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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter May 2016

RATTLESNAKE AWARENESS TIPS

Submitted by Dennis Merkel

It's rattlesnake season once again and time to make note of what you should and should not be worried about when encountering one of these slithery companions. If you see a Pacific rattler, do not attempt to handle the snake in any way or take other action such as tossing rocks or spraying it with a strong stream of water from your hose. The snake will become more riled and might try to strike in defense.

Call the fire department or 911 and not the local animal shelter— a venomous snake is considered a life-threatening emergency. If a friend, neighbor or stranger volunteers to remove the snake, you may want to refuse the offer due to potential homeowner liability issues. While awaiting help, keep an eye on the rattler's whereabouts from a safe distance. Alert your neighbors since the snake can travel onto adjacent properties.

Distinguishing between Snake Species

HARD TO SPOT — Rattlers do not always “buzz” to warn of their presence. If they do buzz, the sound is similar to that of a downed high-tension wire, very shrill and crackling, and they can keep it up for a long while, subside then begin again. They can buzz while in motion or while stationary. The buzz is issued as a warning, not a precursor to the snake's intent to strike at that moment.

The easiest way to distinguish this species from harmless king and gopher snakes is by the rattlesnake's broad, distinctly triangular head (think V-shaped for venomous) and its tendency to move unhurriedly. It is not a timid snake and boldly holds its ground. The other two species move much more swiftly, using a fluid gliding motion, and tend to take evasive action when humans are present.

There is the appearance of a slight oily sheen to the skin of the harmless snakes, while a rattlesnake's skin appears rougher and drier.



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**The measure of intelligence
is the ability to change**

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RATTLESNAKE AWARENESS TIPS (CONT)

At a quick glance, the gopher snake's pattern may resemble a rattler's. These snakes often grow much longer than rattlers, to about 6 feet or more in length.

California king snakes are beautifully marked with pale creamy bands on a brown background, while mountain king snakes are tricolored, with black, white and russet bands. King snakes are not aggressive to humans but are capable of killing rattlesnakes. As a rattler ages, its pattern becomes less marked; a mature rattler is nearly black.



Rattlers and Dogs

If your dog does not intuitively dodge snakes, there are "rattlesnake avoidance clinics," although not all dogs respond to this training. **The best way to protect your dog from being bitten while hiking is to keep it leashed.** To protect your dog during warm weather, conduct a visual inspection daily: Check beneath and around decks, porches, garden benches, stairs and dense shrubbery; rattlers seek shade on scorching days.

There is a rattlesnake vaccine for dogs. Even so, if a vaccinated dog is bitten, it is recommended that it still be checked by your veterinarian. Some dogs (vaccinated or not) make a quick recovery with minimal medical attention. Others are not so lucky.

Co-existing with Rattlers

Considering how fearsome they seem and the genuine danger they pose, rattlers are not thugs. They are neither vicious nor aggressive except when they find them-selves trapped or threatened. In a sense they show humans a rare courtesy by usually buzzing to let us know they are around so we don't blunder onto them. However, to keep children safe, it's prudent to remind them to never handle any snake in the wild or one that chances into your yard.



Reducing the Risk

If you live close to open space, forest, parkland or fields, create a rattlesnake perimeter—trim up all shrubs and ground covers so there's improved at-a-glance visibility at ground level. A snake's pattern can often be hard to discern in dense dappled shade. Don't be a pack rat around your yard because stacked firewood, building materials, car parts and various stockpiles of miscellany will attract rodents, which in turn may attract rattlers (as well as useful harmless gopher snakes). Stack cords of wood atop pallets rather than flush to the ground—it'll be easier to see what may be lurking beneath. Similarly, elevate dog houses, chicken coops, rabbit cages, etc., on pallets or cinder blocks.

Rattlers, Riders and Hikers

Rattlers are sensitive to ground vibrations and may begin buzzing in anticipation of an approaching human whether on foot, bicycle or horseback. When days are hottest, rattlesnakes tend to be extremely active at night. Be sure to carry a flashlight when hiking in the mountains or walking or jogging after dark in rural settings or near open space.



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RATTLESNAKE AWARENESS TIPS (CONT)

Surprisingly, rattlesnakes tend to be found out in the open, often crossing trails or paved roads after a day of inactivity spent hiding beneath a rock or in the shade of a dense shrub. The smallest rattlers are the youngest and generally considered the most dangerous, capable of releasing a significant dose of venom in a single bite. They can be pencil-thin and 12 to 14 inches long. Their pattern is distinct but their teeny rattles may not be. Like adult snakes, they will coil if they feel threatened.

Equestrians have reported being unaware their horses have been bitten until they get back to the barn and notice such symptoms as areas of swelling or unusual restlessness. Thick leg bandages or leather “boots” are a protection to try. Keep alert if your horse lowers its head to graze in tall grass as a muzzle bite may result in acute respiratory distress. Some horses may spook and rear at sound of a rattler’s buzzing while others are oblivious. Know your horse’s temperament and be alert to your surroundings.

Due to heavy rains in the spring, fields and meadows may be overgrown with wild oats, mustard and thistle, making it challenging to see where one is putting one’s feet. Always assess the risk first. Stick to well-defined, established trails. **If you encounter a particularly ornery rattlesnake in the forest or if you, your dog or horse is bitten, the US Forest Service advises you to call USFS 24-hour dispatch at (661) 723-2703 for a quicker response than 911 would bring.**



Training Notes From Program Coordinator Chris Fabbro

- **5/21 and 5/22 - Leave No Trace basic instructor training**

Leave No Trace teaches people of all ages how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly and is the most widely accepted outdoor ethics program used on public lands.
(Angeles High Country; lodging/camping available)

- **CPR and Safety Refresher classes** are available based on need with a minimum of 10 volunteers.

- **Coming May 2016:** volunteer survey, including opportunities to share requests for additional trainings and work/learning/social events

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IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Pages: B3

Rustic Link Between Civilization and Wilderness Is on the Block; Unable to make a living in her 'heaven' in the mountains, the owner of Adam's Pack Station is a motivated seller.

By: Pierson, David.

For sale: A historic two-bedroom, 900-square-foot cabin set against the backdrop of the San Gabriel Mountains for the same amount many would consider a down payment on some Los Angeles County homes.

That's what Kim Kelley, owner of the Adam's Pack Station in the Angeles National Forest, is putting on the market. Mind you, there are housemates in the package. Eight donkeys, one horse, perhaps some dogs and cats. Then there's the yearly fire danger, snakes and the occasional mudslide.

"Whoever buys this has to be someone who loves the mountains, hiking and horses," said Kelley, who set the asking price at \$250,000. "It's definitely more remote up here. It's a rugged lifestyle. But it's heaven." Built in the 1930s, the Chantry Flat pack station is about four miles north of Arcadia and 2,200 feet above sea level, yet 35 minutes from downtown L.A. if there's no traffic.

Kelley bought the one-acre property in 2000 and has been operating the pack station, which she says is the last one in Southern California. That means loading donkeys with groceries, furniture and other goods and leading them by horseback to the nearby Sturtevant Camp and to cabins as far as four miles away.

But running the pack station full time wasn't paying all her bills, she said. In her five years in the forest, access to her pack station has been cut off about half the time, she said, because of fire dangers or flood damage. The gate on Santa Anita Canyon Road, which leads to the pack station, has been locked to the public since April 2004 because of the threat of a blaze and more recently because a boulder blocked the artery. Fewer and fewer cabin dwellers, campers and hikers use Kelley's donkeys and shop at her general store. "I'm at the end of rope, finances, whatever you want to call it," said Kelley, 49. "I don't know where my next mortgage payment is coming from. I thought I'd be there for the rest of my life and grow old."

Living and working on her own, Kelley depleted her savings of \$50,000 trying to keep her dream lifestyle afloat. To make ends meet, she substitute-teaches in the Monrovia Unified School District. She also learned massage therapy earlier this year for the extra cash. She has three sons -- two in college, one in high school -- who often help her out when they're not at school.

With the stunning views and clean air, the station will be difficult to leave, Kelley says. She grew up in New Jersey but always loved horses and most other animals. It's a fiercely independent way of life, and even forest fires aren't enough to scare her from her home. "It's an open area," Kelley said. "The perimeters are well-protected. I have sprinklers and big fire hoses to keep things wet."

The cottage is a rustic wooden structure with a large porch. Kelley has decorated it with antiques, including an old library counter and a barn workbench. A 100-year-old electric fan still rotates in the store.

Kelley says she won't sell the property to one person, knowing how hard she struggled. The buyers would have to be able to run the general store and pack station, feed the animals in the barn and earn a steady income from somewhere else. Kelley advertised on www.craigslist.org and two equestrian websites. As of late afternoon Saturday, she had nine responses. One person even came up to look at the place. "It's hard for people to believe something like this exists in L.A.," Kelley said

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

**Cabin owner Deb Burgess made Kelly an offer.
Now Deb Burgess runs the place with her mother, Sue .**

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DON'T FORGET!

**Don't Forget !
LARRD Volunteer Meeting
May 18th , 2016
7:00 p.m.
701 N Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006**



BRING TO THE MEETING:

- 1. YOUR APRIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON PAPER. THEY WILL THEN BE PLACED IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER.**
- 2. QUESTIONS AND ISSUES WILL BE DISCUSSED AND/OR DIRECTED TO THOSE THAT CAN HELP THE MOST.**

VOLUNTEER FUN

ADAMS' PACK STATION 2016 Live Music Events

www.adamspackstation.com

Join Us & These Artists for an Afternoon of Great Music

05/01/2016

12:00-05:00 BARNYARD JAMBOREE

05/15/2016

12:00-01:30 Sandy Ross

01:45-03:15 Petrella

03:30-05:00 Vin Fiz Flyer

05/08/2016

12:00-05:00 CACTUS JAM

05/22/2016

12:00-01:30

01:45-03:15 Bryan Chan

03:30-05:00 Wumbloozo

05/29/2016

12:00-01:30 Darren Longman

01:45-05:00 Bryan Chan and Friends

06/05/2016

12:00-05:00 BARNYARD JAMBOREE

06/12/2016

12:00-05:00 CACTUS JAM

06/19/2016

12:00-01:30 Wild Mountain Mystics

01:45-03:15 Tim Tedrow

03:30-05:00 Paul Inman's Delivery

06/26/2016

12:00-01:30 Vicissitudes

01:45-03:15 Tom Renaud

03:30-05:00 Entertainment Law

Sturtevant Camp great events

<http://sturtevantcamp.com/events/>

You are welcome to email me at: dburgess@sturtevantcamp.com

or call at 626.447.7356

Mother's Day Rejuvenation Weekend

Summary: Join us for a Mother's Day weekend of relaxation and friendship. Some features include yoga, pilates, massage, facial, nutrition, and some healthy eating.

When: Start Date: Friday, May 6, 2016

End Date: Sunday, May 8, 2016

Description: With Mother's Day quickly approaching, many families will be thinking about the best ways to indulge mom on her special weekend. Pampering is one the most popular, and appreciated, thank-you's that a mom could ask for, but there are so many different ways to do it. Breakfast in bed, spa days, relaxing getaways, an amazing dinner; these are all great choices, but which is best? Well, why not go for something different, but without a huge price tag?

Training Opportunities!

Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association

For more information go to" <http://www.anffla.org/training/>

New Volunteer Training

YOU MUST ATTEND ALL THREE CLASSES, we offer them at two different times. You need to attend only one of each of the classes.

Returning volunteers, please scroll down for Reconnect Class information.

Class 1:

Orientation

- Saturday, May 7
10:00 am — 12:00 noon
- Thursday, May 12
6:30 pm — 8:30 pm

Class 2:

Interpretation – Natural History

- Saturday, May 7
1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
- Thursday, May 19
6:30 pm — 9:30 pm

Class 3:

Operations

- Saturday, May 21
9:00 am — 4:00 pm

RSVP or advanced sign-up is not required but strongly encouraged. Go to <http://www.anffla.org/training/> and use the "New Volunteer Training Sign up" button to get started.

If you are not able to sign up ahead of time, please just show up to one of the Orientation classes to get started. Any questions? Please use our contact form at: <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>

New Volunteer Training Location

All new volunteer classes will be held at:

Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office
701 N. Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006

Reconnect (for returning volunteers):

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND THIS CLASSES, we offer it at two different times. You need to attend only one of the classes.

Reconnect

- Saturday, May 14, 10:00am– 1:00pm
- Tuesday, May 17, 6:30pm — 9:30pm
- Any questions? Please use our contact form at: <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>

RSVP or advanced sign-up is not required but strongly encouraged. Go to <http://www.anffla.org/training/> and use the "Returning Volunteer Training Sign Up" button to get started.

Reconnect Location

Reconnect Training will be held at:

Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office
701 N. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 910065

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 day in 2016 is: 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!

Wilderness First Aid

Imagine yourself on the trail with a group of friends, and answer the following truthfully: Do you know how to react if someone gets bit by a rattlesnake or has an allergic reaction to a bee sting? What if someone sprains an ankle or cuts their hand? Don't wait until it's too late to prepare yourself for an unexpected wilderness emergency!

Join us May 20-22 in the San Gabriel Mountains to learn the skills you need to care for others who may become ill or injured on a day hike, backpacking trip or whatever brings you outdoors. We will host a Wilderness First Aid Certification Course at historic Sturtevant Camp.

A 4-mile backpacking trip from Chantry Flat will bring you to Sturtevant Camp, located in Big Santa Anita Canyon of the Angeles National Forest and established in 1893 by Wilbur Sturtevant. Of the five resorts built here during the "Great Hiking Era" of the 1880's through the early 1930's, only Sturtevant still remains. Help us preserve this local treasure for future generations by spending the weekend with us!

Fast paced and hands-on, the 16-hour Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Course covers a wide range of wilderness medicine topics for people who travel and work in the outdoors. Classroom lectures are combined with realistic scenarios where mock patients will challenge you to apply your knowledge.

No previous first aid training or backpacking experience is required. Limited spots available for this potentially life-saving weekend.

ITINERARY

- Friday: Begin 4-mi hike to Chantry Flat by 9 a.m. Plan ahead to take a vacation day. Lunch will be served when you arrive at Sturtevant Camp. Day 1 of the Wilderness First Aid Course will run from 2pm to 6pm. After dinner, we'll enjoy s'mores and board games in the fireplace room.
- Saturday: After a hot breakfast, Day 2 of your WFA course runs from 8am to 6pm, with an hour break for lunch. After dinner, join us for an optional stargazing hike and night photography workshop.
- Sunday : Following breakfast, the final day of your WFA course runs from 8am to 12pm. After lunch and camp clean-up, you can hike 4-mi back the way you came, or continue the 10.6-mi loop via Mount Zion.

Total Distance: 8 (out-and-back) or 10.6 miles (Mt. Zion loop)

* Schedule subject to change due to weather, camper ability/injury, natural events or park restrictions. Shoestring Warriors should be in good physical shape, but we will hike at an easy pace and take breaks as needed.

COURSE INCLUDES:

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- 3-day/2-night accommodations at Sturtevant Camp
- Wilderness First Responder/CPR Certified Leader with 4 years of guide experience
- Guide assistant to help facilitate group hikes and meals
- S'mores and warm beverages

Please check back for ticket sales around mid-March at:

<https://shoestringadventures.com/2016/01/wilderness-first-aid-sturtevant-camp-may-20-22.html>

CONTACT IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION:

alyx@shoestringadventures.com

Training Opportunities!

Trail Boss Training-Spring 2016

The USDA-Forest Service, Los Angeles River Ranger District, and the Greater Los Angeles Area Council-High Adventure Team invite you to attend the next of the on-going series of Trail Boss Training sessions.

- When: May 7, 2016; 8:00 am to not later than 3:00 pm.
- Where: Please contact one of the sources listed below, after April 22, for the location of this event and directions for getting there.

The purpose of this program is to train and qualify adult volunteers to organize and supervise conservation projects by sponsored groups, such as a Scout Unit. Interested persons may begin this field training whenever a session is offered and proceed through it at the convenience of their schedule and interest. Only adults may take this training, which is offered free to anyone who is interested in doing conservation work in the Angeles National Forest. Registration is not required; just show up at the indicated time and place. Persons already certified as Trail Bosses are encouraged to attend, to assist with the training and to upgrade their skills. The next session of Trail Boss Training is scheduled for September 3, 2016. National Trails Day, June 4, will also provide some training opportunities. An Administrative Pass, valid for this date, will be provided for vehicles that lack an Adventure Pass.



If this is your initial session, you will be given a Trail Boss training card and a syllabus, "Trail Boss-Program and Practices". A companion syllabus, "Forest Conservation", is available for those who are interested in doing conservation projects of that type. You may also be given an USDA-FS brochure, "Volunteer Applicant Packet", which briefly describes the Forest Service's volunteer program and contains an application form.

Hike Aide 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the GLAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at <http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Anthony Green; Vice Chair-Training: (310)626-3566 (C); e-mail, agreen.bsa@gmail.com

Clothing and Equipment

Persons attending need to be dressed and equipped to do a full day of trail work. The fashion-conscious volunteer wears long pants, long sleeve shirt, work boots, gloves, and a broad-brimmed hat. These are supplemented with sunscreen/sun block, dark glasses, insect repellent, and lots of water. Sneakers/sport shoes are not appropriate wear when swinging a Pulaski and moving large rocks. Conservation project sites tend to be hot, sunny, dusty, and lunchrooms for insects. Bring your lunch and whatever snacks you need to get through the day – these training sessions are usually at remote sites in the Angeles.

Additional Information

- USDA-Forest Service, LA River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Station, (Daytime): Dennis Merkel, Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 X229
email: dmerkel@fs.fed.us.
- Dave Ledford, GLAAC-HAT Trail Boss Training: 1-310-373-2111
email: gdledford@verizon.net

Training Bulletin

GLAAC-HAT

April 2016

Training Opportunities!

Allingham Trail Skills College

What is it?

The Pacific Crest Trail Association, The High Cascade Forest Volunteers and the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests invite you to attend the annual volunteer training weekend. The sessions offered are designed to train new and returning volunteers in a variety of topics from trail maintenance to invasive species identification. The training weekend offers the opportunity to meet other people who are interested in providing quality recreation experiences for forest visitors.

This training event is offered to volunteers free of charge in an effort to inspire citizen stewardship of our trails. Camping and meals are also provided at no additional cost throughout the weekend. In exchange, we ask participants to donate at least 16 hours of their time over the year volunteering on the many projects offered by the High Cascades Forest Volunteers and the Pacific Crest Trail Association.

When and where is it? June 2-5 – 12, 2016 near Sisters, Oregon

What is the fitness level of Trail Skills College? The fitness level will vary depending on the class, however, all participants should be able to hike a minimum of 1-2 miles while carrying personal gear and tools. In addition, classes provide hands on learning opportunities, therefore participants should be prepared to be actively involved in trail maintenance for 6-8 hours per day.

How do I register?

- Online registration will be open until Friday, May 13
- Click on [Allingham Trail Skills College](#)

Questions?

- Learn more about [Trail Skills College](#) at our website, or by contacting the Volunteer Programs Assistant at 916-285-1838 or volunteer@pcta.org.

The Big Bend Trail Skills College

What is it?

The Big Bend 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 the fundamentals of trail maintenance to saw training and certification. Trail Skills College is free to all participants! Camping and meals are provided throughout the weekend. Whether you are new to trail work or a seasoned veteran, we have a class that will enhance your trail maintenance skills.

When and where is it? June 10 – 12, 2016 at [Bureau of Land Management's Hyatt Lake](#) in Ashland, OR

What will I learn? (click on blue links to go website):

Friday, June 10

- [103 Basic Saw Crew Training](#)

Saturday, June 11

- [101 Brushing & Scouting](#)
- [201 Drainage Design & Drain Dips](#)

Sunday, June 12

- [102 Tread & Drainage](#)
- [203 Waterbars & Checks](#)

What is the fitness level of Trail Skills College?

The fitness level will vary depending on the class, however, all participants should be able to hike a minimum of 1-2 miles while carrying personal gear and tools. In addition, classes provide hands on learning opportunities, therefore participants should be prepared to be actively involved in trail maintenance for 6-8 hours per day.

How do I register?

- Online registration will be open until Friday, May 20
- Click on: [Big Bend Trail Skills College](#).

Questions?

- Learn more about [trail-skills-college](#) at our website, or by contacting the Volunteer Programs Assistant at 916-285-1838 or volunteer@pcta.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

•PCTA

The PCTA Trail Gorillas will be working on opening the PCT in the Powerhouse Fire closure area. The exact location of the projects are to be determined based on progress of other crews working in the area. The projects will be accessed from either San Francisquito Road, Lake Hughes Road or 7N23 from Pine Canyon Road.

- **May 7th** The first project.
- **May 21st** The second project

Volunteers can come for either day or both days. We will meet at the projects at 7:30 each morning. Car Camping will be available for those who wish to camp.

Work will consist of tread repair, removing slough, repairing washouts and brushing.

Please contact PCTA Section E Chief: richterj@vmcmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

•Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association

Contact: Pam Morey

(909) 225-1025 or PAMMOREY@FS.FED.US

Fire Lookout Program offers training for NEW VOLUNTEERS!

The Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association are recruiting volunteers to staff the last remaining fire lookout on the Angeles National Forest for the 2016 season. We are also looking for Volunteers to staff the busy Chilao Visitor Center. Lookout volunteers help to protect the forest and local mountain communities against the threat of fire. Their coverage extends to the communities along and outside of the forest boundary.

The organization is currently looking for hikers to volunteer for the summer to staff Slide Mountain Lookout, also looking for volunteers to staff Vetter Mountain Peak and also looking for Volunteers to staff the Chilao Visitor Center. Volunteers will be expected not only to gaze lovingly at their beautiful surroundings to look for signs of smoke or fire, but also be aware of current fire conditions, as well as offer services as a historical interpreter for the fire lookout system.

New volunteer trainings are scheduled to begin on May 7th, 2016 at 10:00am and May 12th at 6:30 pm. Training will be held at the Supervisor Office in Arcadia 701 N. Santa Anita Arcadia. Fire Lookout and Chilao Visitor Center volunteers are required to volunteer 8 hours a month between May and November. There are four parts to training that must be completed:

1. Orientation- a two-hour introduction to the program
2. Interpretation/Natural History- a three-hour class
3. Operations-an all day seven-hour class
4. In-Tower Training- an eight-hour hands-on training in the Lookout with an experienced host
5. Chilao Visitor Center is an 8 hour hands-on at the Center

For additional information and training dates please go to the Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association website, anffla.org. Be sure to check out the Training Opportunities page in the Volunteer newsletter .

Please RSVP to Pam Morey if you will be attending.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

• 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.hamada@gmail.com

Any help will be appreciated.

• INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

Volunteers are needed to help pull invasive plants in the sandy ground and ash left from the Station Fire in the Vogel Flat Picnic Area. The roots come out easily. We have an entire field where we are building a nature trail with very few or no native plants. We need to plant Scarlet Bugler, California Fuchsia and Monkey Flower. The invasives, including Mustard, Star Thistle, Foxtail, and Spanish Broome all easily pull from ground along with their roots.

Anyone who can pull is needed - it's not difficult but it needs to be cleared now before they sprout...some are already blooming but then they die quickly. We don't want birds nesting in it. It's dense and 2' tall in places already. We want to get it this year. Volunteers can come anytime and pull what they can and leave in pile. They will easily see other piles and know what to do.

We also need people to help place rocks to delineate the nature trail path.

Dennis Merkel, CPRP
District Recreation Officer

Forest Service
Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles River Ranger District
and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Riverwalk Workday **(on the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk)**

◆ **WHEN:**

Sat. May 7, 2016
8:00 a.m. - Noon

◆ **WHERE:**

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

◆ **WANT MORE**

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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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Lend A Hand at Brand - Part 2 (Trail Workday on the Brand Park Lateral)

◆ WHEN:

Sat. May 7, 2016
8:00 a.m. - Noon

◆ WHERE:

Brand Park
1601 W. Mountain St
Glendale, CA 91201
Meet at the Doctors House

◆ WHAT:

Drinks and snacks
will be provided
Wear sturdy shoes
and protective
clothing. Bring
water, sunscreen,
and a hat

Questions? Call us
at (818) 548-3795

We are heading back to Brand Park for a return visit to work on the Brand Lateral Trail. Under the leadership of our Volunteer Trail Maintenance Crew we invite you to “lend a hand” as we address the park’s current trail alignment. No previous trail experience is required. Learn how to use trail building tools and pick up basic trail construction techniques while you help at the park. All participants must be at least sixteen years old.



There will be plenty of work, but please call us at (818) 548 - 3795 so we know that you are coming. This is a great event for clubs, families, individuals, and students needing Community Service Hours.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Note to Self... Attend Wilderness Workday! (Third Saturday Wilderness Workday)

May 21st is National Memo Day...
Memorandum (memo) - a document or other communication, intended to inform a group of people about a specific topic.

Please take note it also the day of our Third Saturday Wilderness Workday at Deukmejian Wilderness Park.

We are hereby informing you of our plan to spend the morning watering trees and removing invasive weeds at the park.

Individuals, families, groups, and students needing Community Service Hours are invited to join us. The specific topic for this day is the continued restoration of the park. This flyer will be the only memo sent to you on the subject.



◆ **WHEN:**
Sat. May 21, 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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VOLUNTEERS FUND RAISER



**RIDE!
RAFFLE!
CHOW DOWN!**

**MAY 1st
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

Coming up May 1st, 2016! MWBA Pancake Breakfast

Mt. Wilson Bicycling Association's Pancake Breakfast & Raffle is always a great time. Good food, great people, & awesome raffle prizes. Come all volunteers with your friends and family. Go on a hike or a ride before the event and show up hungry and ready to win some swag. The Pancake Breakfast is being held at Gould Mesa Campsite. **SAVE THE DATE!**

The MWBA Pancake Breakfast & Raffle is a fundraiser to help MWBA purchase tools, materials, and to cover all other expenses that go towards our mission of trail work, trail courtesy, and advocacy. Many local bike shops and companies donate time and items to the event and historically MWBA has had great involvement and support by the USFS and other agencies.

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

NEW VOLUNTEER GROUPS



Adventure Riders Trail Crew

Thanks to Dennis Merkel for sending us the official ANF volunteer tees. Very nice and we will be proud to wear them as ambassadors of the sports we represent.

Our group have been attracting more supporters every year. Just 2 weeks ago, we concluded a motorcycle camping/riding rally at Panamint Springs/Death Valley. About 260 motorcyclist attended, some traveled all the way from Germany and Quebec. Many participants also came from Texas, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Arizona. Each of the participants also bought \$10 visitor's pass to DVNP while we were there. During the event, we were able to raise \$5,200 in donation from participants in a matter of one afternoon. The plan is donate the money 100% to charity and volunteer groups namely;

- Stewards of the Sequoia (SOS) • Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC)
- California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA)

For several years now, we have been supporting the above groups and this year, we are setting aside funds to: Angeles National Forest/San Bernardino National Forest Volunteers who will be working to maintain roads that are accessible by motorized vehicles.

Training: Last month, we did a 1-day free riding clinic at Rowher Flats for beginners and we had a difficult time finding a suitable spot and large enough for at least 12 riders and 2 instructors. The area where we prefer to do the training is at staging area #3 where it becomes a dead end and less crowded. When we were there, the ground condition wasn't the ideal terrain due to rocks and ruts. A flat, smooth and solid dirt surface will be conducive to learning since the new students don't have to worry avoiding distractions or potential hazard.

In addition, we held a 2-day motorcycling riding clinic through a professional riding school in Pahrump. This enabled beginners to become safer and better riders.

We are in the process of creating our own website. Once we get it going, it will be available to the public.

Regards,

Joel Paez

- August 6th : 2016 race. (See the Volunteers Needed Page)
- May 1st : Training Run: Run 27 miles from Islip Saddle to Chilao Flats Visitor Center.
- May 28th : Training Run: Run 26 miles from Chantry Flats to Loma Alta Park.
- June 4th : Trail Work Again restricted to the 1st 30 who RSVP to Hal
Trail work on Wintercreek Trail.

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol m.rmcguire@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 mrgv33@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

- The training Schedule is out, check out the Training Opportunities page!
- **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

- **May 14th Rosemont Preserve Habitat Restoration Days, 9:00-11:00am**

Join us in removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives.

- **May 15th Open Gate Days, 3:00-5:00pm**

Come visit the Preserve at your leisure, take a stroll...

Count the deer and enjoy this beautiful open space in your backyard.

- **Upcoming Docent-led Tours**

- **May 28th, 9-11am:** Johanna Turner, Animal tracking and wildlife photography
- **June 25th, 9-11 am:** Nancy Steele, Water and Conservation at the Rosemont Preserve

- **May 14th, 8am-12pm: Pasadena Audubon Bird Walk & Restoration Day**

Join the Pasadena Audubon Society for a bird walk in Rubio Canyon, then help restore habitat along our historic trail! Meet at the intersection of Rubio Vista Road and Pleasant Ridge Drive, Altadena, CA.

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>

- May 21st

**** Hello All,**

Well, it's finally time for us to start work on the upper stretches of the Bear Canyon Trail. This area has been neglected since the Station Fire (that's not true, Alan has been clearing logs for some time now.) The fact is that the trail is difficult to find in several stretches along the creek and needs some serious work to restore it to it's fullest potential. The next outing in May will be focused solely on this portion of the trail. (And a loud cheer is heard from the trail runners!)

Big Santa Anita Canyon <http://www.bigsantaanitacanyon.com/>

- 2016 Live Music Events (Check the Volunteers fun pages)
- 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>

- May 7th Trail Boss Training (Check the Training Opportunities!)

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/>Events Calendar: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/ctuc-calendar>

- May 18th 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
818-548-2000CALENDAR: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/calendar/-curm-05/-cury-2016>

- May 7th Lend a Hand at Brand Part 2 (Trail Workday on the Brand Park Latarel)
(Check the Volunteers Needed Pages)
- May 7th Riverwalk Workday (Check the Volunteers Needed Pages)
- May 21st Note to Self Attend Wilderness Workday
(Check the Training Opportunities pages)

• **May 7th - Sierra Madre to Orchard Camp**

Distance: 9 miles, In and Out

Gain: ~ 2000 - 2200'

Duration: 4 - 5 hours

Rating: Moderate / Strenuous, due to substantial elevation gain. Suitable for experienced hikers in good physical condition.

Description: Following an old Indian trail, Benjamin Wilson built a trail in an effort to obtain timber from the top of what is now called Mt. Wilson. Harvard University telescope was carried up this trail to occupy the first observatory on Mt. Wilson. As the trail, and later the observatory, was being built a construction camp was built in a secluded glen called Halfway House. After the observatory was built Halfway House was homesteaded by two mountaineers named George Aiken and George Islip. They planted a small grove of apple, cherry, plum and chestnut trees and the location became known as Orchard Camp.

Later Orchard Camp became a trail resort for 50 years. Today the buildings and tents are gone, but the enchanting stream side spot still holds appeal for day hikers. Our hike will follow this historic footpath from Sierra Madre to Orchard Camp and back.

Information about the trail: Our hike starts at the junction of Mira Monte Avenue and Mt. Wilson Trail Drive a private road in Sierra Madre. We will walk a short distance up Mt. Wilson Trail Drive and turn left onto a well marked trail. In a short distance the trail becomes a dirt road and later a single track trail. The first 1.5 miles are in the sun and steep, a great workout. Then we come upon a trail junction, we go straight until after a short distance we stop for a rest at Quarterway House or First Water as it was once called. In a short distance we will welcome the shade of a live-oak forest and a enjoyable hike from Quarterway House to Orchard Camp.

NOTE: Remember we are climbing a mountain so there are drop offs on the downhill side of the trail. If heights or drop offs are an issue for you, you may want to give this hike a miss.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley: Meet in the front parking lot at Towsley Canyon in the front parking lot at 7:30 AM for a 7:40AM SHARP departure, arrangements for carpooling will be made there. The hike leader will meet you at the meeting spot at 08:30 A.M.

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

Directions to the meeting spot/trail head: From the 5 Freeway take the 210 FRWY East. In Arcadia, exit the 210 at Baldwin Ave and drive 1.5 miles towards the mountains. Turn right on Mira Monte Ave. Go two blocks east on Mira Monte until you reach the intersection with Mount Wilson Trail Drive. Park on the street, and meet your leader at 8:30AM, at Lizzie's House (Museum), located at this intersection.

Hike Leader Notes: There are no restrooms at trail head but there is a park with restrooms close to Lizzie's House. This is a popular trail, so allow time to park and walk to Lizzie's House to meet your leader. **Bring:** Lots of water (2-3L), some Electrolytes like Gatorade, a hat, sunscreen, a snack and hiking poles if you have them. Good shoes with tread are a must - no flip flops or tennis shoes please. Bring a BUG NET just in case.

Adventure Pass: Not required

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

Leader: Dave

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• May 14th - Boy Scout (Oak Flat) Trail to Whitaker Peak - Woodlands, Views and Solitude .. so close to SCV!

Distance: ~ 9 miles, out and back.

Gain: About 1400' (most of it at the beginning)

Rated: Easy++ to Moderate (due to gain at start and overall distance)

Time: About 4 hours, including a 20 minute lunch break.

Description: The trail departs the mellow Oak Flat Campground and climbs along switchbacks through woodlands and a geologically fascinating area to a ridge-top viewpoint. The hiker's reward for this short but stiff climb is a bird's-eye view of some of the Southland's great public works projects (Pyramid Lake, old Highway 99 and Interstate 5) and inspiring natural wonders: the dramatic gorge sculpted by Piru Creek and the mountains fractured by the San Gabriel Fault.

Along the fire road at the top, outcrops are visible (see below) -- these are pudding-type conglomerate of fragmented brown rock filled with embedded stone. These enable geologists to trace displacements that occurred along the San Gabriel Fault, an early and active member of the San Andreas Fault system.

We will continue along the fire road and turn West to Whitaker Peak.

The first part of this hike is on single track, and then we proceed on fire roads.

Meet: At Towsley Canyon Gate, 24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA. Be there at 7.30AM for an 7:45AM SHARP departure to the trailhead. If you carpool from Towsley, be so good as to share the cost of gas with your driver.

Want to Meet at the Trail head? Oak Flat Fire Station: Lat: 34.598538 Lon: -118.719182. (About 25 mins North of Towsley Canyon).

Go north of Santa Clarita on the I-5, North of Castaic, exit at Templin Hwy. At the bottom of the off ramp, turn left. Go under the 5 freeway and turn right on the road immediately past the freeway, proceed for approximately 3 miles. Watch the potholes! Stay on this road until you see a brown forest sign on the left side that says Oak Flat (be sure to ignore the Whitaker Peak sign that precedes it). Turn in to Oak Flat and carefully go up the driveway. Park on the gravel lot on the left in front of the Fire Station. If you meet at the trail head, please be there at 8:15AM as we will be heading up the trail at 8:30AM SHARP.

Bring: Lots of water (2 - 3 liters), some electrolytes, and a lunch/snack. There is not much shade on the second half of this hike, so sunscreen and a hat are essential. Poles are helpful on this hike, especially the first 1/2, when we are climbing. Bring your camera.

NOTE: There may be small biting flies out and about, so please wear long sleeves/ bring insect repellent.

Adventure Pass: Yes , 1/car. Available at Acton Ranger Station, the Little Tujunga station, REI Nothridge, (\$5 a day/ \$30 a year) or any other Ranger Station.

Dogs: OK, if well behaved around other dogs and people and on a leash.

Leader: Steve I.

• **May 15th - HISTORICAL HIKE TO THE ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER SITE, followed by an Optional 5 Mile Hike**

1. Interpretive walk with narration by Historian/ visit to dam site:

Distance: < 1 mile (RT)

Time: 1.75 hours

Gain: Almost none

Difficulty: Easy

2. Optional Hike:

Distance: ~ 5 mile (it is a one way)

Time: Additional 2.5 hours

Gain: ~ 1000' (if hiking)

Difficulty: Moderate (most is on old asphalt with some gain at the start, and a tricky downhill at the end. See Note below!)

Description: At two and a half minutes before midnight, on March 12, 1928, William Mulholland's St. Francis Dam crumbled, sending an immense wall of water crashing down San Francisquito Canyon, turning west at the Santa Clara River. It did not stop until it reached the Pacific Ocean five and a half hours later. Towns across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties — Saugus, Castaic, Piru, Fillmore, Santa Paula, Saticoy, Montalvo — were decimated. 431 Men, women, children - citizens, immigrants, landowners, laborers lost their lives the floodwaters did not discriminate.

The collapse of the St. Francis Dam is considered to be one of the worst American civil engineering disasters of the 20th century and remains the second-greatest loss of life in California's history, after the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and fire.

Interpretive Walk to Dam: We will begin our day at California Historical Landmark# 919, located on the grounds of Powerhouse No. 2 , 33967 San Francisquito Canyon Road. CHC Board Member and President, SCV Historical Society (Dr. Alan Pollack), will share his in-depth knowledge of the circumstances and events surrounding the disaster. At Powerhouse# 2 Alan will review the management of LA water supply at that time and the role the St Francis Dam was intended to play. We will then drive up San Francisquito Canyon Road and park again near the dam before walking to the actual dam site. Those who intend to do the optional hike should leave their cars at / near Power Station #2 and carpool with the rest of the group the 1.5 mile drive to the dam.

At the dam site: Alan will point out the parts of the dam that are still visible and recount the events of that ill-fated night and the aftermath that met citizens of SCV and beyond, as the sun rose the following morning. Alan will conclude his talk by ~ 10:30AM and head back to the cars.

Anyone who does not wish to participate in the 5 mile hike option can leave at this point. Those who have carpooled hikers are asked to help by driving an additional mile up the busy road to drop hikers off at a white gate, we will point out, on the right.

Add the 5 Mile Hike Option:

NOTE: If you are uncomfortable with heights, a narrow trail with adjacent drop off, sections with loose scree (rock chips) or similar, this hike will not be for you.

We have added a hike on an old service road along the EAST side of the canyon. The road rises gradually from the river basin, eventually leveling out, after a mile, close to what would have been the water level at the surface of the old reservoir. After about 2.5 miles hiking, we will be directly above the point where the dam ruptured and have a unique vantage point from which to view the curved dam ruins below. We then continue South along this road, enjoying spectacular views of the entire canyon and many large rock conglomerate outcroppings stretching off to the West side of the canyon.

HISTORICAL HIKE TO THE ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER SITE (CONT NEXT PAGE)

HISTORICAL HIKE TO THE ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER SITE (CONT)

We finally arrive at the pipes carrying water up and down to the turbines of Powerhouse #2, far below. At this point we will slowly descend down a narrow service trail (with many small wooden steps pinned in the ground) and return to our cars at Powerhouse #2. Hiking poles are HIGHLY recommended for this section.

Meet your Leader: For this hike we recommend you go straight to the Meeting place. We will meet in front of Powerhouse #2, 33967 San Francisquito Canyon Road at 8:00AM and start the program here at 8:15 AM SHARP). Note, we will be moving up the road in our cars, after this portion, to be closer to the dam.

Directions to San Francisquito Canyon Interpretive Walk starting point: Heading North on the I-5 South, through Santa Clarita Valley, exiting right at Route 126 East, Newhall Ranch Road. Turn left at the second light (with the Walmart on the left) onto Copper Hill Drive. Continue 2.8 miles on Copper Hill to the light at San Francisquito Canyon Road (crest of hill), turn left and continue on San Francisquito Canyon (watch for road bikers). After 6 miles, you will see the DW&P Powerhouse#2 (33967 San Francisquito Canyon Road) on the right on a sharp bend. Park anywhere on the side of the road in this area (we will move most of our cars in < 30 mins). If you are planning to do the hike, arrive and park early.

Dogs: OK, must be on a leash and if well behaved around other dogs and people with hiking poles.

Adventure Pass: No.

BRING: A snack, at least 2-3 L of water and some electrolytes (if hiking), camera, hat and sunscreen. Wear hiking shoes/boots with good tread - No flip-flops.

Historian: Alan Pollock

Leaders: Dianne and Steve

• **May 21st - OCEAN BREEZES - Mugu Peak via the Chumash Trail; La Jolla Valley Grasslands and the Ray Miller trails**

Distance: ~10 mile loop

Gain: About 1500', mostly in the first mile

Rated: Moderate ++ (significant gain at start and overall hike length)

Time: ~ 5 hours hike time

Description: Let's cool off by the ocean! This 10 mile hike will take us to Mugu Peak (moist air, sea breezes and temperatures should be ~20 degrees cooler than Santa Clarita!). Depending on the time of day, we may be immersed in sea fog (yum!), sunshine, or a mixture of both as it burns off. I was there recently and the wind driven fog streaming over the peak and the sun breaking through was almost surreal....and refreshing! We start on the Chumash trail and head straight up, up, up, to Mugu peak because the usual route, La Jolla Canyon, was badly damaged by floods and is now closed. After enjoying the highest point in the hike and completing most of the gain, we then head down a bit and turn East into the La Jolla Valley. We traverse a large grassland area, with views of the Boney Mountains (below), the highest peaks in the Santa Monica Range. Finally, we arrive at a burned out "Hike-In" campground. We will stop near here to snack and rest up a little. Then it is some more gain as we head back West and up on the Overlook fire road to meet the Ray Miller trail. This trail drops us back at the La Jolla Canyon parking area where we will have staged a few cars for a shuttle earlier. Then it is a short distance back North on PCH to where we left most of our cars in the Chumash Trail parking lot.

Meet in Santa Clarita to Carpool: Meet us at the WALMART parking lot (NOTE: this is not Towsley!!!!). Address is 27931 Kelly Johnson Pkwy, Santa Clarita, CA 91355.

The store is on the corner of the intersection of Copper Hill and Newhall Ranch Road. Meet at at 6:45AM in the Southwest corner of the parking lot. After we organize the carpools, we leave at 7:00AM SHARP and caravan to the Chumash Trail parking lot off Hwy 1 (PCH). Directions to the trailhead are below, if you prefer to go directly. **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.**

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OCEAN BREEZES (CONT)

Meet your leader at the Trailhead: Meet at the Chumash Trail parking lot trail head between 8:15 AM and 8:30AM. Wear bug spray!! We will depart up the trail at 8:45 AM SHARP (after we have put some cars on PCH, near the La Jolla Canyon trailhead, about 2 miles south).

Directions from Santa Clarita to the Chumash Trail parking lot: Take Newhall Ranch road for 2 miles West from the Walmart meeting place over the 5 Freeway, where it becomes CA-126 heading West toward Ventura.

Follow CA-126 W, 34.9 miles until Exit 5 from CA-126 W to merge on to CA-118 East, toward Saticoy. Continue until the road T's . Turn right on to Santa Clara Ave, which becomes Rice Ave and eventually merges into Route 1 (PCH) turning South.

Stay on PCH passing Point Mugu Naval base on the right, until you are by the ocean and see a SEABEES firing range in the sand dunes on the right - the parking lot is on the left. Turn left into the "Chumash Trail" parking lot - WATCH FOR CARS AND MOTORCYCLES AS YOU TURN ACROSS PCH INTO THE LOT.

Bring: Poles if you have them, lunch/ snacks, bug spray and bug net (just in case), 3 liters of water. SUN SCREEN/ lip balm as this trail has very little shade. Depending on conditions, the views can be spectacular, so bring your camera. There have been recent reports of mosquitos, so just in case, pack a bug screen for your face (\$4 at Walmart) and some bug spray.

Adventure Pass: Not required .

Dogs: Sorry, dogs are not allowed on this trail.

Leader: Steve I.

• **May 28th - Grizzly Flat and the Big Tujunga Creek area - so beautiful and under appreciated, we just had to repeat it!**

Distance: 7.6 Miles round trip, an in and out hike.

Gain: 1550'

Hiking Time: 4 hours

Difficulty: Moderate (this is not one for Beginners, you need to be in good general condition to enjoy this hike). But if you are ready to try a moderate hike this trail would be a good to evaluate your hiking skills. Description: This hike had to be moved to a Sunday last time, due to weather, and we lost a lot of RSVP's. However, it was so popular with those lucky folks (including me) that made it, we decided to repeat it before it gets too hot so more of you can enjoy it. See photos in the March 13 album.

Our hike starts next to the Angeles Crest Highway at the Dark Canyon Trail that has been restored and is maintained by volunteers (thank you guys!!). About a 1/2 mile in, the trail crosses a dirt road and our trail continues on dirt road and single track down to Grizzly Flat. We then hike the recently restored and lush Grizzly Flat Trail to Stonyvale Picnic Area. Along the way we will enjoy views of Brown Mountain, Mt. Lowe, and Strawberry Peak. On our way down to Stonyvale we enjoy views of Mt. Lukens, Condor Pk, and Iron Mountain in the Big Tujunga area.

Grizzly Flat is a sloping bench on the mountain side of Big Tujunga, next to Vasquez Creek that is lined with trees. It is named after the famous bandit Tiburcio Vasquez, who once used this route to escape a posse. After a fire in 1959, the forest department planted trees at Grizzly Flat but the 2009 Station Fire burned a lot of this area. Surprisingly, many of the trees include eucalyptis and small pines are starting to grow back and the chapparal is getting pretty high. Expect to see lots of Spanish broom, bush poppy and Ceanothus. We will drop down into the Big Tujunga canyon and follow the wash and cross a creek 5 times, before taking a break at the Stonyvale Picnic Area. Here, there are basic restrooms and picnic tables. After resting, we will hike back up to our cars.

Grizzly Flat and the Big Tujunga Creek area (cont next page)

Grizzly Flat and the Big Tujunga Creek area (cont)

Meet your Leader to Carpool from Santa Clarita Valley: For those wishing to carpool , we will meet at Towsley Canyon SCV (address above, directions below) at 7:30AM for a 7:45 AM SHARP Departure . Arrangements for the carpool will be made here at that time.

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 Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita, Carpool meeting spot: From Valencia, take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit. Exit, turn right. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon. Park OUTSIDE the gate. Look for the hiking club members and leader there.
Directions from Santa Clarita Valley to the Trailhead: Take 5 freeway South to 210 East. Exit Interstate 210 at Route 2 - Angeles Crest Highway (ACH) in La Canada-Flintridge. Drive 5.6 miles up the mountain and park on the left at mile marker 30.2, (mile markers are white posts along the side of ACH). It is on a wide bend and the trail starts on the south end of the parking area. There is only room for 6 cars at the trailhead; 100' past the trailhead is a large parking lot on the right. Sorry, there are no restrooms at the parking location, your last chance is after you exit Highway 210.

We will be heading up the trail at 8:30AM SHARP.

Dogs: OK, on leash and if well behaved around people / other dogs. If you bring a dog, please drive yourself.
Adventure Pass: Yes , 1/car. Available at Acton Ranger Station, Little Tujunga station, REI - Northridge, (\$5 a day/ \$30 a year) or any other Ranger Station.

BRING: Hiking Poles to assist uphill stretches and with creek crossings. However, if it has rained recently, there is a good chance you will get wet crossing Big Tujunga Creek. Lunch/snacks, boots with good tread, lots of water (2 - 3L) and electrolytes, camera, hat and sunscreen.

Note: This is a beautiful hike, but because of the water, it may be buggy. As the condition of the poison oak in areas with water is hard to predict and because of the flies, we recommend long pants and sleeves. Bring a bug screen and insect repellent, just in case. We will have some extra bug screens at the trailhead if you need one (\$5).

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

<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: pjgwfooster@aol.com

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429

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

• May 21st Outing

WHAT'S PLANNED: With a large crew and good weather, we can go back to finish trail maintenance from near the top of Mt Lowe down the Mt Lowe West Trail to meet our work from the bottom. It needs tread widening and brushing. Otherwise, we can continue on working the mid-section of Mt Lowe East from the junction towards Inspiration Point, or Colby Canyon Trail. They both need lots of brushing. With iffy weather, we can continue on Dark Canyon Trail since it is closer to our vehicles. It needs lots of brushing.

BRING: Dayhike gear(daypack, lunch, lots of water), sun screen, bug repellent, hat, and work gloves. Please make sure you wear long sleeves, long pants and boots in order to be able to use tools. You can bring your own tools or are welcome to use those from our group supply. We provide hard hats.

MEET: At 8:15 am at ball diamonds parking lot in the lower part of Hahamongna Park. Get off the 210 freeway at Berkshire off-ramp and follow the signs for JPL and Hahamongna Park. Once you turn into the Park, go down the driveway, make a right at the bottom and look for us in the parking lot. (If that is full, we park in the dirt lot directly at the bottom of the driveway) We sign in and form carpools, leaving at 8:30 sharp, returning around 4 PM. The leaders take passengers, but make sure you have plenty of gas in case we need more drivers (riders can give drivers \$1 towards gas). If you need to leave early, notify the leaders at sign-in time. Next tentative dates June 25, National Trails Day June 4, 2016

Mt. Disappointment Endurancewww.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

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

Trail Work 2016 dates are:

- 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

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☺ **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

What 2016 looks like for MWBA:

- May 1st Pancake Breakfast & Raffle (Check out the Volunteer Fund Raiser page)
- We will actively work to secure grants to fund our trailwork days and advocacy work.
- The 2015 momentum of our bell program will continue and MWBA will get many more bells out on the trails.
- The MWBA Bike Shop Collective will expand to include more shops, but to also unify our trail courtesy message, distribute more bells and spread awareness of all trail user needs.
- Stay tuned as MWBA discusses such issues as the wilderness debate Sustainable Trails Coalition is taking back to Congress and our stance on E-Bikes on our trails.

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

- May 15th @ 8:00 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>

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Sacramento, CA Phone: (916) 285-1846 x 26

- May 7th Outing (Check the Volunteer Needed pages)
- May 14th Outing (Check the Volunteer Needed pages)
- May 13th to 16th Santiam Trail Skills College near Detroit, Oregon (Check the Training Opportunities pages)
- June 2nd to 5th Allingham Trail Skills College near Sisters, Oregon (Check the Training Opportunities pages)
- June 10th to 12th Big Bend Trail Skills college in Ashland, Oregon (Check the Training Opportunities pages)
- July 15th to 17th Tahoe I Skills college in Truckee, California
- Southern California Trail Skills college

San Gabriel Mountain Trail Builders <http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

The San Gabriel Mountains Trailbuilders (SGMTB) is an all-volunteer public service organization dedicated to constructing and maintaining hiking trails in the San Gabriel Mountains' Angeles National Forest in Southern California.

If you would like to volunteer your time,

Call: Ben White: 626-303-1078 Or E-Mail | benw@SGMTrailbuilders.org

If you would like to work with the Mount Baldy Group

Contact The Baldy Group: bbtbs.vsh@live.com

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WEB: <http://www.mtlowe.net/> FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/mountlowevolunteers/?fref=ts

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

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/• **May 4th Pasadena Monthly Meeting:**

'Kilimanjaro and trip through East Africa' by Jim Vanderaa, recently returned from a trip to East Africa. He will present a program including his climb of 19,341 foot Mt. Kilimanjaro via the Lemosho route, a visit to a Masai village, and a 5-day safari through Tarangire, Serengeti, and Ngorongoro National Parks: Illustrated conservation/outing program.

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

- **May 5th/12th/19th/26th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**
- **May 7th Greene and Greene Southeast Pasadena Walking Tour**
- **May 12th Deukmejian Wilderness Park to Rim of the Valley Trail**
- **May 21st Full moon & potluck dinner in the Verdugos**
- **May 11th/25th Evening in the Arroyo**
- **May 27th Memorial Day weekend Wawona cabin trip**

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

602 South Tiptecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

For more calendar details go to <http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar?year=2016&month=05>

- **May 7th/14th/21st/28th Guided Wildflower Walk,**
- **May 21st Greenthumbs**
- **May 14th International Migratory Bird Day**
- **May 7th/21st Story Time**
- **May 1st/7th/8th/14th/15th/21st /22nd/28th /29th Nature Walk**
- **May 6th Nature Night: NestWatch**

Tree People <https://www.treepeople.org/>FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/TreePeople1/?fref=ts>

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 May 21st**
- **Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk May 7th**
- **Doggy Hikes May 14th**
- **Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration May 22nd**
- **Moonlight Hike May 20th**
- **Native Plants and Turf Reduction Workshop May 21st**
- **Outreach Volunteer Training May 21st**
- **Park Work Day May 5th/12th/14th/19th /26th**
- **Park Tree Care May 7th/14th /21st**
- **Rainwater Harvesting workshop May 21st**
- **Santa Monica Mountain Restoration May 21st**
- **TreePeople Spring Teacher Recognition and Social Gala May 18th**

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 135**

Kevin Sarkissian

Lead Instructor

W S Hart Union High School District

Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation

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Regional Occupational Program

21515 Centre Pointe Parkway

Santa Clarita, CA 91350

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<http://pathwaytomfuture.org/students-parents/regional-occupational-programs><https://www.facebook.com/roptrails>

Building on the success of previous years, we again plan to hire a crew of 14 students for a two week, 60 hour paid work opportunity during the weeks of June 13th and 20th. Depending on funding sources, the opportunity will either be open only to special education students or both general education and special education applicants. For the time being, I'm going to assume that the opportunity will be unrestricted and will consider all applicants. Please note, competition for these crew positions is traditionally high. Students are encouraged to submit early. No extensions will be granted.

Students applying will need the following days / times of availability:

Week of June 13th (includes 1 hour, non paid lunch break):

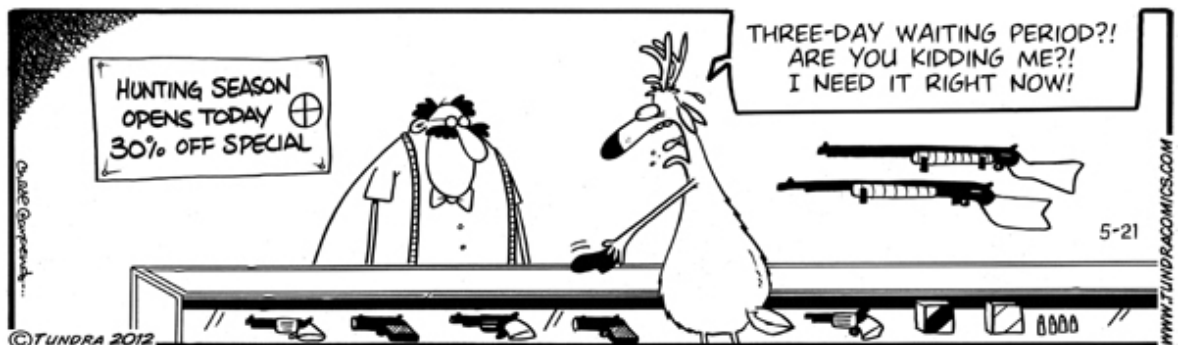
- **June 13th** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - USFS (PCTA) / City of Santa Clarita / MRCA / TBD
- **June 14th** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation/ TBD
- **June 15th** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation/ TBD
- **June 16th** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation/ TBD

Week of June 20th (includes 1 hour, non paid lunch break):

- **June 6/21st** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation / TBD
- **June 22nd** 6/22 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation / TBD
- **June 23rd** 6/23 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - USFS (PCTA) / City of Santa Clarita / MRCA / TBD
- **June 24th** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - USFS (PCTA) / City of Santa Clarita / MRCA / TBD

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Mar 21, 2012 email: tundra@tundracomics.com



Volunteer Today
Send this in Right Away to
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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: _____