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Los Angeles Gateway Ranger District & San Gabriel Mountains National MONUMENT
Volunteer Newsletter December 2017

10 Tips to Stay Safe in the Wild

Brian Mann

1. Prepare to spend the night

You don't need to have a tent or a sleeping bag, but think about what happens if you get stuck out there. Are you ready to survive?

2. Always bring a flashlight or a headlamp

If you're running a little late and darkness falls, losing the trail becomes a real danger. Having a light source can save your life.

3. Bring matches or a lighter and know how to use them

Knowing how to build a fire is one of the most important skills in the backcountry.

4. Dress for the conditions you'll face where you're going, not the conditions at home

If you're climbing a mountain, it'll be colder, windier and more exposed than in your driveway.

5. Tell someone where you're going

Also, when you'll be back and make sure they know what to do (i.e. call 911) if you're not home at a reasonable time.

6. Bring a lot more water than you think you'll need

Seriously, a lot more. Dehydration is deadly in the desert but it's also deadly in the cold. Extra power bars or trail mix for emergency snacking are also a great idea.

7. Don't wear cotton, even if it looks awesome

When it's wet from rain or sweat, a cotton t-shirt can wick warmth away from your body. Wool or synthetics will keep you dryer and safer.

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**When given the choice
between right or being kind,
choose kind**

10 Tips to Stay Safe in the Wild (CONT)

8. Don't trust your cell phone

You think it'll bail you out, but if your battery dies, you can't find a signal, or it breaks, you're in big trouble.

9. Do a little research and networking

Learning about a cool hike on Face book or Instagram isn't enough to know what you'll actually face out there. Print out maps and simple trail instructions, talk to park employees and other hikers.

10. Have the right gear, which mostly means having the right footwear

If you're wearing flip-flops or heels, you're probably putting yourself in actual danger. But being prepared with the correct gear is essential too for safety and comfort.

CHANGE AHEAD!



**LARRD Volunteer Meeting
Jan 17, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
701 N Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006**

Blast from the Past

Los Angeles Times

Date: Dec 16. 1895

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OPENING OF A UNIQUE HOSTELRY ABOVE THE CLOUDS.

The New Alpine Tavern,
Nestled in the Heart of the
Sierra.

The Recent Trip Made by a Hundred
Delighted People over the Only
Railway of its Kind.

Viewing the Prospect O'er-Incidents
of the Journey—"Hanging
of the Crane"—The Banquet,
the Talks, etc.

As was reported in yesterday's Times, the recently-completed extension of the Mt. Lowe Railway to the new "Alpine Tavern"—four miles beyond the Echo Mountain House, and 5000 feet above sea level—was made the occasion of an interesting celebration last Saturday.

A hundred visitors or more from the Los Angeles, Pasadena and abroad accepted the hospitality of the indomitable builder. And made the trip over the new line. It was a happy journey, a fortuitous occasion. The day was all that is in the term, "a December day in Southern California." A glorious southern sun shone straight down, flooding the scene with warmth and light. The air was limpid, thin, bright and bracing, and the spirits of the party rose as the electric chariot bore them on toward the summit, under the inspiration of a ride, the unique character of which can be found nowhere else on the footstool.

The car goes swinging along the precipitous flank of the rugged mountain, and the line is marked by astonishing sinuosities, startling curves, bold headlands and sharp-angled rock piles. The road appeared dangerous to the more nervous and timid, but, in fact, is as safe as any railway line running on the level, for the roadbed, track and bridges are built in a most thorough and substantial manner, and were not made to "fall down."

The picturesque route is through majestic forests, growing heavier and more luxuriant with the ascent, and as the line penetrates deeper and deeper into the Sierra, where the snowfall of winter furnishes increased moisture, and the thicker shade of the close-set trees shields the ground and gives the fertile soil a chance to feed the abundant tree and plant life of that high altitude.

The whole journey is alluring and picturesque, not to say thrilling. On one side of the road rises the towering uplift of the bulky mountain, its slopes bright with verdure, and covered with heavy timber, masses of displaced rock and fallen trees. On the other side sink immeasurable canyons, filled with a dense forest growth, thickets of chaparral and beds of luxuriant ferns.

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(Blast from the past cont.)5

Far away seaward spreads the eye-filling panorama of the lower levels. Foothill slopes, big and little valleys, spreading plains, deep-cut arroyos, clearly-defined watercourses, cultivated opulent homes—all are clear to the vision of the beholder from this mountain height. Pasadena, Los Angeles and restless ocean lies beyond, its creaseless breaker forever lashing the unyielding shore into whitest foam.

The delighted travelers brought up at the Alpine Tavern, not merely because it is a hostelry, affording “entertainment for man and beast,” but no further than that pint. The hotel, built at the point known as Mt. Lowe Springs, is constructed something after the style of a Swiss chalet, and is as attractive as it is unique. It is set into the very ribs of the mountain, being built to suit the location rather than after any stereotyped plan of the average modern architect, who would ruthlessly fell the finest forests—God’s first temples—for the sake of placing a foundation wall “just so.”

In the forest all above the “tavern” are giant pines and immense oak trees, their branches touching the very roof of the building. These trees are interspersed with maple, sycamore, Manzanita, bay, etc., and almost every variety of fern is to be found in the adjacent canyons.

In addition to the main dining-hall there is a billiard hall and some twenty sleeping rooms, now nearly finished in natural woods, and each is to be heated by means of hot water circulation. These rooms are designed especially for visitors during the winter season, when it is desirable to be housed in a single building, but for summer use numerous cottages may be erected for the occupancy of members of the alpine club, now forming. These cottages will be arranged on either side of the tavern, occupying prominent pints within easy access of the main building.

There are never-failing springs of the purest water at this pint, from which the fluid is piped for the use of the hotel and its guests, and is also being daily shipped to the heathen of the lower levels and all the people round about.

The “tavern” is of an entirely original design, the construction being a combination of blocks of granite and Oregon pine, finished in the natural color of the wood. The building is forty by eighty feet, and the main floor is used entirely for dining-room purposes, in which two hundred people can easily be seated, In this dining-hall there are five cheerful open fireplaces of unique construction” the main one, in which swings the great crane measures twelve feet from side to side, and seven feet high, white stone blocks for seats in each corner. Over the mantel is the hospitable inscription” “ye ornament of a house is ye guest who doth frequent it.” On one side is a large old-fashioned brick oven, and on the other side an opening forming a buffet of most unique construction, where “mystery” and other liquids are kept for the people of Pasadena.

It is estimated that more granite has been displaced and rolled down the canyon in building this last four miles of road than would be sufficient to construct a city the size of Pasadena. The road-bead is literally “rock-ribbed,” if not “eternal as the sun.”

The completion of the next section of the road is expected to be accomplished during the coming year already these two sections—that is, the one to Echo Mountain and the one beyond—equal, it is claimed, two and a half times the length of the famous Mount Washington road.

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(Blast from the past cont.)

While the improvements were going at Echo Mountain the road beyond was being steadily built, and, as already stated is now completed to these springs, 5000 feet above the sea, and four miles beyond Echo Mountain. The redwood ties, which are of the standard size, lie on solid rock the whole distance, making this the only road in the world, the builder proudly claims, which for so long a distance is built on a shelf of granite.

The work of transporting materials for building the “Alpine Tavern” has employed the road for the last sixty days.

Beyond this point nearly a mile of road has been graded. Which will be used as a carriage road for the present, and for sleighing when snow comes. Vehicles are provided here for those desiring to ride. And many do so in order to look off from Inspiration Point, at the summit of the first range from whence can be seen Echo Mountain House and the whole magnificent panorama below and beyond.

Returning to the “tavern,” the interested company further inspected the quarters and presently the ceremony of “hanging of the crane” was simply carried out by the chef and assistants uniformed in white aprons, and “bossed” by the whole party. The ceremony was quickly over, and was greeted with applause and expressions of delight all along the line.

Then followed the dinner, which was a toothsome repast, elegantly served. Prof. and Mrs. Lowe occupied the head of the table, and the guests were seated at will about the board. The repast was discussed with joy and satisfaction, and thereafter Col. G. Wiley Wells, Col. H. G. Otis, Judge McKinley and Dr. Conger of Pasadena, each responded to calls, and made little talks for the entertainment of the company.

Each of the speakers aid a handsome tribute to Prof. Lowe and his successful work, giving him full and high credit for his genius, perserverance, indomitable will, large faith and astonishing mastery of details. They dwelt upon the importance of the enterprise to Southern California., and predicted great results to flow from it in years to come. The boldness and energy of the builder in undertaking, single-handed and alone, an enterprise vast enough to engage the efforts of a large corporation were dwelt upon by more than one of the speakers, and these references elicited the plaudits of the appreciative company.

Prof. Lowe responded, modestly telling of his work as a pratical modern man of business, who had simply undertaken the very feasible task of building a mountain railway to fit a mountain as he had found it—a work which required a very different sort of talent from that employed by the great artist to whom reference had been made in one of the toasts. He outlined his plans for the future, and pictured the appearance of things and about the “Alpine Tavern” when the work there shall have been completed. He enumerated his plans for building cottages about the hosiery, the construction of more roads, and the completion of the railway line to the summit. The possibilities for sleighing, and the unequalled views from Inspiration Point were touched upon—a striking view that may be had from a small level spot near the tavern, not much bigger than an army tent would cover. It certainly a view such as can be had from no other spot on the wide globe.

The host’s modest and candid speech was listened to with keen interest, and at the close the speaker was warmly applauded.

This ended the high revelry, and then the revelers took the train for lower regions, but later got their respective homes all right. H.G.O.

Blast Flash Forward!

Ye Alpine Tavern - Mt Lowe Tavern

The formal opening of the Alpine Division of the Mount Lowe Railway and Ye Alpine Tavern was held on December 14, 1895.

The Alpine Tavern was in harmony with its name and surroundings - simple and unobtrusive, following the contour of the countryside and yielding to save the oak trees. It was built of pine with open timber construction and a granite foundation. Up the steps and inside its broad doors all was generous mountain hospitality.

Passengers on the Mt. Lowe Railway were delighted to find the Alpine Tavern awaiting them at the end of their long journey. During cold weather, the great fireplace would be burning, inviting them in to warm themselves. Professor Lowe wanted the Tavern built with as little damage to the surrounding trees as possible. The stone and wood building held the dining room, lobby, and rooms for guests to stay.

The greatest changes were made to Ye Alpine Tavern in 1924-25. The main tavern was enlarged to accommodate more patrons and the name was changed to The Mount Lowe Tavern. Additional cabins were built and a large cottage, known as the Bungalow was constructed. The addition of tennis courts, shuffle board and ping-pong tables added to the fun for visitors to the Mount Lowe Tavern

Following the loss of the buildings on Echo Mountain in 1905, the Tavern and the surrounding area became the main attraction to visitors to this mountain wonderland. The round trip excursion from Los Angeles cost \$2.00; from Pasadena, \$1.75. For those wanting to stay at the beautiful tavern, rooms were \$5.50 to \$7.00 per day; with bath, \$7.00 to \$7.50 per day. A two room cottage for two persons could be had for \$3.00 to \$4.00 per day; \$15.00 to \$20.00 per week. To complete the stay, breakfast was 75 cents; luncheon or dinner \$1.25 weekdays, \$1.50 Sundays and holidays.

Although the Alpine Tavern was over a mile high, it still retained all the comforts of city living. Rooms in the hotel were simple, clean, and comfortable. Amusements included a billiard table, card room, and a circulating library of current fiction. The Music Room had an excellent dance floor, and during the summer an orchestra was in residence. At other times the entertainment was provided by a phonograph, or later, a radio.

In the evening it was customary for guests to gather in front of the great fireplace. There was a large dining room, and postcards and other Mount Lowe souvenirs could be bought in the lobby.. The main tavern was enlarged to accommodate more patrons. Additional cabins were built and a large cottage, known as the Bungalow was constructed. The addition of tennis courts, shuffle board and ping pong tables added to the fun for visitors to the Mount Lowe Tavern.

On September 1936 the Mt. Lowe Tavern burned down and was never rebuilt.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

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

◆ **WHEN:**

Sat. December 2, 2017
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

◆ **WHERE:**

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

◆ **WANT MORE**

Call us at
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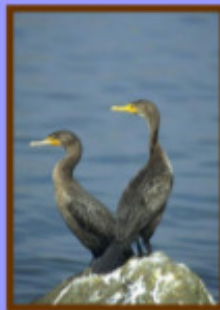
Join us for our annual bird watching trek from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. along the Los Angeles River in the City of Glendale.

This is a rare opportunity to spend time watching the birds that are on the river during the fall and winter months.

Our leader for the morning is Alexander deBarros from the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society.

Please bring your binoculars and camera to view and capture photos of our fine feathered friends.

Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, long pants, hat and sun protection. You must call us at (818) 548-3795 to reserve your place on the hike.



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Snowy Egret



Great Blue Heron

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PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 72 HRS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING



TRAIL BOSS Training 2018 Become a USFS approved Trail Boss Supervise Trail Maintenance for 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 2018 are: Jan 6-7. March 3-4. Apr. 21-22. May. 6-6.

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**

MOUNT LOWE EXCURSION 2017

On December 2, 2017, Please join us for a journey into the past.

The 122 year old journey will take you to the Alpine Tavern, a 22-room Swiss Chalet hospice with a complement of amenities from tennis courts and wading pools, to mule rides.

The Tavern had all the conveniences of a modern hotel, bell-boys, excellent heating and a cuisine unexcelled. It was a place for one to linger, and many did for weeks, to drink in the pure mountain air and restfulness of these calm heights.

Then the Tavern disappeared into history



Your journey will take you along the old railroad route beginning at the gate to the Forest Road (top of Chaney Trail Rd.) to THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, to DAWN STATION, HORSESHOE CURVE, CIRCULAR BRIDGE, GRANITE GATE then to THE TAVERN.

At THE TAVERN their will be Displays, souvenirs and guides to explain what became of the tavern. There will be 1 dollar hot dogs and hot drinks to enjoy while exploring.

THIS IS OUR YEARLY FUND RAISER

- Fee is \$5.00 per person
- Pick up tickets on the morning of the event.
- • • No more than 70 people can attend this journey
- So sign up ASAP....Email or call for reservations. (Email preferred)

CONTACT: Brian Marcroft

Email: emworks@verizon.net

Telephone: (562) 868-8919

BE READY TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The number of tickets needed
2. Your Phone Number
3. Names of those coming
4. If you are bringing a vehicle let us know the total number of occupants that your vehicle can carry. We will need the use of high occupancy vehicles (5 or more passengers) Good road clearance a must!

DO NOT REQUEST A CALL BACK UNLESS IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

MEET AT THE NORTH END OF LAKE AVE. IN ALTADENA 7:30 AM (Lake & Loma Alta)

- We will organize carpools - DEPART AT 8 AM
- Arrive at Tavern site at 8:45 AM
- Depart from Tavern at 12:30
- Return to Lake Ave. at 1:00 PM

NOTE: We will be behind a locked gate on a restricted road. Those entering will be required to stay with the group the entire time of the event. (8 AM to 1:30 PM)

SPONSORED BY:

Scenic Mt. Lowe Committee Volunteer Group

Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

👉 Do you love the forest?

👉 Do you love to teach children?

If so, here is a great volunteer opportunity!!!

The San Gabriel Mountains Heritage Association (SGMHA) is seeking volunteer educators for our school-based field trip program. This established program serves schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley at facilities at the Mt. Baldy Visitor Center and the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center. Volunteer educators are trained to teach various hands-on programs for school classes that range from K - 12 and include subjects such as Native American studies, Geology, California Gold Rush, Plant ID, Water Ecology, Local History, Environmental Conservation, and the forest's flora and fauna.



Prior teaching experience is not required. Volunteer commitment is flexible but we are looking for volunteers who are willing to learn the program and participate throughout the school year.

***Volunteer and make a difference
for our children and for our forest!!***

If interested please contact:

Dave Baumgartner

Program Manager

909 982-2879 or 626 241-6407

email: info@sgmha.org

Volunteers Needed



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JPL TRAILBUILDERS SATURDAYS

(Rain on morning of outing cancels the outing. Call leader if not sure)

November 11

December 2

December 30, 2017

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

Bi-monthly Volunteer meetings are held third Wednesday of every other month. Next meeting is November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office, 701 N. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia.

LEADERS: Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429 Jack Russell 562-861-3187

CLASSIFICATION: Easy to strenuous, up to you. **COST:** none **TRIP LIMIT:** none

DESCRIPTION: WHAT HAPPENED July and August

September 9 Worked on the San Gabriel Peak Trail from the summit down toward the saddle. One of our volunteers had made it passable on his own before the race. We went back to cut it wider so it will not need work again soon.

September 30 was National Public Lands Day at Mt Wilson, sponsored by National Forest Foundation, REI and Edison International. Almost 200 volunteers were divided up to work different trails. We took Arcadia High School students to work the Mt Wilson Trail. Most had not done anything like this before, and caught on fast to cut back brush with loppers and widen the trail with McLeods. Now we wonder if that trail burned in the Wilson fire. Lunch was provided, and afterward, tours of the Observatory were offered.

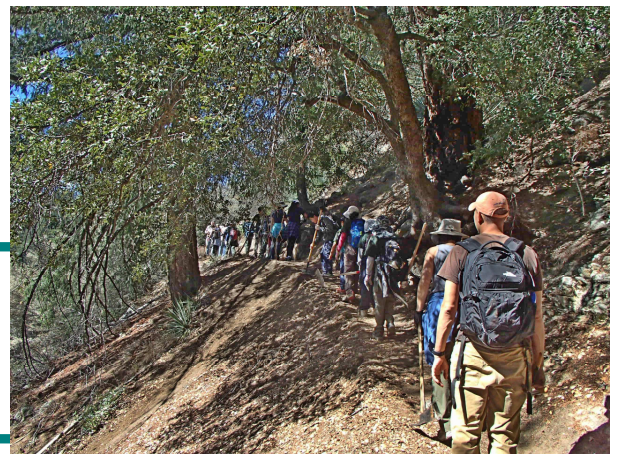
October 21 since the Mt Wilson area was still closed due to the fire cleanup, we worked the Dark Canyon Trail from the bottom, cutting back the brush and clearing water bars until it got too hot.

WHAT'S PLANNED: With this hot weather, we are unsure where to work, since all of our trails need work in the middle, meaning a lot of hiking for shorter working days. Based on the heat and who shows up, we will plan the day, so call a leader if you need to know ahead of time.



*Volunteers at
USFS center at
LA County Fair*

*National
Public Lands
Day at
Mt Wilson*



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 8:15am 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 to the left, make a right at the bottom and look for us in the parking lot, or the overflow down below. We sign in and form carpools, leaving at 8:30 sharp, returning at the latest 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 January 6 & 27, February 17, 2018

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Out and About

Entomologist uncovers WWII drone in Cape Cod woods

MASSACHUSETTS — One of the perks of being a forest entomologist is that you get to spend a lot of time walking through the woods, occasionally discovering interesting and unusual things.

Case in point, Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry entomologist Ryan Hanavan was doing a forest pest ground survey September 13 in the woods of South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, when he came across something that was very much out of place.

Amid the surrounding trees, leaves, soil and rocks was clearly a man-made object that had been there for some time. The forward area of the “crash site” looked like a jumbled tangle of rusty metal. Behind that was the distinctive shape of a plane’s fuselage. If the wreck was indeed a plane, it was far too small to carry people, and it was way too big to be of the model variety.

“It’s from the Marconi Army training station that was there up until the 1950s,” said National Park Service GIS Specialist Mark Adams. He noted that the forest there today was once a field used as a bombing range by a former military training base. “We’ve also mapped unexploded ordinance.”



Ryan Hanavan discovered this crash site in the woods of Cape Cod while on a forest health survey

Before the military base, the land was once part of a Colonial settlement. “The area contains not just this artifact but remnants of cellar holes from Colonial era settlers. With those, we’ll see domestic trees like apple trees and lilac bushes that would indicate a homestead there which is now long gone,” he said.

“Everywhere (there) the forests were consumed by users. At the Cape Cod National Seashore we use that as a backdrop for our models. The military use was permitted for normal activity because of its national importance,” he added.

Referring to the World War II era drone, Adams said, “We consider these types of items as historical artifacts, and they’re protected by law. They are part of our heritage.”

As for Hanavan’s “discovery,” it was not the first time the drone was found. Long-time National Park Service volunteer Russ Moore first discovered the historical artifact back in 2002. Moore shared his find with the park historian, who decided it was best to leave the drone in situ as a reminder of the site’s history, and to provide opportunities for others to discover it.

A few other drones have been found over the years and are held in secure museum storage space in the park. They had small engines and were radio-controlled. The drones were flown over the ocean for apprentice gunners to practice their anti-aircraft fire from shore during the height of World War II.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

MWBA volunteers helping with rangers with a motorcycle accident on the Mount Wilson Road

Photos by Robin McGuire



MWBA volunteers doing chainsaw work on Gabrielino trail

Photos by Robin McGuire

MWBA volunteers working with the Search and Rescue.

Photos by Robin McGuire



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



On the Mt. Islip Trail is a broken tree about 30" diameter hanging about 15' off the trail.

Photos by Alan Coles

It was a very complex job and hanging tree was removed carefully and methodically by a crew of 3 volunteers.

Photos by Alan Coles



This part of the Mt. Islip Trail is now clear!

Photos by Alan Coles

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

Volunteer Bob painting the trash can in the parking area. He had scrubbed off all kinds of 'crap', primed it and painted it smooth. Then, he painted all the posts brown too. Some posts older than who knows. Parking lot looking professional.

Photo by Brenda Beck



Thank you volunteer David Ledford and the Eagle Scout Crew at Little Jimmy where they installed posts for bear boxes

Photo by Karen Buehler



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



BEFORE

AFTER

The work of Dave Baumgartner on the Dawn mine trail

Photo by Brenda Beck



Ledy clearing brush of the Dawn Mine Trail

Photo by Brenda Beck

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VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

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Forest Care Program Coordinator

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Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol

m.rmcquire@hotmail.com

Mt Pacifico Campground is our adapted Campground. The fire road to get there are closed due to major rock slides and debris.

Our mission is to provide educational and a responsible image to all trail users. To encourage rider's to obey forest regulations

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

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

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

For more calendar details go to <http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/event-calendar/>

- Dec 3rd Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Dec 9th Rosemount Preserve Restoration Day
- Dec 17th Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Dec 23rd Rosemont Preserve Holiday Tour with Nancy Steele

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

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Bear Canyon Trail Crew: schedule!

2017 • Dec. 23

2018 • Jan. 27 • Feb. 24 • Mar. 23 • Apr. 27 • May 19

Come and Join us!

Thank you

Alan Coles

Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

- Check out the music at Adams Pack Station (Check out the Volunteer Fun Page)
- Open Year round, 6 am to 8 pm every day.
- The road is gated and the gate is locked at night. Be sure to return to your car before 7:30 pm or you may not get out! During and after heavy rains, fires, or after significant earthquakes, and during fire alerts the road may be closed.
- The Sierra Madre Police Dept. is in charge of locking/unlocking the gate. If you are concerned that the road might be closed you can call them for info: 626 355-1414.
- Adams Pack Station Contact: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (626) 447-7356

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com

Boy Scouts of America

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>

- Dec 13th CTUC National Forest Association Angeles Meeting
Come and Join Us CTUC meets at 6:00 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

CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

(818) 548-3795

CALENDAR: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/calendar/-curm-12/-cury-2017>

- Dec 2nd Bird Walk on the Riverwalk
(Check the Volunteer Training pages)

Community Hiking Club

<http://communityhikingclub.org/>

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

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

• Dec 2nd - A 9 Mile loop: Liberty Cyn, Phantom Trail, Century Lake to Malibu Creek and the Rock Pools

Distance: 9 mile (loop)

Gain: ~ 900 ft (mainly in one section near start and again near the end)

Rating: Moderate + (not for beginners, due to the overall distance and the gain sections). You need to be in good general condition to enjoy this hike.

Description: 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 for some views of the Park and East Asian type skyline. Then it's back down to cross Mulholland Drive into Malibu Creek State Park. We will hike the old 20th Century Fox property to the south end of Century Lake/ Dam. We will then take the Forest Trail back along the north end of the lake and visit the rock pools for a snack. You can try your hand at the low climbing walls (see below) after lunch or check out the pros on their ropes. Then we complete the loop back along the park's creek bed, up Radar's *MASH* chopper meadow and back to the trailhead.

We have seen deer, coyotes, water birds and flocks of wild parrots on previous visits. The hike is mainly single track trails with some fire roads/ river walks. Due to the distance, we will be keeping a decent pace, especially on the flat.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley : Meet the leader at Towsley Canyon, outside the gate at 7:15AM for a 7:30 AM SHARP departure to the trailhead. Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas.

Alternatively, meet near the Malibu S.P. Trailhead: Take the 405 Fwy South to 101 Fwy North and exit at Las Virgenes. Turn left on Las Virgenes. After a few miles, turn right at the light for Mulholland Hwy and get ready to stop(if you pass the sign for the entrance to the State Park, you went too far). On Mulholland Hwy, there is parking on the dirt shoulders on both sides of the road, please watch for traffic!

Meet your leader: We will meet and go through an opening in the fence on the RIGHT (North) side of Mulholland Hwy leading to the "North Grasslands trail" to begin the hike. We will leave the trailhead at 8:30AM 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 starts out cold and gets hot. Wear boots with lots of tread.

Adventure Pass: Not required.

Dogs: Sorry - they are not allowed in Malibu Cyn SP.

Leader: Steve

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• Dec 9th - Chantry Flat/ Sturtevant Falls, looping back via Hogee's Camp to Adam's Mule Packing station.

Hike Length: 8.4 Miles with 700 feet elevation gain.

Rating: Moderate

DROP OFF Disclaimer: This trail has a few narrow areas with drop offs. These are sound (solid rock) and perfectly adequate for most. However, if you are not able to avoid looking down and freaking yourself out, you might want to give this hike a miss.

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

PARKING: NOTE, this trailhead is very popular, parking can be difficult, that is why we strongly recommend you carpool with us from Santa Clarita. By far the most difficult thing with this very popular hike is finding a place to park. The parking lot opens at 6AM and is usually full with locals by 7AM, for this reason, we have to leave SCV early. On weekends, cars can be parked up to a half mile down the approach road to the lot. If you are not able to park in the main lot for free, you will have to park along this approach road. In that case, you will need an Adventure Pass on display, if you want to avoid a ticket.

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

Directions to Santa Clarita Valley (Towsley Canyon/ Rivendale Park) Carpooling spot: From the north (Valencia), take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit off ramp. Exit, turn right. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon but park OUTSIDE the gate. Look for club members and leader here.

From the South (Fwy 5/14 interchange), take the I-5 North over the hill into Santa Clarita Valley. First off ramp is the Calgrove exit. At bottom of ramp, turn left. Go under the freeway and through the signal, then when you see the parked cars at Towsley canyon, immediately turn right and park OUTSIDE the gate. Look for club members and leader here.

Carpool: Meet at the Towsley Canyon front parking lot at 6:00AM. Carpool arrangements will be made at that time and we will leave at 6:15AM SHARP. Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas.

If meeting your Leader at the Trailhead: The group will meet at the lower trailhead entrance (as you enter the parking lot, beside the Restrooms). We plan to leave this spot at 07:15AM SHARP or as soon as the Towsley carpool members arrive.

Adventure Pass: Required if you park outside the parking lot (which may end up being the case). We recommend you get one good for a year at Big 5 Sporting Goods or any Ranger Station (\$30) or \$5/ day.

Bring: A snack/lunch, water (3 liters is recommended), and electrolytes (i.e. Gatorade) if it is a hot day, sunscreen, hat, hiking poles if you have them, and your camera. Wear an extra light layer (as we are starting early), you can always leave it in the car, and good boots with tread. There is water / trees, so, just in case, I'd bring a bug face net (~\$3 - 4 at Walmart) and bug spray.

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

Leader: Steve I.

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• **Dec 22nd** - Hummingbird Trail to a View of Fossil Ridge

Distance: ~7.5 miles (out and back style)

Gain: At least 1000' on the way out

Rating: Moderate +

Description: Hummingbird Trail is only 2.3 miles by itself, with an elevation gain of a little over 1,000ft. But once you get up to the Rocky Peak Fire Road, it varies between somewhat flat with undulating hills, and more hills.

This is a beautiful hike that we are doing this time of year as it can get very hot in Summer. There are lots of interesting rock formations (think 60's cowboy movies) along the way. Lise will point out the white Fossil formation ridge line in the distance at the lunch/ turnaround point! The views are fabulous in all directions and we will try to find / go in some interesting caves on the way back.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley (Advisable, see "READ" below): If you wish to carpool, meet at Towsley Cyn (24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA) outside the entrance gate at 7:15AM for an 7:30 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.

Directions to Towsley Canyon Carpooling spot: 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 group of hikers/ leader.

!!!!READ !!!! **Directions to the trail head/ Meet the leader:** Take the I-5 South to merge into the 405 South. Get off at the 118 freeway towards Simi. After about 10 mins, exit at Kuehner Drive. The trail head is at the bottom of the freeway ramp to the right, in a cul de sac, at the end of Kuehner.

The entire area around the trailhead was fenced off and parking is now limited to 10-12 spaces total. Therefore, even with carpooling, it is very likely that you will need to park a few hundred yards away in the strip mall parking on Kuehner, just South of the freeway. To get to the strip mall, exit the freeway and turn left under the freeway and immediately right into the strip mall , with Betos Italian Restaurant, on the right. Do not leave valuables in your car.

Walk the 200 yards back under the freeway, to the end of the white fence on the right. The trailhead is in a cul de sac in front of a gate into a big Ranch. Meet your leader there at approx. 8:00AM for a 8:15AM SHARP departure up the trail.

Bring: Lots of water, 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. Likely the day will be cool and windy, so bring an extra layer to avoid a chill at the top.

Adventure Pass: Not required

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

Leader: Steve I.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

PHONE: (818) 773-3555

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

<http://corbamt.com/>

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

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association was founded in 1987 to serve the mountain bicycling community of Los Angeles and surrounding areas including southern Ventura County. CORBA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to gaining and maintaining public trail access for mountain cyclists and the public at-large. CORBA encourages and promotes the safe and environmentally responsible use of unpaved roads and trails for bicycling and to educate the public about all aspects of off-road cycling and trails.

HABITAT WORKS

<http://www.habitatwork.org>

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

Our Mission is to inspire passion and commitment in caring for the ecological health of Planet Earth by supporting volunteer habitat stewardship projects in our local forests, wildlife refuges, state parks and private preserves.

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

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. contact@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 lorosco@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: schultzelectric@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

Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

- **Dec 2nd Outing (Check out the Volunteers needed pages)**
- **Dec 30th Outing (Check out the Volunteers needed pages)**

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Gary Hilliard, Director

Planning for the 2018 race

Mount Wilson Institute

<http://www.mtwilson.edu/>

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

(404) 413-5484

- **Cosmic Café 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

- **Dec 17th Outing**

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

- Planning for the May 2018 race

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

Restoration Legacy Crew

Brenda Beck at: e-mail brenda.beck@sbcglobal.net
phone: (626) 574-8204

We are Los Angeles Gateway District volunteer trail builders. We work Tuesdays, Fridays and some Sundays.

Current Project: Dawn Mine Trail

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: bttbs.ysh@live.com

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

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

- Dec 2nd MOUNT LOWE EXCURSION 2017

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 <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/pasadena>

- Dec 2nd Hastings Peak
- Dec 2nd South Pasadena Historic Walk
- Dec 3rd Arroyo Seco to Paul Little Picnic Area and Brown Mountain Dam
- Dec 12th Pasadena Group Holiday Benefit Dinner
- Dec 7th/14th/21st/28th/ Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION**

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

Sarah Miggins smiggins@fs.fed.us 909-382-2796

602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

For more calendar details go to

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar>

- Nature Crafts Dec 2nd/9th
- Nature Walks Dec 2nd/3rd/9th/10th/16th/17th/23rd/24th/30th/31st
- OHV Volunteer Meeting Dec 13th
- Pinecone Birdfeeders Nov 5th/19th/26th
- Story Time Dec 16th/30th

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>

- Campus Planting and Tree Care Dec 9th/
- Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk Dec 2nd
- Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration Dec 17th/
- Group Dog Hike Dec 9th/
- Moonlight Hike Dec 15th/
- Planter Supervisor Training Dec 16th/
- Park Tree Care Dec 2nd/6th/13th/16th/20th/23rd
- Park Work Day Dec 7th/9th/
- Park Planting Dec 16th/
- Santa Monica Mountain Restoration Dec 2nd/3rd/9th/
- Street Planting Dec 16th/

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

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Santa Clarita, CA 91350

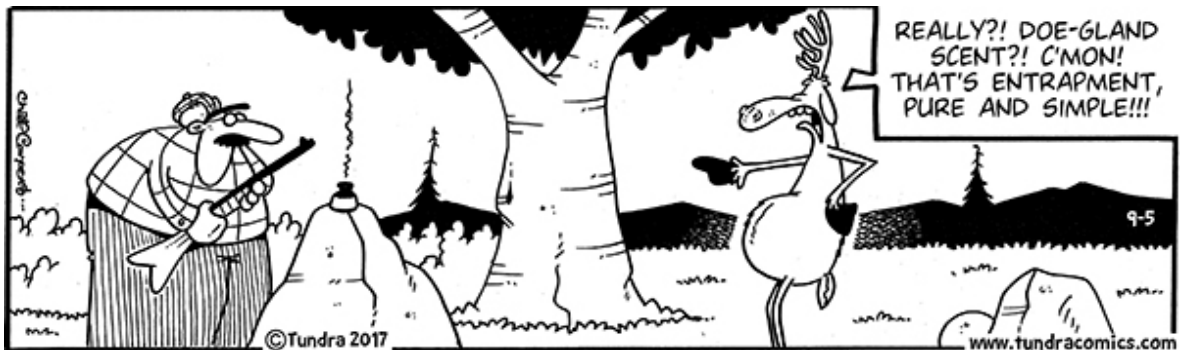
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Los Angeles River Ranger District
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Sep 5, 2017 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: _____
