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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Feb 2016

HYPOTHERMIA

When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced. Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use up your body's stored energy. The result is hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature. Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening and won't be able to do anything about it.

Hypothermia is most likely at very cold temperatures, but it can occur even at cool temperatures (above 40°F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water.

Victims of hypothermia are often (1) elderly people with inadequate food, clothing, or heating; (2) babies sleeping in cold bedrooms; (3) people who remain outdoors for long periods—the homeless, hikers, hunters, etc.; and (4) people who drink alcohol or use illicit drugs.

Warnings signs of hypothermia:

- shivering, exhaustion • confusion, fumbling hands • memory loss, slurred speech • drowsiness

If you notice any of these signs, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95°, the situation is an emergency—get medical attention immediately.

If medical care is not available, begin warming the person, as follows:

- Get the victim into a warm room or shelter.
- If the victim has on any wet clothing, remove it.
- Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck, head, and groin—using an electric blanket, if available. Or use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels, or sheets.
- Warm beverages can help increase the body temperature, but do not give alcoholic beverages. Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person.
- After body temperature has increased, keep the person dry and wrapped in a warm blanket,

including the head and neck.

Get medical attention as soon as possible.

A person with severe hypothermia may be unconscious and may not seem to have a pulse or to be breathing. In this case, handle the victim gently, and get emergency assistance immediately. Even if the victim appears dead, CPR should be provided. CPR should continue while the victim is being warmed, until the victim responds or medical aid becomes available. In some cases, hypothermia victims who appear to be dead can be successfully resuscitated.

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**What do you get if you cross a horse
with a donkey? Answer: a mule.
What do you get if you cross a freeway
with a pogo stick? Answer: killed.**

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

Date: March 18, 1953

Pages: A6

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Pack Train Still Serves Remote Mountain Areas



MERCY CALL- L.E. Adams calls rescue crew, frequent task when trouble occurs in the mountain camps

ARCADIA, March 17- The Last pack train in the Angeles National Forest, and said to be one of the few general service pack trains left in the Old West, is run by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adams and their son Bill out of Chantry Flats.

With Mabel, a stout Jenny as lead animal, four horses and five burros, the station packs in as far away as Chilao, 19 miles back,. The train is responsible for four camps, Sturdevant, Fern, Ivy and Bon Acord, and serves a total of 143 cabins, some of which are occupied year around.

Varied Freight

In addition to groceries, which the occupants of the cabins have brought up to Chantry Flats by car from 2500 feet down below, Bill Adams , who handles the pack train, carries in butane, gasoline and coal-oil for lights, lumber for new buildings -- anything anybody wants or needs. One of his trickiest jobs was packing in a television set for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gick up Big Santa Anita Canyon.

The history of packing in the Sierra Madre range dates back to the 1880's. The old trail started at the east boundary of Sierra Madre. In 1937 the paved highway from Santa Anita Ave., which is the northern extension of Double Drive in Arcadia, was completed to Chantry. Most of the 143 cabins, many with five and six rooms, were

built prior to that time, and lumber for them had to be carried in by pack train.

Aid Injured

The sorrows and the joys of the mountain range come to the pack station door. Because hikers have parked their cars there, they return to the station for aid when there has been an accident. Seventeen persons have been "pulled out" of the mountains by rescuers in the last 18 months.

The Forest Rangers, the Adams, Sheriff's Posse No. 5 and the Sierra Madre Rescue Squad work together as a team. The Sheriff's Air Patrol also helps. The members of the rescue squad are trained mountain climbers, adept in moving a body twisted and torn by compound fractures after a fall down a steep cliff, in rescue litters.

The Adams have a list of 20 numbers to call for help and the rescue groups have a fan-out system by which they take up the call as soon as one of the members is reached.

Fire Protection

Eight telephones, all leading into the ranger station or connecting with the Adams telephone, give fire protection. Eight portable pump stations are at the telephone locations. Big Santa Anita has been lucky, however, and has not had a fire of any consequence since 1896.

The State Fish and Game Commission keeps the canyon streams stocked with trout and the only way to get them into the streams is by pack. Transported 100 miles or more from the State hatchery at Victorville by tank truck, the young trout are transferred to small tanks which are loaded onto Mabel and her burro friends by Bill Adams and his helper, Riley Herrick. Then they packed two and one-half miles upstream where they are turned loose by the rangers into the clear cool spring waters that ripple down toward Big Santa Anita Dam.

Four Camps

Ivy camp is run by the Rev. Elmer Nelson, pastor of the Bethel Community Church of Duarte, Fern Lodge is owned by the YMCA, Sturdevant Camp is owned by the Methodist Church and Bon Acord is owned by the Girl Scouts of San Gabriel and is not open to the public.

Year-round residents lease their land from the government and own their cabins. A cabin may be bought for as little as \$500 on up to fancier ones with fireplaces at \$1200.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

Their has been a lot of changes in the last 63 years

- **\$1.00 in 1953 had the same buying power as \$8.79 in 2016**
- **Ivy Camp (Bethel Community Church) - 1954 the Camp reverted back to LeRoy Haynes who had owned it before. But, with the loss of the dining hall due to the 1953 fire, it eventually shut down, but I cannot find a specific date. It became Hoegee's Campground at some after it shut down.**
- **Fern Lodge (YMCA) Sold to the los Angeles Presbytery in 1956, but shut down in 1960 and the improvements removed.**
- **Bon Acord (girl Scouts) Sold to Brad Bryce in 2004 or 2005 and converted to the residential recreation permit rather than an org camp. Sold to the Woods about 4 years ago.**
- **Sturdevant Camp Sold to "The Friends of the San Gabriels" who have been working diligently since April 2015 to provide some improvements (new out door chairs, fuel reduction, inside painting) and marketing.**
- **Within a few months of this newspaper article, the 1953 fire will have destroyed numerous cabins, portions of Fern Lodge and the main dining hall at Ivy Camp. By 1954, there were only 94 cabins left in the Big Santa Anita Canyon.**
- **During the early 1960's the Chantry Flats check dams were constructed. The U.S. Forest Service and Los Angeles County Flood Control District teamed up to engineer and construct these Lincoln Log type structures in many of the front country canyons of the Angeles National Forest. These structures were designed to keep the stream bed's ever-moving alluvium "in check" with hopes of reducing the accumulation of sand and rock in the Big Santa Anita's reservoir further down canyon. The paved fire road that you begin your descent down into Robert's Camp is the beginning of the construction road that was bull dozed all the way past Sturtevant Camp.**
- **The State Fish and Game Commission no longer stocks trout in many of the canyon streams due to the impact on species and habitats affected by hatchery-raised rainbow trout.**

However the crank phone system

- **The crank phone being used by L.E. Adams in the newspaper article is still in operation. This phone is part of the largest remaining crank system in the United States (some say the world). There are over 4 miles of wire connecting the pack station, Sturtevant Camp, 9 emergency call boxes and cabins in between.**

GOOD BYE



Long time (since 1993) JPL Trailbuilder Kathryn Janssen is leaving for greener pastures. After giving 772 volunteer hours, her and her husband have decided to retire to Oregon. She hopes to find another group to work with on trails up there. She loves using the McLeod, and is also good with loppers. We looked forward to her home-baked cookies. She was also one of our good-will ambassadors, having good conversations with passing hikers. We were able to give her a quick farewell party on our last scheduled outing (no one seemed to mind missing an outing in the cold and snow!). We will miss her and wish her well in her new endeavor.

Training Opportunities!



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Introduction to Nature Photography



There is so much beauty in the world around us. Do you know how to capture it with your camera?

Join Professional Photographer Bob Adams and learn the basics of taking nature pictures. You might have a smart phone, a point and shoot or a high end camera...this class is for you.



We will spend time in the classroom and then walk through the park and practice our new skills.



Just bring your camera and an open mind. You must R.S.V.P. for this program at (818) 548-3795.

All photos by Bob Adams

◆ WHEN:

Sat. Feb. 27, 2016
9:00 a.m. - Noon

◆ WHERE:

Deukmejian Wilderness Park

3429 Markridge Rd
Glendale, Ca 91214

◆ WHAT:

Snacks and drinks will be provided

Wear sturdy shoes, a hat, and protective clothing

Bring your water bottle, sun screen, and camera

◆ R.S.V.P.

You must call (818) 548-3795 to sign up for this program



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Training Opportunities!



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Geology and Geologic Hazards of the Crescenta Valley

◆ WHEN:

Sat., Feb. 6, 2016
9:00 a.m. - noon

◆ WHERE:

Deukmejian
Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd
Glendale, CA 91214

◆ WHAT TO WEAR/BRING:

Sturdy shoes, long pants,
and a long sleeved shirt,
and bring sunscreen,
sunglasses and a hat

Call us at (818) 548-3795
to reserve your spot

Trail snacks and water
will be provided

Professional Geologist
Thom Davis returns to lead
a hike throughout
Deukmejian Wilderness
Park as we learn about the
geology and geologic haz-
ards of the local region.
This will be a fast paced
hike for the entire three hours on moderately difficult
park trails. We will have several stops along the trail
to observe and discuss the geologic features.



This event
is recom-
mended
for ages
12 and
older.

Space is
limited.
Reserve
your spot
by calling
548-3795.

Dunsmore Canyon, San Gabriel Mtns. Photo taken shortly after the August, 2009 Station Fire; view north. Debris basin located on far right has a maximum capacity of 100,700 cu-yds. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LA-DPW) sediment placement site is in center of photo.



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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: 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**

Training Opportunities!

From: Ashdale, Ronald L -FS

Subject: CPR/AED/1st Aid Training 2016

Will be offering CPR/AED/1st Aid Training on the dates shown below. The class will be held at the Angeles SO training center in Arcadia. They will start at 0900 and end at about 1500. The course criteria is based on the National Safety Council and the American Heart Association. You will receive a certificate when you pass the course. Each class will have a maximum of 15 students (no exceptions).

The class dates:

Monday, March 21, 2016, 0900 Arcadia SO Training Center
Thursday, March 24, 2016, 0900 Arcadia SO Training Center
Friday, March 25, 2016, 0900 Arcadia SO Training Center
Monday, April 25, 2016, 0900 Arcadia SO Training Center
Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 0900 Arcadia SO Training Center

Please RSVP by March 17, 2016 and April 21, 2016

CONTACT:

Ronald Ashdale, RSHEP, OSHA Authorized Trainer
Forest Service Angeles National Forest

PHONE: 626-821-6722

FAX: 626-574-5371

E-MAIL: rashdale@fs.fed.us

TRAINING ADDRESS:

Arcadia SO Training Center
701 North Santa Anita Ave
Arcadia, CA 91006



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Let's Work Together... Every Boy, Girl, Woman, and Man (Third Saturday Wilderness Workday)

We need everyone to join us for this month's Wilderness Workday. We will all work together. Tree watering and removal of invasive weeds are planned for the morning.



We provide the tools and snacks while you provide your time and muscle. There are jobs for all ages and abilities.



The end result is a successful morning of restoration work in Glendale's Great Outdoors by every boy, girl, woman, and man.

◆ **WHEN:**
Sat. Feb. 20, 2016
8:00 a.m. - Noon

◆ **WHERE:**
Deukmejian Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd
Glendale, Ca 91214

◆ **WHAT:**
Snacks and drinks will be provided

Wear sturdy shoes, a hat, and protective clothing
Bring your water bottle, sun screen, and gloves

◆ **Want More:**
Call (818) 548-3795

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THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Riverwalk Workday (on the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk)

◆ WHEN:
Sat. Jan. 16, 2016
8:00 a.m. - Noon

◆ WHERE:
Glendale Narrows
Riverwalk
300 Paula Ave.
Glendale, CA 91201
(corner of Paula Ave
& Garden St)

Questions? Call us
at (818) 548-3795

Everyone must sign
a waiver prior to
working. Minors
must provide a
waiver signed by a
parent or guardian.



Join our monthly workday as we weed and maintain the landscaped areas along the Los Angeles River in the City of Glendale.

Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, long pants, hat and sun protection. We will provide the tools, gloves, drinks and snacks, but if possible bring your own work gloves, water bottle and hand clippers.



Families, individuals, groups, clubs and students needing Community Service hours are encouraged to attend.

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

VOLUNTEERS

If you are involved in mountain trail endurance running, you know it takes a small army of volunteers to put on a "point to point" 100 mile endurance run.

We need:

1) help at several late wilderness aid stations:

- Idlehour Checkpoint at 83 miles,
- Sam Merrill Checkpoint at 89 miles and
- Millard Checkpoint at 95 miles into the race.

2) help staffing our kitchen at the Finish Line at Loma Alta Park in Altadena.

3) medical volunteers as part of the new Ultra Medical Team, i.e. Paramedics, Nurse, EMTs, First Aid. Everyone that volunteers with the Ultra Medical Team is covered for professional liability (a.k.a. medical malpractice) insurance.

Go to <http://ultramedicalteam.org/> to the SignUp tab where you can read about the Ultra Medical Team.

4) help trail marking

5) help trail sweeping (preferably with HAM radio).

6) experienced trail maintenance people that can lead large AC100 Trail Maintenance teams on the weekend starting in early April through middle of July.

If you are available on August 6/7, 2016 (Sat/Sun),

Please contact: ken.hamada3@gmail.com

Any help will be appreciated.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Artist in Residence

Info on the program itself is at: <http://www.angelescrest.org/AiR/AiRWeb2015.pdf>

The Angeles Artist in Residence Program hosted ten artists in 2015 on the San Gabriel River District and the Los Angeles River District.

Participants spend a week in a forest service facility working on a project of their choosing.

Then donate a work to the forest, host a public workshop, and participate in a group show the following year. The program is looking for household items such as kitchen appliances, cookware, utensils and various furniture. If you have items to donate the Angeles Volunteer Association can accept items for use in the program.

For more info, contact Chris at: cfabbro@fs.fed.us

Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) Volunteer Meeting Minutes

By Kathie Reilly

January 20, 2016 - Supervisor's Office, Arcadia

Our newsletter is on the Mt Lowe website -- www.mtlowe.net

Brian opened the meeting with some proposed changes. Each group will send their usual report to Guy guykuhn@sbcglobal.net who does the newsletter, or fill out a form at the meeting which Guy will put into the newsletter. This will enable the meeting to focus on events that affect everyone, and have some training or other short events for the Forest Service to share. We fill out a card if we have an agenda item. Brian will get out the agenda earlier next time so we can send in additions earlier. There will also be a timer. Brian's email is emworks@verizon.net

Bob Blount, our District Ranger was introduced.

Chris Fabbro, our Volunteer Coordinator, introduced his boss Joe Llewellyn, Partnership Coordinator for the US Forest Service and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. Joe is looking for ideas on Ranger District and Monument partnerships, and youth programs. He is from the National Park Service and thinks this is the largest volunteer group he has seen.

USFS Dennis:

- Recent storms have released lots of rock and downed trees
- CPR class in March – email Ron Ashdale rashdale@fs.fed.us
- Working on new classes for chainsaw and recertification
- Martin Luther King day had big attendance in high country with a foot of snow
- Monte Cristo renovation almost done
- Order has been placed for hand-held radios, 1 per group leader. Dave from Chantry Flats will have classes
- Taking orders for more long-sleeved volunteer T-shirts
- Mt Lowe fire road has huge rock. Legacy Restoration Crew volunteered to clear it. Otherwise road is clear to Cape of Good Hope
- Kenny Burton Trail still closed but closed signs keep disappearing

USFS Chris: concentrating on training and special projects

- Working on a 2-day classroom/field class, possibly in March
- Plan to put together a mobile tool cache
- Email him ideas for what to cover in our meetings, like hunting season or radio etiquette
- Trail Boss training is still conducted by scouts, all are welcome

USFS Bob Blount:

- Budget slash will cause cutbacks in roads that are maintained
- PCT Williamson Rock – frog and nesting birds issues continue
- Due to the new Monument, there will be a Forest reorg. Dennis will be Rec Officer of new Ranger District (majority of LAARD and Saugus), name TBD. Station will remain at Little T
There will be 2 units 1) Monument: still searching for manager
2) everything else: Bob
- Feels more optimistic about the Forest in the next several years
- Working with fire crews for opening up trails
- All major trail work needs to go through Dennis for either Decision Memo or Exclusion to NEPA Request. OK if working on trails already established, but any work that could have impacts (rock walls, etc.) email Dennis a description and picture.
(cont to next page)

Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) Volunteer Meeting Minutes (cont)

Organization Reports per agenda request

- California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC):
- Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers, Mark: absent
- Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol (CORBA), Mike, and Robin and Steve: Ken Burton Trail is ½ done, working with MWBA. Vetter Mountain now clear. Large trees down at Strawberry Potrero, larger than B-level
- JPL Trailbuilders, Kathie:
- Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association Vetter: absent
- Arroyo Seco Canyon, Tom and Patty: absent
- Mt Disappointment 50 K and 25 K Races, Gary
- Terry Tanner
- Scenic Mt Lowe Committee, Brian
- Friends of Echo Mountain, Mike: Festival of Lights hike on Lower Merrill had 750 people. Feb 7 will be Hike for Homeless to raise money/equipment for homeless shelters. Project in March at Echo Mountain needs sawyers
- Boy Scouts of America, David
- William Hart Trails, Kevin: absent
- Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run, Hal: Hal did 34th consecutive 50-mile Avalon run (at age 84). Wants priority to get PCT through the frog habitat at Cooper Canyon for the race.
- Bear Canyon, Allen
- Tree People: absent.
- Chantry Flats, Dave
- Sierra Club, Don
- MIS Hermanos Pequenitos (My Little Brothers), Andreas
- Mt Wilson Bicycling Association (MWBA), Matt: Sunset Trail is in good shape. Lincoln Ave Water did pipe replacements, and after talking with the supervisor, they redid them correctly so they would last. Hazard tree on Lower Merrill has been removed.
- Legacy Restoration Crew,
- Crescenta Valley Trail Crew, Karen: absent
- ADV Moto trail crew, Joel
- PCTA, John

Next LARRD Volunteer Meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm here

SPRING/SUMMER TRAINING

If I interested in volunteer refresher courses such as:

CPR/ FIRST AID OVERFLOW CLASSES

SAW TRAINING

RIGGING

ROCK WORK

OTHER TRAININGS / COLLABORATION

We are gauging interest in each course, so if you are interested, your name will be added to the roster. Dates will be announced mid-February once instructors are confirmed

YOUR R.S.V.P. WILL HELP US DETERMINE HOW MANY INSTRUCTORS ARE NEEDED

please contact program coordinator Chris Fabbro at:

E-MAIL: cfabbro@fs.fed.us

PHONE: (626) 698-8517



Mike McGuire removing a tree from the strawberry trail

Photo by Robin McGuire

Mike McGuire biking in the Arroyo Seco trail to chainsaw a down trees off the trail for all user groups. Thank you!

Photo by Robin McGuire



Took our Angeles National Forest Supervisor on a bike ride.

Photo by Robin McGuire



Thurman removing a water gouge in the Grizzly Flat Trail

Photo by Brenda Beck

Dave got the rock out on Valley Forge Trail

Photo by Brenda Beck



Dave getting a tree of the Millar Canyon Trail

Photo by Brenda Beck



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

- August 6th, 2016 race. (See the Volunteers Needed Page)
- Congratulations to 84 year old race director Hal Winton completing his 34th consecutive Avalon 50 mile race

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol m.rmeguire@hotmail.com

- Working with the Mount Wilson Biking Association restoring the Ken Burton trail, removing trees off the Arroyo Seco, Grizzly Flats, and Haines canyon trails.
 - We are continuing with the patrolling the Strawberry Trail loop.
- 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 Keepers

Mark Gage mrqy33@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

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

- **Feb 13th Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day** Come and join us for a morning of fun restoring the natural habitat at the Rosemont Preserve. We will be weeding and watering newly planted natives and doing some trail maintenance.

- **Feb 21st Rosemont Preserve Open Gate** 3rd Sunday of every month, 3:00-5:00 pm
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 3-5 pm 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

Your Amazon.com purchases can earn donations to AFC! Each time you make a purchase through Amazon, login to AmazonSmiles at smile.amazon.com before you start shopping. The first time you'll need to select Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy from their list as your charity of choice. From then on Amazon will donate 0.05% of each eligible purchase you make to AFC. Bookmark smile.amazon.com for all your shopping

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>**OUTING DATES :**

- Feb 27th
- Apr 23rd
- Mar 19th
- May 21st

Hello All, I finally had a chance to hike the upper stretches of the Bear Canyon Trail from the trail camp to the rock house and it's obvious that we have lots of work cut out for us. It looks like we'll be spending the next few years clearing and improving this vital stretch along the bottom of the canyon.

Hopefully, we'll be able to start working on this area on our February 27th outing. I'm still determining which direction we'll take to get into this area so sign up for my mailing list to stay informed.

Andy Hoyer Bear Canyon Trail

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 CrewDanny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com**Boy Scouts of America Greater Los Angeles Area Council (GLAAC)**<http://glaac-hat.org>**California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)**<http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/>Events Calendar: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/ctuc-calendar>**• Feb 17th 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>

- Feb 27th Introduction to Nature Photography
(See the Training Opportunities! page)
- Feb 6th Geology and Geologic Hazards of the Crescenta Valley
(See the Training Opportunities! page)
- Feb 13th Riverwalk workday
(See the Volunteers Needed Page)
- Feb 20th Let's Work Together... Wilderness Workday
(See the Volunteers Needed Page)

Community Hiking Club

<http://communityhikingclub.org/>

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

email: zuliebear@aol.com phone: 661-259-2743

- Feb 6th - Liberty Cyn to Phantom Trail to Malibu Creek State Park and the Pools.

Distance: 9 mile loop

Gain: ~ 900 ft.

Rating: Moderate +, mainly for overall distance and some elevation gain.

Description: Back by popular demand!! This hike is a 9 mile loop with approx 900 ft gain in the Santa Monica Mountains through Liberty Canyon, the woodlands/ grasslands; then connecting to the Phantom Trail we climb to the ridge before crossing Mulholland drive into Malibu Creek State Park and hiking the old 20th Century Fox property to the south end of Century Lake/ Dam.

We will then take the Forest Trail along the north end of the lake, visit the rock pools if there is water again and view the climbing walls, before completing a loop back along the creek bed and up the meadows back to the trailhead. So.....lots of terrain variety here!! We have seen deer, coyotes, water birds and wild parrots on previous visits. The hike will include mainly single track trails and some fireroads/ riverwalks. **Due to distance, we will keeping a moderate pace that may be a little fast for beginning hikers.**

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley : Meet the leader at Towsley Canyon outside the gate at 7:15 AM for a 7:30 AM SHARP departure to the trailhead or plan to meet at the trailhead at ~8.15 AM to leave at 8:30 AM SHARP .Meet near the Malibu S.P. Trailhead (Only 45 minutes from SCV!) at ~ 8:15 AM: Take the 405 Fwy South to 101 Fwy North and exit at Las Virgenes. Turn left on Las Virgenes. Turn right at the light for Mulholland Hwy (if you pass the sign for the entrance to the State Park, you have gone too far). On Mulholland Hwy, there is parking on the dirt shoulders on both sides of the road, please watch for traffic. 26990 Mulholland Hwy in Google maps will get you to exactly where we are meeting. 26990 Mulholland Hwy in Google maps will get you to exactly where we are meeting. We will meet and go through an opening in the fence on the RIGHT (North) side of Mulholland Hwy that leads to the North Grasslands trail to begin the hike. Look for your leader wearing an orange bandana as there may be other hiking groups. We will leave the trailhead at 8:30 AM. sharp!!

Bring: Plenty of water (3 liters recommended), electrolytes (e.g. Gatorade). Sunscreen, hat, lunch/ snacks, hiking poles (helpful on the uphill portion), and a camera. **Wear** layered clothing in case it gets hot or cold. **Wear** boots with lots of tread.

Adventure Pass: Not required.

Dogs: Sorry - No, they are not allowed in Malibu Cyn SP.

Leader: Steve

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Community Hiking Club (cont)• **Feb 13th - Hike to the famous Hollywood Sign****Distance:** ~6 miles (out and back style)**Gain:** ~ 650 feet**Rating:** Moderate +

Description: Laura will take you today to a Los Angeles icon - The Hollywood sign. The hike starts at the Griffith Park Observatory (another LA landmark) and takes us first, via a fire road, to the summit of Mt. Hollywood. After a quick break to enjoy the views, we continue on via fire roads and single track trails to Mt. Lee which rises behind the sign.

We take in 360 degree views of Hollywood, the L.A. basin and San Fernando Valley. Standing on top of Mt. Lee really puts the size of the Santa Monica Mountains into perspective with the San Gabriel's rising off to the east.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley: If you wish to carpool, meet at Towsley Cyn outside the entrance gate at 8:00 A.M. for an 8:15 AM SHARP departure to the trail head. 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.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley: Exit the I-5 freeway in Santa Clarita Valley at Calgrove Blvd. Turn West and follow Calgrove around a curve and through one light. You will now see the gate to Towsley Canyon on your right. Park and look for a group of hikers/ leader.

Directions to the trail head/ Meet the leader: Take the I-5 South and exit at Los Feliz. Drive to the Griffith Park Observatory and park there. Your leader will meet you there at ~ 8:45 A.M. for a 9:00 A.M. SHARP departure up the trail.

Bring: Lots of water/ Gatorade (2 - 3 L), a hat, sunscreen, a snack and hiking poles if you have them. Camera. Good shoes with tread are a must - no flip flops or tennis shoes please.

Adventure Pass: Not required

Dogs: OK, if on a leash and well-behaved with other dogs / people carrying poles. If you bring a dog, please plan to drive yourself to the trailhead.

Leader: Laura S.• **Feb 20th Pacoima Canyon to Dutch Louie Tunnel****Distance:** 4.5 miles (out and back, reverse style - down first)**Gain:** ~ 850' elevation gain, on the way back up

Rating: Easy to Moderate (on way back up). You should be in fair physical condition. Children under 12 might find the going difficult.

Description: The hike starts at Dillon Divide on Little Tujunga Canyon. We will follow a dirt road for a short distance until a single track trail turns off into Pacomia Canyon. It is a nice hike down into the canyon. Once in the canyon, we should encounter a small creek.

Fun fact: The trail will take us to Dutch Louie Tunnel. A prospector carved the tunnel through the rock to divert the creek, so he could mine for gold in a dry creek bed. The tunnel is a 100-150 feet long and may still have the creek running through it. We will continue on a little further up steam to visit the Dagger Flat area and the lower entrance to the of the Dagger Flat trail. Here, we will have a snack before turning around and heading back the same way.

Meeting your leader/ Mandatory Carpool due to limited parking: Due to very limited parking at the Dillon Divide turnout, please meet at Bear Divide between 08:00-08:15 A.M. and then we will make arrangements for a short 3 mile carpool down Little Tijunga Road to the trailhead (leaving the rest of the cars at Bear Divide).

Directions to Meeting spot/ Carpool area: Take the I-5 to the SR-14 North. Exit at Sand Canyon, turn right (South/East). Go all the way past all the houses, Placerita Canyon etc., going straight. Enter the Angeles National Forest and continue up!up!up! along Sand Canyon Road until you see a memorial at a bad corner (on the right side). Shortly after this, you will go around a sharp left hand bend and crest the hill. The Bear Divide picnic/parking area is immediately on the right. Park here to form the carpool.

Leader: Dave

- **Feb 27th** – “Butt Kicker”: Horn Canyon, Ojai to Pines Campground and Sintas Road

Mileage: 9 Miles RT (out and back)

Gain: 3200' !!!!! (straight up)

Rated: Moderate +++ / Difficult

Description: This is a beautiful out and back hike that starts out by following Thatcher Creek. It is also a butt kicker that is just about pure gain all the way to the top and with not too many switchbacks. So you have been warned, no whining!! We look down on the Krishnamurti Foundation in Ojai. Horn Canyon was reportedly one of Krishnamurti's favorite walks. He sometimes told the tale of how in his younger days he befriended a mountain lion along this trail. The views from here are spectacular (honest) - Ojai, the ocean, all the Channel islands and Topa Topa mountain. We will see old growth chaparral, and when we reach the campsite, which will be our first stop, you will enjoy a large grouping of Stone Pine.

If you are afraid of the gain, you can stop at the campground, which would be about 1600' gain, and complete a RT hike of 6 miles. If you want to do this, you should plan to drive yourself or find someone else to carpool with that would like to do the same distance/ gain. Depending on time/ interest, we may stop in Ojai for refreshments after the hike.

Bring/ Wear: Camera, hiking poles, shoes with good tread, lunch, snacks, LOTS of water/ electrolytes (2 - 3 Liters), a bug net and sunscreen. Wear long pants as some brush overhangs the trail, and a hat as there is not much shade on the trail. An extra outer layer in case it is chilly at first (you can always leave it in the car) or windy at the top. **NOTE: There may be small biting flies out and about, so please wear long sleeves/ bring insect repellent and a bug net for your face.**

Adventure Pass: No

Dogs: OK, if kept on a leash and well behaved around other dogs and people with poles. If you bring a dog, please drive yourself.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley to trail head: Meet at Wal-Mart parking lot on Kelly Johnson PKWY in Valencia at the southwest corner at 6:45 AM for a 7:00 AM SHARP departure to the trailhead. We prefer that you carpool due to distance and as parking at the trailhead can be a problem, and finding the trailhead is difficult. 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

If you insist, you can drive to the trail head, following the directions below. If you cannot find the trailhead, please park in the first parking lot at the Thatcher School and watch for the hikers to pass you by, then you can follow them to the trail head. If there is no parking at the trail head, you can park in the school parking lot and walk the distance into the trail head. (PLEASE CONSIDER CARPOOLING)

Directions to trail head: Take the I-5 North to the 126 West. From the 126, Exit onto Hwy 150 to Ojai (in Santa Paula). In Ojai, turn right onto Reeves Road. (Bocalli's Restaurant is on this corner). Turn left on McAndrew Road. Follow the signs to Thatcher School. As you enter the school grounds, look for signs to the Gymkhana Field. On the left, you will see a white gate and a fire road. There is parking here for only a few vehicles. This is the trail head where we will meet, please do not be late. (You will not see the trail head sign as it is hidden by some Orange trees. There is also an Andy Gump at the trail head. It will be behind you if you are looking at the access gate).

Meet your leader: At the Horn Canyon trail head in Ojai, at 8:00 AM for an 8:15 A.M. SHARP departure up the trail.

Leader: Steve I.

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

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

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

(626) 449-8975.

- **Our Center is open seasonally**, from Spring-Fall. Our normal hours are Saturday and Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm. We are also available weekdays by appointment. Visitor Center hours may vary due to volunteer staffing. Please contact us by phone or email to confirm availability. center@haramokngna.org
- **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. If you are interested, please call us at 626-449-8975.
Or email us at center@haramokngna.org

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: pjgwfoster@aol.com

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429

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

• Feb 27th Outing

WHAT'S PLANNED: JPL Trailbuilders report for Jan 20 volunteer meeting

In November, we finally finished the Mt Lowe East Trail to the summit and will continue working from the summit down Mt Lowe West. In December we worked one outing on Mt Lowe East toward Inspiration Point and our other outing was cancelled due to high winds.

In January, we cancelled due to extreme cold, and had a farewell party for outgoing Kathryn Janssen. We will continue working Mt Lowe East and West, and Colby Canyon.

Mt. Disappointment Endurancewww.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

For more calendar details go to: <http://www.mtdisappointment50k.com/trailwork>

Preliminary Trail Work 2016 dates are:

- March 19th – Canteen Trail (Switzers to Clear Creek)
- April 23rd - Kenyon Devore (upper half)
- May 21st – Strawberry Peak trail (park at Red Box)
- June 11th – Kenyon Devore (lower half)
- June 25th - Gabrielino Trail - Red Box to Switzers.

Car-pool meeting time is 7:00 am alongside Highway 2 in La Canada Flintridge.

People should bring work gloves, long-sleeve shirts and pants, sun-protection, and water.

Hardhats and tools will be provided.

You MUST e-mail Gary at gary@mtdisappointment50k.com during the week before the trail-work day so we have enough tools!!

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

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

(404) 413-5484

- **Cosmic Cafe is now closed**

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

- **Feb 20th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, MWBA Trailwork**

We got a great start and let's keep the momentum going! The Ken Burton trail has been closed since the station fire in 2009! Come out and help us get this trail open! We are joining forces with CORBA. Guess what? Bring your bike because were riding to the top of Brown mountain!

Please bring long pants, long-sleeved shirt and hiking boots to wear. You can change at Ken Burton. These are required attire by the Forest Service. Other recommended items include sun block, plenty of water, snacks, sunglasses/eye protection, baby wipes (poison oak is not fun) and a healthy work ethic!

Meeting at the JPL parking lot(corner of Windsor and Ventura Ave). Don't forget to RSVP to be counted for lunch!! If the lot is full we may be around on the corner on Mountain View Ave..

If you are earning points for your free shuttle ride with SCOA, make sure you send your email to trailworktoride@mwba.org

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

- Jan 31st @ 7:00 A.M trail maintenance work
- Feb 28th @ 7:00 A.M trail maintenance work
- May 15th @ 8:00 A.M. trail maintenance work
- Apr 24th @ 8:00 A.M. trail maintenance work
- Mar 20th @ 7:00 A.M. trail maintenance work
- May 28th The Race!

We will meet at Lizzie's Trail Inn just above Miramonte Road. People should bring work gloves, sun protection and water. **RSVP to Race Director Pete Siberell** at psiberell@santaanita.com

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

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 RAILWAYBrian Marcroft 562-868-8919 E-mail: Emworks@verizon.netWEB: <http://www.mtlowe.net/> FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/mountlowevolunteers/?fref=ts

Our mission is to preserve the remnants (structures, trails, artifacts) of the Mount Lowe Railway in the Angeles National Forest. We work under the authority of the Angeles National Forest along with a cadre of many other volunteers who help with various projects to protect the Forest.

Sierra Club 1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107

213-387-4287

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

- Feb 3rd Pasadena Monthly Meeting:

JPL Climate Research Scientist Ian Fenty presents a program "Melting Glaciers and Warming Oceans: What's Happening Now and what can be expected in the Future". Dr. Fenty's presentation will include a discussion of the impact of sea level rise, increasing ocean temperatures and acidification on ocean plant and sea life. These impacts would include migration of ocean species towards the poles from the equator/topics, as well as the adverse affects on corals and other species that might not be able to migrate.

Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome! Doors open at 7 pm; Program starts 7:30 pm, at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact Group Membership Chair, Bill Joyce

- Feb 4th /11th /18th /25th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Feb 12th Presidents Day Wawona Ski and Snowshoe Cabin Trip
- Feb 20th South Pasadena Historic Walk
- Feb 27th Snowshoe-Cross-Country Ski Trip in the San Gabriel Mtns

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

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602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

For more calendar details go to

- Feb 13th/27th / Animal Tracking
- Feb 13th Bald Eagle Count
- Feb 13th Bald Eagle Celebration
- Feb 6th/7th/13th/14th/20th/27th/28th /Guided Snowshoe Eco-Tour

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>

- Angeles Forest Restoration Supervisor Training Feb 13th
- ARCSA Accredited Professional Rainwater Catchment Training Feb 2nd
- Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop Feb 6th
- Generation Earth Water Pollution Prevention Workshop Feb 6th
- Park Work Feb 4th/11th/13th/18th/25th
- Santa Monica Mountain Restoration Feb 7th/13th/20th/21st
- Soil, Water, Life, Landscape Transformation at Silver Lake Farms Feb 20th

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,

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Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation - ANF Crew 135

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Nov 18, 2011 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: _____
