No RSVP necessary for Rosemont Preserve events. Rain cancel**

- **Sept 26th 9-11 am:**
Docent tour of the Preserve, tour guide TBA
- **Oct 24, 9-11 am:**
History with Michele Zack

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREWbearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com

Andy Hoyer 213-675-0420

Subscribe to Bear Canyon's email list with this link: <http://eepurl.com/beT3xH>

- Taking a summer break until fall

Blight Busters Trail CrewDanny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com**Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council**<http://www.laac-hat.org/>**Big Santa Anita Canyon**<http://www.bigsantaanitacanyon.com/>

- Check the 2015 concert schedule in the VOLUNTEER FUN section!
- 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

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)<http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/>Events Calendar: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/ctuc-calendar>**• Sept 16th MEETING****Come and Join Us CTUC meets 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 contacting our Chairman, Terry Kaiser at:

<http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/contact-us/27-ctuc/9-terry-kaiser>**CITY OF GLENDALE**

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

818-548-2000

Sept CALENDAR: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/calendar/-curm-9/-cury-2015>

- Sept 5th Riverwalk Workday

Community Hiking Club

<http://communityhikingclub.org/>

661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

• Sept 5th - Weldon to East Canyon/ Mission Peak Local and so popularwith distance choices!

Description: This is a 6 mile or a 9 mile hike, depending upon the option you select - either one gets you ~ 1500' gain! However, most of that gain is in the first hour of the hike and we will take that part a little easier.

This hike, although it is in SCV, will whisk you away to rolling green hills, views and quiet oak woodlands of the 480-acre Michael D. Antonovich Open Space. The area straddles the ridgeline of the Santa Susana Mountains and features mixed woodlands of big cone Douglas-fir, big leaf maple, coast live oak, California black walnut, native ash, and valley oak. Chances are high we will meet no one else for most of the way.

Shorter Hike route - Approx. 6 miles with ~1500' gain: Weldon Canyon and down East Canyon

Longer Hike route - Approx. 9 miles with ~1600' + gain: Weldon Canyon, Mission Peak Roundtrip and then down East Canyon

We start by going steeply up Weldon Canyon, then along a beautiful tree lined service road to reach the top of East Canyon. Here we will bid farewell to any hikers doing the shorter 6 mile hike, as they go directly down East Cyn, enjoying American walnut trees, views of the entire SCV and Rice Canyon below.

The rest of us will continue up East Canyon to where it meets the top of O'Melveny Canyon. We hike across the top, along grasslands and an oak lined lane, over to Mission Peak, which may be windy. We will have a lunch/ snack stop here and then return to the top of East Canyon and from there a nice downhill hike back to our vehicles via East Canyon.

Meet your leader: At the base of East Canyon at 7:30AM for a 7:40AM SHARP departure. Park on the Old Road, see detailed directions below.

(VERY Short) Carpool: We will leave most of the cars at the East Canyon location, and carpool in a few cars a very short distance to the Weldon Canyon Trail head (22945 Coltrane Avenue, Newhall), it is just up the Old Road. People who opt for the shorter 6 mile hike should plan to leave their cars at East Canyon.

Note: At the end of the hike, a few of us will act as Carpoolers, taking the people who kindly drove you the short distance to Weldon Canyon, back to their cars. (THANK YOU in advance for your assistance).

Directions to East Canyon meeting spot: Exit the I-5 freeway at Calgrove. Turn west. Follow Calgrove around a curve and through one signal. You will now be on The Old Road. Pass Towsley Cyn; Pass the Post Office; Pass the Church of the Nazarene but immediately after passing the Church of the Nazarene, park along the side of the road, on the right. This is where we will meet.

Bring: Lots of water, snack/lunch, hiking poles if you have them and a camera if you have one. Good shoes with tread are a must have and bring an extra layer to avoid a chill if you are going to Mission Peak (you will be cooling off and it can be windy up there).

Rated: Moderate/ Moderate+, depending on whether you choose the longer hike. Most of the 1500' gain is in the first hour of the hike up Weldon Canyon.

Adventure Pass: Not required

Dogs: Ok, if on a leash and well-behaved with other dogs / people.

Leader: Steve I.

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California Mountain King snake
Photo by Brenda Beck

• **Sept 12th - Chantry Flat/ Sturtevant Falls, looping back to Adam's Mule Packing station.**

Hike Length: 8.4 Miles with 700 feet elevation gain.

Rating: Easy++ to Moderate

Description: The trail starts at Chantry Flat on a paved road, then becomes a single track trail past Roberts' camp and then to Sturtevant Falls. After a rest we will hike back to Roberts' camp and follow another hiking road back to Chantry Flat to complete a loop. The hike is well shaded and usually has water flowing year round. There is lots of greenery and rustic charm.

PARKING: NOTE, this trailhead is very popular, parking can be difficult. By far the most difficult thing with this hike is figuring out where to park. The lot opens at 6AM and is usually full by 7AM. For this reason, we have to leave SCV early and we recommend carpooling. On weekends, parking can be backed up a half mile down the road. If you are not able to park in the main lot for free or the paying lot above it, you will have to park along the approach road. In that case, you will need an Adventure Pass on display, if you want to avoid a ticket.

Directions to Trailhead: From the 210 Fwy in Arcadia heading East, take the Santa Anita Ave. exit. Turn left (North) on to Santa Anita Ave and drive 6 miles until the road deadends at Chantry Flat.

Carpool: Meet at the Towsley Canyon front parking lot at 6:15AM. Carpool arrangements will be made at that time and we leave at 6:30AM SHARP. Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas.

Meet your Leader at the Trailhead: The group will meet at the lower trailhead, as you enter the parking lot (where the Restrooms are). WE plan to leave at 07:30AM.

Adventure Pass: Required if you park outside the parking lot (which may end up being the case). You can buy an Annual pass at Sports Chalet.

Bring: A snack/lunch, water (3 liters is recommended), electrolytes if it is a hot day, sunscreen, hat, hiking poles if you have them, and your camera.

Wear layered clothing and good boots with tread.

Bring some money if you want to enjoy a cold beer, a hot dog, or homemade chili at Adams Pack Station (above, established 1936) at the end of the hike. If we are lucky they will have their famous pulled pork sandwich.

Leader: Steve i.

• **Sept 19th - You Pick: Mentryville and Pico Canyon, an EASY 4 miler; or Continue up to the Peak above Pico Canyon, for a MODERATE 8 miler**

Rating/ Distance (Round Trip)/ Gain: Easy - 4 miles total, out and back / 200ft Gain

Description: The first 2 miles of the hike starts in the town of Mentryville, followed by a gradual climb on a paved road (with no traffic), until we reach Oil Well #4 at the back of the canyon. The well was owned by California Star Oil, later to become Standard Oil of California. Along the way, CHC Board Member and President, SCV Historical Society (Dr. Alan Pollack), will share his knowledge of Mentryville and the early oil industry in Santa Clarita Valley. Alan will conclude the historical portion of the hike at the end of the 2 mile canyon. Anyone who does not wish to continue up to the Peak with Steve can return to the parking lot with Alan at this point to clock a nice Easy 4 miles!

Rating/ Distance (Round Trip)/ Gain: Moderate - 8 miles total, out and back / 1200 ft Gain

Description: After Well #4 at the back of the canyon, Steve will start to climb the service road for another 2 miles and add another 1000 ft. getting to the peak. At the top there is a table where we can have lunch/snack, and relax for a bit. The views are some of the best in Santa Clarita Valley from this point! On our return, we will take a slight detour down a different, more challenging, but shorter trail back. We pass some very interesting rock formations to arrive back in Pico canyon in Johnson Park/ We pass a mock- up of an oil well, an old bar, and a dancing / recreation area used by the oil workers in the 1930's. From there, we walk back down the canyon returning to our vehicles.

Meet: Be at the parking area in Mentryville at 7:15 AM, for a 7:30 SHARP departure up the trail. The hike will start as more of a walk.

Bring: Lots of water, snacks, and a camera, a hat and sunscreen. If going all the way to the top you need boots with plenty of tread - the return hike is down a narrow steep trail. Poles are helpful for the longer hike, if you have them.

BRING CHANGE FOR SELF-SERVE PARKING!

Directions/ Parking: From Los Angeles or Santa Clarita, take Lyons Avenue WEST over the 5 Highway and keep going, it will become Pico Canyon. Continue on Pico until it ends in the town of Mentryville. Go over the bridge and park close to the big pepper tree by the rest room, where Steve will meet you. You must pay a \$5 MRCA parking fee to park here. However, if you wish to avoid this fee, you can park outside Mentryville for free (back at a "Y" / turnout you pass about 3/4 mile up the road). Then you walk in (for extra hiking credit!). If doing this, allow an additional 20 - 30 minutes for the walk in.

JHistorian: Alan Pollack // **Hike Leader:** Steve i.

• **Sept 26th - Historical Hike along the Sam Merrill trail to Echo Mountain / Mt Lowe Railway (Altadena Area)**

Distance: 5.9 miles approx. total, out and back. Gain: 1000'

Rated: Moderate

Description: One of the greatest historical hikes in the Angeles National Forest. The hike route used to be the right of way for the Lowe Mountain Railway. We will go up the trail to the ruins of an old hotel that burned down in 1936 on the top of Mt Lowe. Alan Pollack from the Santa Clarita Historical Society will explain the history of the area, especially the ruins of the hotel and the remains of the railroad that served it (it was the greatest incline railroad in the world at one time) . We will check out an old megaphone that points up to Inspiration point. Yell into it and hear your echo being repeated over and over again. That is why it is called Echo Mountain. There are also remnants of a reservoir, tennis courts and an observatory nearby to check out.

Transport: (Parking can be a problem at the trail head on weekends)

Option 1: Meet at Towsley Canyon parking area in front of the green gate at 7:00AM to arrange carpools. We will leave at 7:15AM SHARP for Altadena.

Option 2: Meet at the Altadena Trailhead - Cobb Estate Gate at 8:00AM. Directions to trailhead below. The group will leave the trailhead at 8.15AM SHARP!

(Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas - THX).

Directions to the Trail head: Address - 3302 Lake Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001

map Coordinates: 34.203811, -118.130507 (34° 12' 13.71"N 118° 07' 49.82"W)

Take 210 East from Santa Clarita. From the 210, take the Lake Avenue exit North over the highway - from Pasadena into Altadena. Continue on Lake Ave. north as it climbs the hill. Parking is at the end of the street, near the sharp left hand turn (E. Loma Alta Dr.), outside the large gates of the Cobb Estate.

Permits: No permits are required, street parking only.

Bring: Water (3 liters is recommended), electrolytes if it is a hot day, sunscreen, hat, lunch/ snacks, hiking poles (which are very helpful on the climb up), and your camera. Wear layered clothing in case it gets hot or cold. Wear good boots with lots of tread on this trail.

Historian: Alan Pollack // **Hike Leader:** Ola

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

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

For more information call or e-mail to: wildlife@habitatwork.org

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

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

(626) 449-8975.

• **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 phone: 951-830-3400 e-mail: maujds@earthlink.net

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

Contacts: Glen Foster phone: 760-949-3497 or 760-508-0344

- Certified Packer
- e-mail: pjgwfooster@aol.com

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

(Rain day before or day of outing cancels the outing)

☺ **Sept 19th Outing**

WHAT'S PLANNED: Same old, same old - we will continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe East Trail, cutting back brush, sawing small trees and branches, removing roots and widening tread. I'm not going to jinx us anymore saying how long it will take to finish Mt Lowe East!

Mount Wilson Institute <http://www.mtwilson.edu/>

P. O. Box 1909, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1909 (404) 413-5484

☺ **Cosmic Cafe is now open & guided tours on Saturday/Sunday**

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.

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

<http://mwba.org/>

Contact: Matt Lay matt@mwba.org

☺ **Sept 19th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, MWBA Trailwork**

Check back <http://mwba.org/> or email info@mwba.org for information on a particular month.

The Mount Wilson Bicycling Association (MWBA) was formed in 1986 by Alan Armstrong, a member of the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame, initially to help educate riders about trail courtesy and safety.

Our mission has changed very little over the years. MWBA still advocates responsible trail use in the San Gabriel Mountains and we still work on trails that need maintenance due to use, weather and age. If you are interested in giving back to the community by working on a trail and meeting cool mountain bikers, come on out and join us! <http://mwba.org/join/>

Mount Wilson Race

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

Pete Siberell Chair, Mt. Wilson Trail Race

☺ **Plans are being made for May 28th 2016**

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 26

☉ Oct 4th – 5th Southern California Trail Skills College
(Check out Trail Skills College section)

San Gabriel Mountain Trail Builders <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 @ 7:30 am

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY<http://www.mtlowe.net/>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

E-mail: Emworks@verizon.net**Sierra Club**

1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107

213-387-4287

For more calendar details go to www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

- **Sept 2nd Pasadena Group Monthly Program**

 Pasadena Group Monthly Program: Illustrated conservation/outing program. Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities.

 Newcomers always welcome!

 7 PM doors open, 7:30 PM program at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact Group Membership Chair, Elizabeth Pomeroy.

- **Sept 17th/24th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**

- **Sept 26th Big Pines to Vincent Gap via Blue Ridge Trail, PCT**

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

602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

- **Sept 5th Music in the Mountains Season 10 (Check in the Fundraiser Section)**

 For more calendar details go to <http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar?year=2015&month=09>

- **Sept 1st First Tuesday Hike**

- **Sept 3rd/4th Hiking EcoTour**

- **Sept 3rd Night Hike**

- **Sept 5th Build a Birdhouse**

- **Sept 5th/19th Story time**

- **Sept 5th/6th/12th/13th/19th/20th/26th/27th Nature Walk**

- **Sept 5th/6th Nature Hike**

- **Sept 12th Nature Craft**

- **Sept 19th Greenthumbs**

Tree People <https://www.treepeople.org/>

FACEBOOK: TreePeople

12601 Mulholland Drive

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

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

- **Community Tree Care Team Training** Sept 12th
- **Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk** Sept 5th/12th/19th
- **Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration** Sept 20th
- **Generation Earth Campus Recycling Workshop** Sept 12th
- **Moonlight Hike** Sept 4th
- **Native Plants and Turf Reduction Workshop** Sept 12th
- **Outreach Volunteer Training** Sept 12th
- **Park Work Day** Sept 5th/12th/17th/22nd/23rd am /23rd pm/24th am/24th pm/25th am/25th pm
- **Rainwater Harvesting Workshop** Sept 12th
- **School Greening Workshop** Sept 19th
- **Street Tree Care** Sept 12th /19th
- **Santa Monica Mountains Restoration** Sept 12th /13th /26th

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

<http://www.grassyhollow.net/>

Wrightwood, CA 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 Saturday,

**William S Hart UHSD
of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 135**

Kevin Sarkissian

Lead Instructor

W S Hart Union High School District

Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation - ANF Crew 135

Regional Occupational Program

21515 Centre Pointe Parkway

Santa Clarita, CA 91350

661.877.7024

661.250.0022 X 552

<http://pathwaytomymfuture.org/students-parents/regional-occupational-programs>

<https://www.facebook.com/roptrails>

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times July 02, 2015 email: tundra@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: _____
