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Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

Volunteer Newsletter Sept 2017

What You Can Do to Prevent Litter!!

Changing a common behavior, like littering, starts with you. Each person must accept responsibility for their actions and influence the actions of others around them at home, at school, in your place of business, and in the community at large.



Start with these actions:

Choose not to litter. Make the commitment now to join with thousands of other Americans to not be a litter-bug.

- Remind others not to litter and why.
- Get a litter bag or portable ash receptacles to share.
- Volunteer in your community to help prevent and cleanup litter—from cigarette butts to illegal dumps.
- Find a Keep America Beautiful affiliate in your community <https://www.kab.org/volunteer>
- Find out more ways you—and others—can help prevent litter in your community.

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Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend. - Albert Camus

What You Can Do to Prevent Litter (cont)

Every Individual

- Set an example for others, especially family, co-workers, friends, and children by using trash and/or recycling receptacles and not littering.
- Always have available a litter bag in your car.
- If you are a smoker, carry and use a portable or pocket ashtray.
- If you see litter, pick it up.

Motorists

- Carry and use a car litterbag. When these are full, empty them into a trash and/or recycling receptacle.
- Use a car ashtray or portable ashtray to dispose of cigarette butts and lighting material.
- Do not throw any litter out of vehicle windows.

Smokers

- Before you light up, identify where you will dispose of your cigarette waste when you finish smoking.
- Use trash and ash receptacles, including pocket ashtrays.
- Carry a pocket ashtray all the time or have a portable ashtray with you as you leave your home, office, or car.
- Encourage fellow smokers to be responsible for their cigarette litter, too.

Pet Owners

- Pick up after your dog as you walk through your neighborhood. Use newspaper delivery bags, "scoopers", or other easy-to-use methods to clean up after your pet.
- **Be sure to put pet waste in trash receptacles and not recycling bins.**
- Take responsibility for your pet and his/her actions.

Government Leaders

- Provide litter bags for all government-owned vehicles. And provide tarps to any government vehicles that may transport items that could become litter.
- Identify "transition points" at all government-owned buildings; place ash and trash receptacles at these points and commit to proper maintenance of the receptacles.
- Leading by example will encourage building owners and business managers to place ash receptacles at points outdoors where their employees and/or customers smoke.
- Consider adopting building standards to encourage adequate disposal containers.
- Distribute portable or pocket ashtrays and litter bags.
- Educate citizens about individual responsibility for proper waste disposal.

Event Organizers

- Make your festival, fair, or any outdoor community events "waste-wise" or "litter free" from the initial planning stages of the event.
- Give out litter bags and portable or pocket ashtrays at the entrances of your event and make sure everyone knows that your event is a "waste-wise" or "litter free" event.
- Place large trash and recycling receptacles near food venues and eating areas. Remember, a large event with a large number of attendees need large, well-marked receptacles.
- If you place event volunteers nearby to help attendees find the receptacles as they need them, you will reduce clean up while educating people about recycling and proper waste disposal.

Date: July 4, 1991

Blast from the Past

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Red Box—Wilderness Junction Where Trails, Roads, History Meet

Mountains: Seven miles north of Pasadena on the back side of Mt. Wilson, the areas is—with its elevation of 4,666 feet—well above the smog.

By BERKLEY HUDSON

TIMES STAFF WRITER

High in the San Gabriel Mountains, a liver-colored dog named Elvis glances around warily as she scoots through the scenic crossroad where someone reportedly dumped her, pregnant, two years ago.

Nearby, a Canadian man in new hiking boots asks bystanders for advice about where to trek. And the woman who has delivered the mail in the mountains for 17 years unloads her bundles at three mailboxes.

Welcome to Red Box, a Y-shaped junction seven miles due

‘There are other places where the scenery is more beautiful in these mountains—but not a lot.’

JOHN W. ROBINSON

Author

north of Pasadena on the backside of Mt. Wilson, a place way above the smog where a gauzy canopy of cirrus clouds often laces a bird’s-egg-blue sky.

Though just a dot on the map, set amid 650,000 acres of wilderness, it has long been a well-traversed spot in Angeles National Forest. Red Box is one of the few major junctions in an area of scant roads.

Hiking trails that crisscross the forest pass through the rocky neck of land where California 2—Angeles Crest Highway—meets the county road that leads to Mt Wilson, five miles to the southeast.

“This gateway to a lot of places,” Kenyon DeVore, a local authority on the San Gabriel Mountains, said as he surveyed the landscape and the people, vehicles, animals and birds passing through at an elevation of 4,666 feet.

“There are other places where the scenery is more beautiful in these mountains—but not a lot,” said author John W. Robinson, a friend of DeVore who had accompanied him. Robinson has written extensively about the San Gabriel’s.

In every direction, from their vantage point in a parking lot, the men could see peaks, valleys and mountain trails.

To the east, Mt. Baldy, the highest peak in the San Gabriel’s at 10,064 feet, shimmered with snow. To the west, transmission towers were dwarfed by Mt. Lukens, the highest point in the city of Los Angeles at 5,074 feet.

One of the trails, named the Gabrielino Trail after the Indian tribe that once lived in these mountains, crosses 28 miles of the forest and passes through Red Box.

Also, there is the terminus of a dirt road, the Red Box-Rincon Road, that winds 34 miles east to Azusa.

As they chatted, DeVore, 79, and Robinson, 61, both of whom have spent decades in the mountains, stood next to a big red box, a replica of the original one that led to the place’s modern-day identity.

The junction got its name shortly before 1920, when the U.S. Forest Service built a red wooden box and filled with shovels, picks and axes to fight fires.

“The original box looked almost exactly like this. Same size, same color,” DeVore said.

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But it was not in the same spot. “it was over there,” he said, pointing to a marker that notes the mileage to Mt. Wilson.

“In the early days, there were just trails here, no roads,” DeVore said. “Early days” means any time before the mid-1920s, when a road was cut from Mt. Wilson to Red Box. Then, in 1934, DeVore said Angeles Crest Highway was completed to Red Box from La Canada Flintridge, 14 miles away.

Over the years, Red Box has been a school bus stop for mountain families. Burro pack trains once made their way through, going to and from resorts. Today, there is still a corral, made of metal railings, for equestrians.

Red Box also is a meeting point, a drop-off spot and crossroads for hikers, mountain bikers, picnickers and sightseers.

On either side of the junction, the landscape falls away into deep canyons: Arroyo Seco Canyon on the west and the West Fork of San Gabriel River Canyon on the east.

“We used to call it Red Box Divide because it divided two watersheds,” said DeVore, noting that the area is one of the wettest in Los Angeles County. In a normal year, he said, about 40 inches of rain falls—close to three times the normal amount for downtown Los Angeles.

Once, DeVore said, a man who ran a resort claimed that five inches of rain fell in five minutes near Red Box.

“It was a hoax. He was just a showman trying to get attention

**‘This is a gateway to a lot of places.’
KENYON DeVORE
Authority on San Gabriel Mountains**

For his resort,” said DeVore, whose own family ran two resorts along the West Fork and whose earliest memories of Red Box date from his boyhood.

Because Red Box is often the nearest place with a public telephone—and, at times, someone lives in the small collection of Forest Service buildings there DeVore said: “People always are coming here in a panic, from a car accident, or somebody got shot or something.”

DeVore and Robinson studied a rusty sign attached to the red box.

“This box contains fire tools,” it read. “if they are needed for fighting fire, break seal. Return all tools to this box.”

Robinson tried to lift the padlocked top to peek in. “Looks empty,” he said.

Indeed, it was.

Said Terry Ellis, ranger for the Forest Service’s Arroyo Seco District: “People have had a habit of tearing the box up and using it for firewood. We don’t leave any fire-fighting tools in there anymore.

They’d be gone in a second

Blast Flash Forward!

WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST 26 YEARS

SMOG LEVELS: While the reduction in ambient air pollution has been observed during the past 20 years, it was most marked after 2000 and is very likely due to policies that were put in place. Even though this is very encouraging, there is still room for improvement. We must recognize that in some cases, the ozone and particulate matter levels in Southern California are still in violation of federal standards."

RED BOX STATION: Since 1998 a special use permit was issued and now the former fire station is called the Haramokngna center. The front building was converted into exhibit space that tells the story of the Five Tribes of the San Gabriel Mountains: the Tongva, the Chumash, the Tataviam, the Kitanemuk and the Serrano. These five tribes are explored in their pre-contact relationships with the land and with each other via the trade routes through these mountains.

RED BOX: Is still maintained at the center, still empty of course.

ARROYO SECO DISTRICT: Presently the Arroyo Seco District has become part of the Los Angeles River Ranger District. There are future plans for the Angeles Forest where there will be two districts: Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

JEFFREY VAIL: is now the Angeles Forest Supervisor/

Fund Raiser



Come run the Inaugural Mt. Wilson Observatory 5K! A run around the mountaintop, starting at the 100-inch telescope and ending at the top of the Mount Wilson Trail. Have fun and help us raise funds to improve the Observatory grounds. Afterwards, there will be awards, food and live music. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for these specific projects:

Adding benches and picnic tables throughout the observatory grounds

Creating lookout points in various locations

Building a public restroom near the Sturtevant trail entrance which lies between the 60-inch and 100-inch telescopes.

As a non-profit organization, the observatory relies solely on funding from the Cosmic Café, night telescope viewing sessions, public tours, a few small grants and the generosity of public donations.

We sincerely appreciate your support and are grateful for all those who recognize that Mt. Wilson Observatory is a place of great history and beauty.

FOR RACE DAY AND PACKET PICKUP INFORMATION GO HERE:

<https://www.mtwilson.edu/5k-race-day-information/>

OCTOBER 8th!

It's back at

Henninger Flats!



**Pancake Breakfast & FAMOUS
RAFFLE !!**

For more info: <http://ow.ly/uYmy30ehYiO>

Fund Raiser

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

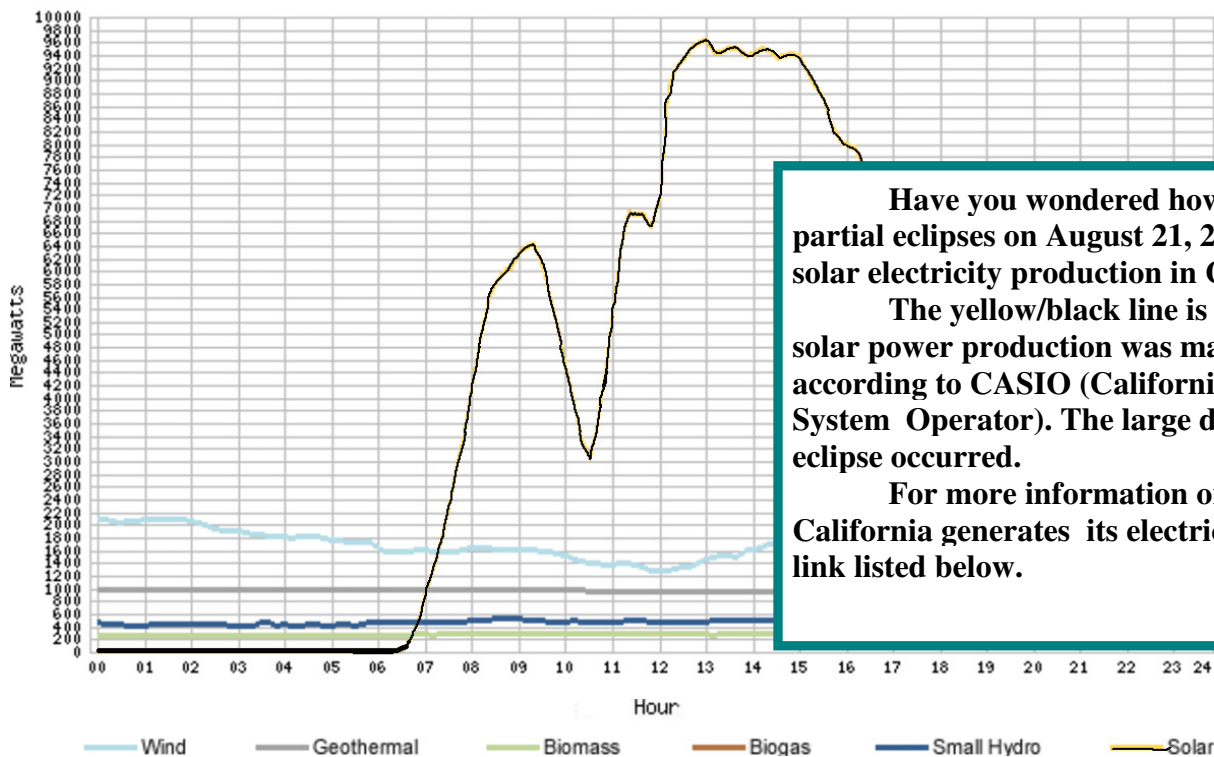
On Saturday, Sept 2nd 2017
The Long Run,
Experience the Eagles and Led Zepagain
Tribute to Led Zeppelin -



For more information go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-long-run-experience-the-eagles-led-zepagain-tribute-to-led-zeppelin-tickets-32832705506>

HOW MUCH DID WE LOSE?



Have you wondered how much the partial eclipses on August 21, 2017 affected the solar electricity production in California?

The yellow/black line is how much solar power production was made on that day, according to CASIO (California Independent System Operator). The large dip was when the eclipse occurred.

For more information on how California generates its electricity, go to the link listed below.

<http://www.caiso.com/Pages/TodaysOutlook.aspx>

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Trail Boss Training-Fall 2017

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: September 2, 8:00 am to not later than 3:00 pm.
- Where: Please contact one of the sources listed below, **after August 25**, for the location of this event and directions for getting there.

The objective of this High Adventure training 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 May 2018, California Trails Day, April 2018, 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 <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

VOLUNTEER TRAINING



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department



COYOTES (Campfire Program)



◆ WHEN:

Sat., Sept 2, 2017
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

◆ WHERE:

Deukmejian
Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd
Glendale, CA 91214

Food (s'mores) and
drinks (water and
lemonade) will be
served

Crafts start at 6:30
p.m. at the Barn

Campfire Program
begins at 7:00 p.m.

This month's Campfire will focus on Coyotes:

- ◆ Learn about their habits and their habitats
- ◆ Listen to the ways that they communicate
- ◆ See how you can protect your pets from becoming a coyote meal
- ◆ Find out how they have adapted to living in the urban landscape and how we can co-exist and avoid coyote conflicts



Arrive at 6:30 to make
a craft or join us at 7:00
for the campfire.

We will put a smile on your face while you learn, sing, enjoy some skits, and bite into a s'more.

This event is FREE!!! But you must howl at us at (818) 548-3795 to let us know you are planning to attend.

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BEER MAKING & TASTING

LEARN BEER MAKING IN THE WOODS & TASTE "HOME-MADE" BREWS FROM LOCAL BREWERIES



SEPTEMBER

FRI 22 - SUN 24

To register go here:
<http://sturtevantcamp.com/event/beer/>

STURTEVANT CAMP
SAT - SUN \$115* / FRI +\$50**

JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND WITH NEW FRIENDS AS JOHN & RUTH WOOD TEACH US HOW TO BREW BEER LIKE THEY DO IN THEIR RUSTIC SANTA ANITA CANYON CABIN. AND WE'LL BE RAFFLING OFF A HOME BEER MAKING KIT.

*\$115 Saturday - Sunday (includes lodging, packing of personal items & all food, meals & beer)
** Add \$50 to join us Friday night (includes lodging, packing of personal items & food, dinner)

Volunteer Fun

2017 Live Music Events

<http://adamspackstation.com/season/2017/>

Join Us & These Artists for an Afternoon of Great Music

09/03/2017
12:00-05:00 Grit

09/10/2017
12:00-01:00 To be announced
01:00-02:30 Terry Okey's Cactus jam
03:00-04:00 Tom Gramlich
04:00-05:00 Bruce White

09/17/2017
12:00-01:30 Eric Shouse of
"Closer by One"
01:45-03:15 Tim Tedrow
03:30-05:00 Honolulu Avenue
Strummers

09/24/2017
12:00-01:30 Ocho-X
1:45-03:15 Vissitunes
03:30-05:00 Paul Inman's Delivery

10/01/2017
12:00-05:00 Grit
01:45-03:15 Tim Tedrow
03:30-05:00 Wild Mountain Mystics

10/03/2017
12:00-01:00 Ted Russell Kamp
01:00-02:30 Terry Okey's Cactus Jam
03:00-04:00 Bliss Bowen
04:00-05:00 Devon Rowland Band

10/15/2017
12:00-01:30 Jordan Sollitto (or Los Dos)
1:45-03:15 Ocho-X
03:30-05:00 Chico's Bail Bonds

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



After an ant nest was uncovered during trail work, this Horned Lizard came and ate the ants.

Photo by Guy Kuhn

Volunteers Needed



JPL HIKING + JPL TRAILBUILDERS JPL TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Saturdays

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

September 9
September 30

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

Bi-monthly Volunteer meetings are held the third Wednesday of every other month. Next meeting is July 19 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 May and June

Forest Service volunteers are sad to lose one of their long-timers, **Hal Winton**, who passed away May 24 at a young 86 years old. Almost to the end he was still chain-sawing downed trees and running in races, as well as co-managing the AC100 Mile Endurance Run. He was wherever needed, and he will be sorely missed. Our volunteer meetings especially will never be the same. Many volunteers participated in his memorial service on June 28, and Gary Hilliard wrote and read a wonderful tribute.

May 20, 27, June 3, 17, 24 Gary Hilliard of Mt Disappointment 50K race asked us to make sure the North and South San Gabriel Peak Trails are in good order for the race July 8th. There was a lot of cutting back of brush needed on the South San Gabriel Peak Trail (especially the thorny buck thorn) that was overgrowing the trail after all the earlier rains. Thank goodness the poodle dog is getting crowded out with natural chaparral. It took us a lot longer than we thought (hence the extra outings), even though we were not doing our normal vigorous cutting back that takes longer. Mindful of runners, we cleared the tread and widened the switchbacks. We only had a chance to work the bottom of the North San Gabriel Peak Trail, clearing the switchbacks. Hikers assured us the rest of the trail was in good shape. It is amazing the clearing of dead wood that has been done up and around Mt Disappointment. If only the graffiti would discontinue on Mueller Tunnel. Thanks to those who clear it off.

WHAT'S PLANNED: *We are anxious to get back on our other trails, Mt Lowe East and West. Guy Kuhn is working some of the Mt Lowe West on extra days. As long as it isn't too hot, we need to continue cutting back brush growing over the trails. We can either park at Eaton Saddle and hike in to work Mt Lowe East or West, or drive up Mt Lowe fire road (if it is clear) and attack Mt Lowe East from the bottom.*

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, 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 date October 21, 2017

Volunteers Needed

LA County Fair, “America’s Great Outdoors”

With the fair just about two weeks out we still have plenty of opportunities for folks to come out and participate in the America’s Great Outdoors exhibit at the Los Angeles County fair.

There has been several renovations so far and the work continues!

Whether you have a few hours, a day or several days feel free to sign up at any one of the following sites:



Log Sawing and Branding – Assist participants in cutting their own rounds with a cross-cut saw. (some qualification restrictions apply)



Reptile House – Help present several species of Reptiles. (should be comfortable with reptiles and knowledgeable to answer general questions)



Camp Smokey’s Good Camp Bad Camp – Present fair goers with not only a strong Fire Prevention message but good camping ethics as well.



The Ranger Station – Narrate the True Story of Smokey Bear at the air conditioned Ranger Station.



OHV Site – Assist OHV staff presenting Tread Lightly and riding safety.



Button Making – Assist other volunteers with making buttons for the fair.

Quentin Perkins, our Volunteer Coordinator will be coordinating the staffing for all volunteers/staff/etc. for the fair.

Please contact him with the dates and times you would be interested in participating.

E-Mail : qperkins@fs.fed.us

Phone: 626-574-5226

Thank You All!

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



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

September Riverwalk Workday (on the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk)

◆ WHEN:
Sat. Sept 9, 2017
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 September workday as we weed and maintain the landscaped areas along the L.A. 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, gloves, water bottle and hand clippers. Families, individuals, groups, clubs, and students needing service hours are encouraged to attend.



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THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Clean Up the World Weekend (Wilderness Workday)

Clean Up the World Weekend encourages participants to organize an activity and to celebrate their environmental successes achieved throughout the year. The campaign theme - **Our Place... Our Planet... Our Responsibility** - highlights how local action - taken by every community and volunteer partaking in a Clean Up the World activity - has a global impact.



We invite you to celebrate our year of success (thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers) at Deukmejian Wilderness Park. Since the 2009 Station Fire we have held over 60 Wilderness Workdays as we have cleaned and restored the Park. Plan to join us for our invasive weed removal and tree watering as we all work together to clean up the world.

◆ **WHEN:**
Sat. Sept. 16, 2017
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

◆ **MORE:**
Call (818) 548-3795

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Goodbye Mr. Tidwell

AUGUST 18, 2017 AT 3:00 PM EDT -

U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell.

Washington, D.C., – U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell today announced his retirement after a 40-year career, characterized by his climb from a firefighter to a District Ranger, Forest Supervisor to the head of the U.S. Forest Service, leading more than 30,000 employees working in all 50 states plus Puerto Rico.



Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue praised Chief Tidwell, saying, “From the start, we have relied on Chief Tidwell’s experience and counsel, drawing on his years of experience both in the field and in Washington. The Forest Service will miss the benefit of his knowledge but we wish him well on his retirement after more than 40 years of service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.”

Some of his accomplishments include increasing collaboration, with the Forest Service working with states, Tribes, private landowners, and other partners for landscape-scale conservation. These efforts have helped increase the benefits Americans get from their national forests, as well as helped provide rural communities with economic stability. As chief, Tidwell also focused on building a safe and inclusive agency characterized by mutual respect and fairness. He was particularly dedicated to improving safety measures to better protect the lives and wellbeing of employees, especially firefighters. Moreover, he played an instrumental role early on in drawing attention and public support to confront the increasing severity and costs of wildfires and their residual impacts on the agency’s lands stewardship. Tidwell was appointed Chief of the Forest Service on June 17, 2009. His final day in office will be September 1, 2017.

DON'T FORGET!!!!!!

**LARRD Volunteer Meeting
September 20th, 2017
7:00 p.m.
701 N Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006**

**September 22, 2017
(Autumnal Equinox)**



Join us for National Public Lands Day 2017 on Sept. 30th — FEE-FREE Day!

Rewarding Volunteer Opportunities on National Forests and Grasslands Await you...



On **September 30, 2017**, join hundreds of thousands of people at thousands of national, state, municipal, and community public lands sites across the country to take part in the 24th annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD).

NPLD is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. Through NPLD, the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) works to connect people to public lands in their community, inspire environmental stewardship, and encourage use of public lands for education, recreation and general health.

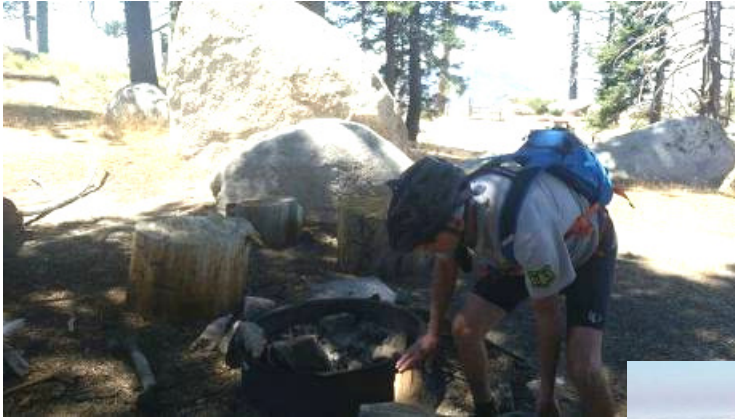
This year, the Forest Service will participate in events September 1 to October 9 across the country. Given all of the amazing possibilities, why wouldn't you want to volunteer? Get started and sign up today!

September 30, 2017 is a big day. It's National Public Lands Day, the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) started NPLD in 1993 to connect people with the public lands in their communities. 24 years later it's still growing, with the Forest Service hosting events September 1 to October 9. This year's events are more diverse than ever, bringing education, recreation, and volunteerism together for all ages. Still, whether you're collecting aquatic insects on the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in Illinois, or learning about hawk migration patterns on Mt. Hood National Forest in Oregon, two things remain the same: the joy that comes from giving back to the public lands that we all share; and the fact that it's FREE! On September 30th, the Forest Service will offer free entrance to many of its standard amenity fee sites.

So what are you waiting for? Grab a friend and some work gloves and go find your forest. We can't wait to see you!

<https://www.fs.fed.us/visit/npld>

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Mike & Robin McGuire, Volunteers 110 & 111, Angeles Mountain bike patrol clearing the fire pits at Mt Pacifico campground

Photo by Robin McGuire

Mike & Robin McGuire, Volunteers 110 & 111, Angeles Mountain bike patrol doing a sweep for the AC100 race.

Photo by Robin McGuire



Can't see where Josephine Peak due to all the brush.

Photo by Guy Kuhn

Thanks to the JPL TRAILBUILDERS Mr. Boettger can now see where Josephine peak is.

Photo by Guy Kuhn



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

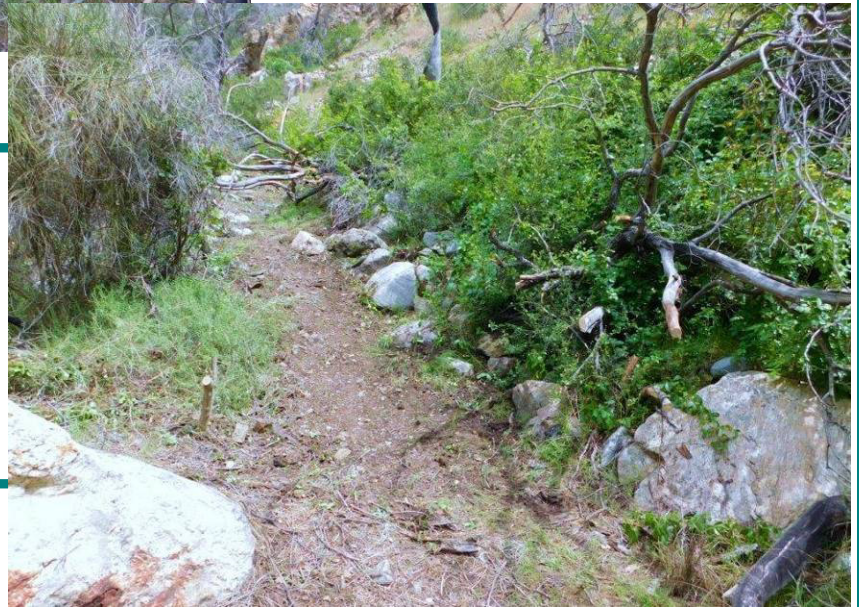


BEFORE the Restoration Legacy Crew worked on this portion of the Dawn Mine Trail

Photo by Brenda

AFTER the Restoration Legacy Crew worked on this portion of the Dawn Mine Trail, with more work up ahead the trail visible now.

Photo by Brenda



Another fallen tree on the Burkhart Trail to be removed by the SoCal Hikers Meetup group

Photo by Alan Coles



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Crew 17 from the Hart Trails Program working on projects close to Mt Wilson.

Photo by Kevin Sarkissian

**2017 Crew Pic - Hart Trails Program
Picture of Crew '17 on the final day at Red Box Station.
Thanks to all for the continued referrals. Great kids!**

Photo by Kevin Sarkissian



AC100

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

Contact Gary at: e-mail at garyh@mtdisappointment50k.com

2017 race results

- 144 completed the race
- 9 completed the race in under 24 hours

Now Planning for the 2018 race

ADventure Riders Moto Trail Crew

Joel Paez basecamp4adv@gmail.com

We are a group of adventure-minded enthusiasts on dual sport and adventure bikes who love to promote the exploration of places where the pavement ends as well as travelling on back-roads as the alternate route. We also enjoy meeting people, making new friends, promoting public land stewardship and sharing experiences.

For your convenience, use this forum as your platform for adventure.

Enjoy the ride and see you back in camp.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

Pam Morey pammorey@fs.fed.us

Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

- **BECOME A FIRE LOOKOUT! (CHECK OUT THE VOLUNTEER TRAINING SECTION.)**
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!

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol

m.rmeguire@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 and working to preserve and protect trails. A.M.B.P is here to serve and inform the public

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/>

- Sept 3rd Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Sept 9th Rosemount Preserve Restoration Day
- Sept 17th Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Sept 23rd Rosemont Preserve tour - Living with wildlife featuring Johanna Turner

The Bear Canyon Trail Crew will be taking the summer off to enjoy the Angeles Forest .
Will be back to work on October!

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)
- Check out the Beer Making and Tasting 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>

- Sept 18th Trail Boss (Check out the Volunteers Training pages)

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/>

Events Calendar: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/ctuc-calendar>

- Sept 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-09/-cury-2017>

- Sept 2nd Coyote Campfire (Check the Volunteer Training pages)
- Sept 9th Riverwalk Workday (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)
- Sept 16th Clean Up the World Weekend Wilderness Workday (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)

Community Hiking Club

<http://communityhikingclub.org/>

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

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

• Sept 2nd - EASY(ish) Local Hike - Boy Scout (Oak Flat) Trail to the ridge line

Distance: ~ 5.5 miles, out and back (with optional unescorted Add-on below)

Gain: ~ 1000' (all on the way out)

Rated: Easy++ (due to gain at start)

Time: ~ 3 hours, including a 15 minute snack break.

This is a not a gentle walk - you need to be in good overall condition to handle this hike.

Description: This hike is one of my personal favorites as it is so close and underused - so do not expect to meet anyone except our group. The trail departs the mellow Oak Flat Campground and climbs along some fairly tough switchbacks through oak woodlands on beautiful single track and meadows.

The pay off 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). We will be taking it easier than usual this time, to enjoy the views and will stop more frequently - this hike is more for beginners.

After a short water break at the top of the hill, we will proceed further along the ridge, on a level fire road.

Along the ridge, many interesting outcrops are visible. These are pudding-type conglomerate of fragmented brown rock filled with embedded stone. These rocks enabled geologists to trace displacements that occurred along the San Gabriel Fault, an early and active member of the San Andreas Fault system.

Unescorted Add-On Option (add 5.5 miles and 400' gain, out and back): If you are a more experienced hiker and looking for a longer hike, you can still come along with us for the first part but you will need to sign out with CHC before heading out to Whitaker Peak. You will be unescorted, however, as there are no turns on the service road to the peak, it is very hard to get lost.

Carpool or caravan Meeting Spot: At Towsley Canyon Gate, 24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA. Be there at 6:45AM for an 7:00AM 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 Trailhead instead?.... it is not far from SCV.

Oak Flat Fire Station , 38001 Golden State Hwy. Castaic, CA, 91384

Lat: 34.598538 Lon: -118.719182 (About 25 mins North of Towsley Canyon).

Directions to Trailhead: Head north of Santa Clarita on the I-5, passing Castaic and exit at Templin Hwy (Exit # 183). At the bottom of the off ramp, TURN LEFT. Go under the I-5 and turn right on the road immediately after the freeway - this is Old Hwy 99. Proceed North 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 . 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, facing out and leaving space for more cars (it is a small lot). If this is full, park in the grass lot, facing out, across from the gravel lot.

If you go direct to the trail head, please be there at 7:45AM as we will be heading up the trail at 8:00AM SHARP.

Bring: Lots of water (2 liters), some electrolytes, and a snack, sunscreen and a hat. Poles are very helpful on this hike, as we will be climbing. Bring your camera. Strong shoes or hiking boots, no flip flops.

Leader's Notes: There are no bathrooms at the trailhead. Best last chance is McDonalds in Castaic (Exit at Lake Hughes Road).

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

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

Leader: Steve I.

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• Sept 9th - **DIFFICULT + NEW: Romero Canyon Trail to Romero Saddle**

*** **NOTE: For safety reasons, Rain or Extreme Heat will cancel hikes** ***

Distance: ~ 6.5 miles, out and back style

Gain: ~ 2600' (it is steep and CONSTANT almost all the way to top)

Rated: Difficult / Strenuous (for significant gain / typically high humidity);

(THIS HIKE IS ONLY FOR EXPERIENCED HIKERS - PLEASE READ THE FULL DESCRIPTION)

Time: ~ 4 hours hike time, unless we do extra section

Description: If you have a sense of adventure and like to try something new and tough, this hike may be one for you but watch that Gain! This could be an all day hike.

This steep rocky (but not loose) trail starts by following Romero Creek up a shady canyon. It is a stiff climb almost all the way to the top. With about 3/4 mile left to the top, we pop out into sunshine and chaparral, following a single track that winds its way to a dry grassy peak, that overlooks the saddle.

The pay-off here is a panoramic view of the Santa Barbara back-country and the saddle below. Possible extra 3 miles: Depending on time, weather, group consensus, etc. we may add another 3 mile to the total and continue to the Blue Canyon campground North of the saddle (1.5 mile DOWN and the same back, with another 1200' loss/ gain).

NOTE: If you do not like dropoffs, there are a couple of doable loose scree drop offs. Also, the canyon may be a bit buggy, so bring bug spray / a bug net in case.

Meet in Santa Clarita to Carpool: Meet us at the WAL-MART parking lot (NOTE: this is not Towsley Canyon!!!!). 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 there at 6:30AM in the Southwest corner of the parking lot. After we organize the carpools, we leave at 6.45AM SHARP and caravan 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 from Santa Clarita carpool spot to the Trail head (if you prefer to go directly): Allow 90 minutes travel time from Santa Clarita, just in case. Head 2 miles West on Newhall Ranch Road from the Wal-Mart meeting place and cross over the 5 Freeway. It now becomes CA-126, heading West toward Ventura. Follow CA-126 W until it merges into US-101 N in Ventura (42.3 miles)

Follow US-101 N to Summerland/ Montecito (25.4 miles). Take exit # 92 on to Sheffield Drive.

Almost immediately after exiting, turn right onto Jameson Lane. After 0.1 mile, turn left at a Y on to Sheffield Drive, and follow it for 1.3 miles. Here is most direct route: Turn right onto E Valley Rd for 1.3 miles, then a hard left onto Ladera lane. Follow Ladera straight up the hill for 0.9 miles until it bears slightly left and becomes Bella Vista Drive. Follow Bella Vista for almost 0.8 miles until you should start seeing parked cars on the left side of the road, near a gate/ trailhead. You may need to do a U at the gate to find a space. Park off the road, clear of any gates, obey all signs, **hide all valuables.**

Meet your leader at the Trailhead: Meet at the Romero Canyon Trailhead on Bella Vista Drive between 8:15 AM and 8:30AM, use directions above. We head up trail at 8:30AM Sharp.

Bring: Hiking boots with good tread, definitely Poles if you have them; lunch/ snacks, at least 3 liters liquids (2L water + 1L electrolytes). SUN SCREEN/ lip balm, camera. Insect repellent / bug net, just in case.

Adventure Pass: Not required .

Dogs: Sorry, no dogs this time.

Leader: Steve I.

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• Sept 16th - - Dawson Saddle to Mount Baden-Powell******* Rain or extreme heat cancels all hikes*********Distance/ Gain:** 9 1/2 miles; 2,000' gain, Out and Back style**Rating:** Moderate ++/ Strenuous (remember we will be at higher altitude where the air is thinner)**Description:** From Dawson Saddle (7900') we hike a single track trail through an open forest of Jeffrey pine, white fir and lodgepole pine enjoying panoramic views and crisp high mountain air all the way. First we arrive at the base of Throop Peak (9138'), before joining the Pacific Crest Trail. Then it is onward to Mt. Baden-Powell (9400') where we will stop for lunch, a little R&R and enjoy some amazing views.

After lunch, we will hike back the same way to Dawson Saddle.

Carpool Meeting Spot - in NORTH Santa Clarita Valley (SCV): !!!! DO NOT GO TO TOWSLEY CANYON (our usual spot)!!! If you would like to car pool from SCV, meet at the Sand Canyon / Soledad Canyon Road junction strip mall parking area, off the 14 Hwy, at the Starbucks (by the Vons Supermarket) at 6:30AM for a 6:45AM SHARP departure to the trailhead. Final carpool content arrangements will be made there, at that time.**Directions to Trailhead:** (Use these, do not use Google maps unless you want to get lost on backroads) From Pasadena/Sylmar - Take 210 Freeway to 2 Angeles Crest Hwy. Once on the 2, it is 45.9 miles and about 90 mins to the Dawson Saddle Parking turnout. It will be on your left on a wide part of the road on a curve. There should be cars parked there. Sorry, there are no Restrooms at Dawson Saddle. Look for public restrooms located along the 2 on your way up.**From North end of Santa Clarita Valley** - Take the 14 Fwy North to the Pearblossom Hwy turn off. Go 22.6 miles East on 138 through Littlerock and Pearblossom until you pass 195th St E and see Largo Vista Rd (N4) on the right. Make a right turn and continue all the way on Largo Vista up toward the mountains until you come to the first stop sign at Big Pines Road, and make a hard left. Continue on curvy Big Pines Rd about 7 miles until the next stop sign which is at Hwy 2 - Angeles Crest Hwy. Turn hard RIGHT, passing Vincent Gap (at 5 miles) until you have gone 10.4 miles West. You are now at the Dawson Saddle turnout (a wide part of the road on a curve, there should be cars parked on the right). Sorry, there are no Restrooms at Dawson Saddle. There are good public restrooms located along Hwy 2 on the right as you head West, on a curve /viewing point about three miles west of Wrightwood. There are also restrooms (vault) at Vincent Gap parking lot, but these can get busy. Please do not be late.**Meeting your leader at trailhead:** We will meet at Dawson Saddle at 8:30AM for an 8:45AM departure up the trail.**Bring:** Lots of water (3+ L), Electrolytes like Gatorade, a hat, sunscreen, a lunch/ snack and hiking poles. Watch the weather forecast, but it is always a good idea to pack another layer (in case it gets cold up there above 9000'). Good shoes with tread are a must - no flip flops or tennis shoes please!**Adventure Pass:** No.**Dogs:** OK, if on a leash and well-behaved with other dogs / people carrying poles. If you bring your dog, please drive yourself. We do not recommend bringing our doggie friends if weather forecast says it will be HOT.**Leader:** Jim Hazard

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• Sept 23rd - Green Valley to Grass Mountain; or add Spruce Draw for more miles

Distance/ Gain:

1. **"Shorter Out and Back":** Green Valley Ranger station on the PCT to summit Grass Mountain ~ 5 miles out and back/ 1200' of STEEP gain

2. **"Longer Out and Back":** Green Valley Ranger station on the PCT to summit Grass Mountain, then back to the PCT to traverse out to Spruce Draw canyon ~ 7.5 miles out and back/ 1200' of STEEP and another 300' of light gain

Hiking Time: 1) ~ 2.25 hours, 2) ~ 3.5 hours

Rating: Moderate ++ (for distance and lots of gain on the way out). Both hikes are not for beginners - you need to be in good physical condition due to the gain at start.

Description: A great hike and only 25 minutes from the SCV! Pick your hike, based on your ability, stamina and schedule. If you enjoy expansive uninterrupted views, you will like the features of this hike. This is only our second time hiking this trail.

Meet your Leader to Caravan / Carpool to the trailhead: !!!! DO NOT GO TO TOWSLEY!!

Meet in the Albertson's Supermarket Parking lot (23850 Copper Hill Dr, Valencia, CA 91354) at 7:00AM for a 7:15AM SHARP departure.

Directions from LA / SCV to Albertson's Parking Lot carpool/ meeting spot:

23850 Copper Hill Dr, Valencia, CA 91354

Take I-5 Freeway, North toward Castaic. Exit at Newhall Ranch Road (Route 126) and head to the top of the off ramp. Turn East (right) toward Valencia and drive for 1.5 miles East on Newhall Ranch Road to the next major intersection (Copper Hill Drive). Turn left at this light and travel 2.1 miles on Copper Hill Drive until you see a strip mall on the right with a large Albertson's. Turn into the lot at the light (Avenida Rancho Tesoro) and park in the NE corner of the lot, closest to the light/ intersection.

Carpool Meeting spot Detail and Shuttle Explanation/ route to trailhead: At Albertson's, we will organize carpools and caravan to Green Valley Ranger station, up San Francisquito Canyon Road for 14.6 miles (~ 25 minutes) to the trailhead.

Hike Starting Place/ Time: Just North of Green Valley Ranger Station, where the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) crosses San Francisquito Cyn Rd. Park in Ranger Station lot or on the median near the PCT crossing point. We plan to all be at the trailhead by 8:00AM to start up the trail at 8:15AM SHARP. Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas - THX.

Dogs: OK, must be on a leash and well behaved around other dogs and people with hiking poles. If you bring a dog, bear distance in mind and please plan to drive yourself.

Adventure pass: Not required.

Leader's note: There are no restrooms at the trailhead and no facilities between the meeting spot and the trailhead. Albertson's has a restroom at the back of the store. Please come with full gas tank.

BRING: Hiking Poles are very helpful for the uphill part. Snacks and at least 3L of water with some electrolytes, camera, hat and sunscreen. Hiking shoes/boots with good tread! Be prepared - pack an extra layer (e.g. windbreaker) as it will probably be windy on Grass Mountain.

Leader: Steve I.

• **Sept 30th - Figure of 8 - from Topanga S.P. to Eagle Rock and Hub junction, then back via the Musch trail**

Distance: ~7 Miles total

Gain: ~ 1300'

Hiking Time: ~3.5 hours

Rating: Moderate + (due to periodic elevation gains and overall mileage)

Description: We have been in this area before, however, this time we will start from Trippet Ranch and head up past the infamous "meadows" (inside joke) to make elevation gains early (while it is cooler) before arriving at Eagle junction. Then we head from Eagle Junction up our biggest hill of the hike to Eagle Rock to take in some views. We also pay a visit at Eagle Rock to the Keyhole 7 Memorial bench. Then we head across to "the Hub" where we should meet many more hikers and bikers. Finally, it is down and around to Eagle junction again. Here we head down the winding single track Musch trail and enjoy a little shade before we head back to the parking lot.

Carpool from Santa Clarita Valley: Meet at Towsley Canyon, outside the Towsley gate at 7.00 AM. We will organize carpools and leave at 7:15AM SHARP, for the Trippet Ranch trailhead. Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your car-pool to help defray the cost of gas — THX.

Directions to Carpool meeting spot in Santa Clarita Valley: Exit the I-5 freeway in Santa Clarita Valley at Calgrove Blvd or Lyons Avenue, if Calgrove is closed.

Calgrove: Turn West and follow Calgrove around a curve and through one light on to The Old Road. You will now see the gate to Towsley Canyon on your right. Park and look for a group of hikers/ leader.

Lyons Ave: Turn left (West), over the highway and then next left. Follow this to Old Rd., turn left and follow the Old Road to a light and take a right (on to The Old Road). You will now see the gate to Towsley Canyon/ Rivendale on your right. Park and look for a group of hikers/ leader.

Directions to the trailhead at Topanga State Park from Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita Valley, (32 miles, ~45 mins): Merge onto I-5 South. Keep right to continue on the I-405 S/San Diego Fwy, following signs for Santa Monica. After 9.0 miles, take the exit to US101 N, towards Ventura, drive 8.2 miles on the 101 freeway, and exit at California 27 S/Topanga Cyn Blvd. Merge on to Topanga Cyn Blvd and drive 7.8 miles south on Topanga Canyon Blvd until you see Entrada Road on the left - this road is twisty, so be on the look out for it! Turn East (left) into Entrada Road and drive up Entrada through the hilly neighborhood for 1 mile, following signs for Topanga State Park / Trippet Ranch, until you see cars parked on the left side of the road.

Continue up the road to the State Park parking lot. If the lot is open, it is most convenient to park there, have \$10 ready for the machine or ranger in the kiosk. We will meet by the 5 star bathrooms in the lot. Alternatively, park anywhere outside on the road, but watch for No Parking signs and leave nothing showing in your car.

Meet the Hike Leader: At Towsley Canyon to carpool (see details above) or at the Trippet Ranch Trailhead, by the parking lot bathrooms. We plan to be at the trailhead by 8:00 AM so the group can start up the trail at 8:15 AM SHARP. **Note: Only if you have already checked in at Towsley Canyon, and are delayed in traffic, can we plan to wait for you.**

Bring: Plenty of liquids (i.e. 3L), (2L water and 1L electrolytes such as Gatorade), a snack, and shoes with good tread. Poles would be helpful as trail is hilly and sandy in parts.

Hike portion is ~ 3.5 hours, so we should be back at Towsley by 1:30PM approx.

Dogs: Unfortunately, dogs are not permitted on this trail by the park staff.

Adventure Pass: Not Required.

Leader: Steve I

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

PHONE: (818) 773-3555

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

<http://corbambt.com/>

For schedule goto: <http://corbambt.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

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)

- Sept 9th Outing (Check out the Volunteers needed pages)
- Sept 30th Outing (Check out the Volunteers needed pages)

Mt. Disappointment Endurance www.mtdisappointment50k.com

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

- **Sept 10th –SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT IN THE DOME**

More information on this concert will be posted soon.

- **Sept 16th Come run the Inaugural Mt. Wilson Observatory 5K!**

A run around the mountaintop, starting at the 100-inch telescope and ending at the top of the Mount Wilson Trail. Have fun and help us raise funds to improve the Observatory grounds. Afterwards, there will be awards, food and live music

For more information: <https://www.mtwilson.edu/5k/> (Check the Fund Raiser pages)

- **Cosmic Cafe is now open, so come enjoy friendly smiles and a bite to eat!**

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

- **Join** our Friends of Mount Wilson Observatory organization to receive a variety of member benefits and stay informed on the latest scientific and other activities from the mountain.
- **Contribute** to our Second Century Campaign. As Mount Wilson continues into its second century, a capital campaign is being developed to preserve this great observatory for future generations.

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association <http://mwba.org/>

Contact: Matt Lay matt@mwba.org

- **Sept 17th Outing**

- **Oct 8th Pancake Breakfast & Famous Raffle**

@ 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM PDT

(Check the Fund Raiser pages)

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/>

BE AWARE!

The Pacific Diamondback Rattlesnake is a venomous pit viper species found in North America in the western United States and northwestern Mexico.

The size of this species varies greatly, with some populations being stunted and others growing very large. Mainland specimens often reach 40 inches in length, with the largest on record being 64 inches.

Juveniles usually have more or less distinct patterns, but these fade as the animals mature. The color of the iris often matches the ground color, which may be bronze, gold, or different shades of tan, pink,

or gray. The color pattern of the typical form has a dark-brown, dark-gray, olive-brown, or sometimes black or pale yellowish ground color overlaid dorsally with a series of large, dark blotches with uneven white edges. The first rings of the tail are about the same color as the last body blotches, but these rings become progressively darker; the last two rings, at the base of the tail, are usually black. The belly is pale yellow, usually with brown spots.



Photo by Brenda Beck

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

- **Southern California Trail Skills college**

Sign up now for this annual Trail Gorillas trail maintenance weekend. Join for a day, the weekend, or whatever works for your schedule. Volunteers will be brushing and working on tread repairs Thursday-Sunday. The exact work location is still to be determined.

Contact Don Line at donline41@gmail.com. Let Don know if you'll be camping and what meals you'd like to join.

Restoration Legacy Crew

Brenda Beck at: e-mail brenda.beck@sbcglobal.net

phone: (626) 574-8204

We are LARRD 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: bbtbs.vsh@live.com

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<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/

- **Sept 6th 7:00 PM Pasadena Monthly Program**

Pasadena Group Monthly Program: "The Wilderness Society: A Powerful Voice for Protecting America's Wilderness Values" will be presented by Daniel Rossman, Senior Regional Director of the Wilderness Society, at the Pasadena Group Monthly Program

Information on the Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities precedes the program. Doors open at 7:00 pm for refreshments and socializing. Program starts at 7:30 pm, at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. Newcomers always welcome! For more information contact Group Membership Chair, Bill Joyce <mailto:rollingtherock@verizon.net>.

- **Sept 10th/21st 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>

- **Build a Birdhouse** Sept 2nd/
- **Big Bear Greenthumbs** Sept 16th
- **Canoe Eco Tour** Sept 1st/3rd/
- **Evening Programs-Discovery Center Amphitheater** Sept 1st/
- **Gold Panning** Sept 2nd/
- ***Music in the Mountains (Check fund raiser pages)*** Sept 2nd
- **Kayak Eco Tour** Sept 3rd/
- **Nature Crafts** Sept 2nd/3rd/
- **Nature Walk** Sept 2nd/
- **National Public Lands Day Big Bear Greenthumbs** Sept 23rd
- **OHV Volunteer Meeting** Sept 13th
- **Pinecone Birdfeeders** Sept 3rd/

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>

- **2017 Eco Club Summit** Sept 23rd
- **2017 Huntington Park Eco Club Summit** Sept 30th
- **Citizen Forester Workshop: How to Organize a Community Tree Planting** Sept 30th
- **Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk** Sept 2nd
- **Moonlight Hike** Sept 15th
- **Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration** Sept 24th
- **Group Dog Hike** Sept 9th
- **Generation Earth Water Wise Campus Workshop** Sept 23rd
- **Generation Earth Professional Development Workshop** Sept 9th
- **Park Tree Care** Sept 9th/16th/23rd/30th
- **Santa Monica Mountain Restoration** Sept 2nd/9th/16th/23rd/24th/30th
- **School Greening Workshop** Sept 16th
- **Shade Tree Adoption – TreePeople Headquarters, Coldwater Canyon Park** Sept 30th

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

GRASSY HOLLOW SUMMER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**"Summer Program Schedule available at grassyhollow.net" & you can email us at grassyhollow@hotmail.com for further info/details

• Sept 2nd @ 7 pm MINER VINCENT MEMORIAL & CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Sit around the campfire and sing songs with Volunteers of the Angeles Forest. Then join us for the 29th presentation of this Campfire Program and meet the "Old Man of the Mountain", Miner Vincent himself. Listen to him tell stories of the Gold Rush & the last of the local Grizzlies.

Limited parking next to the Amphitheater. Use your Adventure Pass to park on outside of the campground or park at Mountain High North, and Carpool or Hike in.

Recommend flashlight and a jacket.

Time: Approx 2 hours

Location: Table Mountain Campground Amphitheater

Leaders: John Cromshaw and other Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

• Sept 3rd @ 10 am MINER VINCENT CABIN HIKE & SCAVENGER HUNT

Hike the trail that leads to the actual Cabin where old Miner Vincent lived.

One mile, easy hike.

Time: Approx 1 ½ hours

Location: Vincent Gap Parking Lot

Leaders: John Cromshaw and other Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 135

Kevin Sarkissian

Lead Trailboss

W S Hart Union High School District

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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 May 17, 2013 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: _____
