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## Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Apr 2017

### Trail Maintenance in Chaparral Forests

#### A Guide for Volunteers

#### Part 2 of 3

Alan Coles

### Brushing in a Recent Burn Area

Many volunteers get their first experience doing trail work by brushing an area that was recently burned. Rapid brush growth quickly engulfs the trail and it can be an ordeal just to stay on the correct path. Safety is a critical issue as hikers often get lost and have difficulty finding their way back. Volunteers with little training are often handed loppers and told to cut the brush back, yet this is one of the most critical jobs in the recovery effort as proper pruning can make a significant difference in the amount of work that will need to be performed year after year. Some knowledge about the plants and their recovery can be extremely useful.

There are 2 main groups of plants that need to be identified. There are plants that existed before the fire and are likely resprouting from the base (obligate resprouters). Then there are the fire followers which grow profusely from seeds held dormant under the old growth plants until the fire opened up the canopy allowing them to germinate (obligate seeders). There is also a third category (facultative seeders) that is a combination of both. With minimal effort, it should be easy to distinguish the difference.

### Resprouters

The most obvious sign of a resprouter is the skeleton that is left standing. A scrub oak can be 20 to 30 feet tall. Manzanita skeletons are especially beautiful. Even in a high intensity fire, there is usually some remnants of the plant. New growth takes place within weeks and forms a dense ring of sprouts around the base. Eventually the faster growing sprouts will outshade the slower growing ones and the numbers get reduced as the sprouts get longer and bigger. The plant usually forms into a bush then matures into a tree often with multiple trunks. Scrub oak forests are often characterized by many multi-stem trees that indicate the elapsed time since the last fire.

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— [Mahatma Gandhi](#)

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## Trail Maintenance in Chaparral Forests (cont)

Resprouters existed before the fire and likely played an important role in the maintenance of the trail. The most common examples are scrub oaks that once overshadowed the trail blocking out light and preventing other plants from growing inside the corridor. Other plants such as manzanita and chamise can grow quite large and provide a deep canopy. When these plants resprout, the new growth often intrudes into the trail at a frustrating rate due to the deep roots providing abundant nutrients.



Recovering oaks after a recent fire.

Pruning a resprouter requires extra care. It will be necessary to prune back the sprouts that are growing towards the trail. Sprouts should be trimmed back as far as possible, usually to the base of the plant but sprouts growing away or upwards should be left. Special care needs to be taken once the plant starts to put out long branches of about 3 to 6 feet in length. This is the critical recovery period and proper pruning will make a lasting impact on the plant and the trail maintenance requirements.

As a common example, a scrub oak 3 to 8 years after a fire will display several long stems growing mostly in an upright direction. Each will have a diameter of about 1 to 2 inches. There may also be dozens of sprouts at the base. By carefully pruning out some of the long stems that are closer to the trail and leaving just one or 2 will direct more growth to the remaining stems and stimulate them to grow faster and form more of a tree than a bush. Branches from these stems that are growing towards the trail should be pruned back to the main branch which also forces more growth upwards. The sprouts at the base of the plant that are growing into the trail should also be pruned back but others can be left. These actions will accelerate the recovery of the oak into a tree and allow the canopy to overshadow competing plants such as Ceanothus. This is using nature as a part of trail maintenance and will greatly reduce the work load in subsequent years.



This oak produced 7 stems from the base. By pruning back 6 of the stems, the growth will be concentrated into the remaining stem allowing it to grow back into a tree much sooner.

It is very important to avoid pruning in the middle of a branch (head cuts). All branches should be cut at the base or the junction of a larger branch (pruning or thinning cuts). This is one of the most common mistakes made by inexperienced trail workers. Often cuts are made on a branch about waist level or (worse) about a foot above the base. Growth from a head cut usually produces many branches growing perpendicular to the stem, often in the direction of the trail. This will require much more work to correct in subsequent years. Improper pruning cuts close to the ground can be an impaling hazard. Head cuts are also unsightly and give the trail an unnatural look.

**To be Continued on May 2017**

This oak was improperly pruned at waist level forcing the new growth into the lower branches and into the trail corridor.



## Blast from the Past

Date: Nov 8, 1902

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### LOWE PLANT READY

**Gas Will Be Made Today at Plant in Arroyo Seco —Service Will Begin Monday.**

If no mishap occurs to present plans the Lowe Gas Company will have gas turned into thirty miles of service pipes Monday Morning.

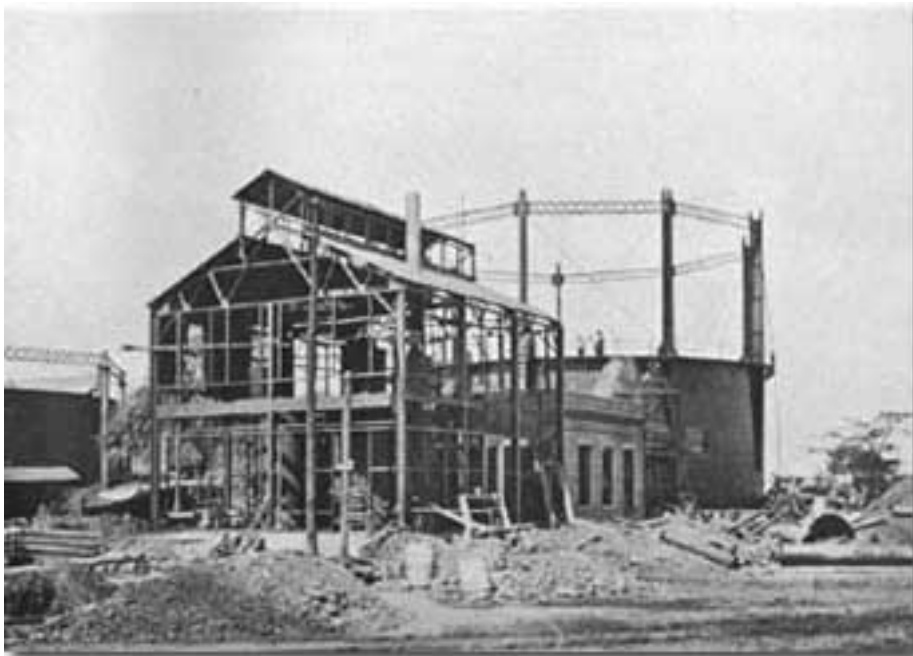
At the new gas plant in the Arroyo Seco, just below the county bridge, there is a busy scene. A large force of workmen is putting the finishing touches on the plant; the equipment has been tested and has proved satisfactory, and by Monday the long awaited domestic service of the company will begin.

The Lowe company has two acres of ground in the Arroyo for its location. The tank just completed has a capacity of 25,000 cubic feet of gas; and next week work will be begun on a tank with a capacity of 150,000 feet. An ample water supply has also been developed on the grounds.

The company has been rushing the work and on Tuesday fired up its furnace to dry out the brick work. Today it will begin the manufacture of gas by the new Lowe process. Wellington coal is to be used for the start, but the company has a shipload of coal on the way down from Nanaimo.

Thirty miles of gas mains have been laid by this company in Los Angeles and Pasadena, and for two weeks past a force of men have been making service connections.

A decision from the Supreme Court is expected next week on the point involved as to the St. John's street site. If favorable to the company, work will be resumed at once on the plant there, and it will be used as auxiliary to the Arroyo Seco factory.



Typical view of a gas plant

# Blast Flash Forward!

A method of producing water gas was patented in France as early as 1834 and involved exposing steam directly onto incandescent carbon, usually coke or anthracite. The reactor was run in sequential steps with one step heating the coke or anthracite by circulating producer gas and a subsequent step exposing steam to the incandescent coke or anthracite. The resulting fuel gas consisted of large fractions of hydrogen and carbon monoxide and had a heating value of about 300 Btu per cubic foot. According to a water gas patent from 1867, water gas was composed of 47% hydrogen and 37% carbon monoxide. Water gas was relatively inexpensive to produce but burned with a blue flame that had little illuminating power, and therefore it initially had few markets.

This limited applicability began to change after 1875 when Thaddeus S. C. Lowe patented a process of enriching water gas by adding gas produced by cracking liquid hydrocarbons, resulting in "carbureted" water gas, typically referred to simply as water gas. Carbureted water gas systems were more competitive than pure coal systems, requiring less space, capital, and labor, and having quicker start-up times and therefore reducing storage requirements. Carbureted water gas systems were often used to supplement coal gas systems rather than expanding a coal system by adding coal retort beds and storage capacity. The heating value of the mixed gas could be adjusted between 300 to 800 Btu/scf. The increased heating value of carbureted water gas resulted in increased candle power for the same quantity of gas at lower cost. Due to these advantages, carbureted water gas and mixed gas systems tended to displace pure coal gas systems.

Lowe sold his basic carbureted water gas patents to the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia, in 1884, just two years after its founding. Lowe shortly moved west, to Pasadena, California, and became a leading civic, gas manufacturing personality, and the developer of Mt. Lowe Railway.

Although Professor Lowe's "temple" was a wildly popular weekend getaway and renowned worldwide, financial profits eluded him. He was forced to sell the railway property in 1899, and he died penniless in 1913 in his daughter's Pasadena home. Disaster steadily followed over the years as fires destroyed the White City and the Tavern, and floods wrecked the rails and the Rubio Pavilion. The Mount Lowe Railway was officially abandoned in 1939, and today the ruins are a popular hiking destination. For more information check out the SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY website at:

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



**Bush Sunflower  
in bloom.**

**Photo by Guy Kuhn**

## (LARRD) Volunteer Meeting Minutes

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

By Kathie Reilly

March 15, 2017 - Supervisor's Office, Arcadia

Our newsletter is on the Mt Lowe website -- [www.mtlowe.net](http://www.mtlowe.net)

Reminder for each group to send their reports to Guy at [guykuhn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:guykuhn@sbcglobal.net) for the next newsletter. These minutes contain items shared at the meeting that are considered to be of interest to everyone at the meeting. All are welcome to the bi-monthly meeting.

Thank you Robin leading the meeting, and the cookies!

#### Special Guest Jeffrey Vail Comments:

He wants to get to know all the volunteers. USFS needs volunteers badly, depends upon volunteer dedication and skills. USFS and the public owes the volunteers a debt. This National Forest is the most outstanding urban land of the country. Special mention of the staff attending: Bob Blount, Chris St Pierre (chainsaw class), Chris Fabbro, Dennis Merkel and Jaime Uyehara.

#### Questions/comments for Jeffrey:

Concern that volunteers maintaining new trails do not have the sophisticated resources used to originally build the trail. The extra rain is also having an impact on trails. Trails like the Lower Merrill have short-cuts that are hard to correct.

**Jeffrey:** We need to come up with trail priorities. We need more volunteers, more youth crews and more money.

Red Box fire road is terribly blocked in many places due to storm events.

**Jeffrey:** USFS is doing an inventory of roads and trails. Only have a 2-member road crew (used to have 44 in the 1980's.) It helps to communicate when roads/trails have been reopened, for Search and Rescue, etc.

Need to ban glass (kids get cut) in riparian area - preferably in East Fork, West Fork and North Fork. A volunteer group picked up 800 pounds of trash in North Fork.

**Jeffrey:** Already looking into banning glass at East Fork, will look into expanding that to the other Forks. Any new Forest Order must be enforceable. (Currently reviewing all Forest Orders)

#### Status on National Monument

**Jeffrey:** The Monument organization has until October to produce a Management Plan that includes transportation (among other things). There will be reorganizing from 3 to 2 Ranger Districts: 1) National Monument managed by Dunfee 2) Los Angeles Gateway managed by Blount. Volunteers may need new agreements with the new districts.

Let us know if you are aware of other issues going from 3 to 2 Districts, especially those who experienced going from 5 to 3.

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## Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) Volunteer Meeting Minutes (Cont)

Would like access for motorcycles for volunteering in the Forest

**Jeffrey:** What areas are closed and why can be discussed on an individual basis.

Status of Williamson Rock closure

**Jeffrey:** It had to be closed due to litigation and some endangered species. Working with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for a plan. Recreation cannot occur at the cost of wildlife, plants, etc.

Status of Gabrielino Trail

**Steve:** They have the go-ahead to fix the trail using the grant.

Have requested many times to be able to maintain Millard Falls Trail, which cannot be done since it is not on the Forest List of trails. Since there is no clear trail, visitors walk all over.

**Jeffrey:** This is a good example that when we have an issue, contact your District Ranger. If you receive no resolution at your local level, go to Jeffrey.

**Jaime:** The trail may require NEPA review (National Environmental Policy Act) in order to allow work. USFS needs volunteers at the administrative level, especially experience with grants.

What do volunteers say to visitors complaining about the toilets closed at Hoeges? Frustration with illegally parked cars on Chantry Flats Road that could impede emergency vehicles trying to get up there.

**Jeffrey:** The toilets were closed by EPA. USFS does not have the manpower to tow illegally parked cars.

### **Announcements:**

**Chilao Visitor Center grand opening:** Sat, April 1, 10am – 2pm with nature walk and geology talk 1000-1130, FS biologist on site with live snakes 1000-1400, Smokey Bear 1000-1200.

**California Trails Day:** David Ledford announced the LARRD event is April 8 at Vogel Flats working Condor Peak, Grizzly Flats and Stone Canyon Trails. Chris announced there is another event April 29 at Charlton Flats.

**National Trails Day:** David announced will be at Crystal Lake June 3.

**Thanks to Dave for providing radio training after this meeting.**

**Next LARRD Volunteer Meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

# A word from volunteer coordinator

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR UPDATE**

**Training season is wrapping up, with two chainsaw, a cross cut, two safety refreshers, three CPR/1st Aid, and ongoing Trail Boss trainings this spring. On deck for April and May are Leave No Trace and fire lookout training as well as one more chainsaw training on the LP the second half of April. Thanks to all the volunteer instructors who have been helping out. More opportunities, such as rigging, will be available later this year--if you have any skills you'd like to develop, please let me know so we can plan ahead when there is enough interest.**

**The annual Artist in Residence Group Show is Saturday April 1 from 4-8pm at Heritage Square Museum near Downtown LA. Six artists will be there as well as over a dozen total artists from the past two years. Free wine tasting and appetizers will be provided courtesy of Friends of the Angeles. The reception is free of charge so bring family/friends. If you'd like to volunteer, feel free to come in uniform (you will be missing out on the wine, of course). Tours of a few of the mansions will be available for a \$5 donation on site. The deadline for the upcoming Summer 2017 program is April 10. Application and program information, including the April 1 reception, is online at [www.angelesartist.com](http://www.angelesartist.com).**

**The official ANF California Trails Day is Saturday April 29 at Charlton. Forests and National Parks on that day around CA, including Santa Monica Mountains, are planning community-wide trails events. Lunch will be provided for volunteers at Charlton that day thanks to a generous donation from one of our partners. The Charlton system trails have taken a beating from fallen Station Fire snags and this winter's heavy rains. If you would like to help scout/flag sections of the trails in the area in April, please let me know. We would like to concentrate efforts around the most-visited sections of the picnic area as well as the Vetter Mountain Trail. If you're interested in helping with crews that day as a leader, please let me know.**

**Save the date for National Trails Day--Saturday June 3 at Crystal Lake. The trail system there had a great (punishing) winter and the size of the lake has doubled...from "puddle" to "pond."**

**This summer, our Consortium crews (Conservation Corps) will be tackling a backlog of remote trails, particularly in ANF wilderness areas. If you are interested in joining, especially as a mentor or crew leader, please let me know. All are welcome, and we will be in the High Country when the weather gets hot below.**

**Thanks to everyone who has helped take on collateral projects. When you see a need, you offer to help, and forest staff is grateful for it. If you have skills you would like to put to use (as Jeff Vail mentioned at our last LARRD volunteer meeting, especially in Public Affairs and environmental review), let us know.**

**I look forward to seeing you up the mountain this summer. Happy trails!**

**CHRIS FABBRO**

# Angeles Forest California Trails Day

## California Trails Day

Charlton Flat - Meet at Entrance - 0900

APRIL  
29, 2017

From Los Angeles,  
take Angeles Crest  
Hwy (CA 2) 25 miles  
north of La Canada  
to Mile Marker  
47.50—Charlton  
Flats Picnic Area



### What to Bring / What to Expect

- 0900 Meet at Charlton entrance
- 0915 Carpool to work site
- 0930 Safety + logistics orientation
- 1000 Trail work begins
- 1300 Lunch (via National Forest Foundation)
- 1400 Return to Charlton entrance

Wear sunscreen, gloves, boots, trousers  
Refreshments provided  
Bring a tool (shovel, loppers) if able

Please RSVP to Volunteer Coordinator:  
Chris Fabbro, [cfabbro@fs.fed.us](mailto:cfabbro@fs.fed.us)



# LARRD California Trails Day

## **USDA Forest Service Los Angeles River Ranger District** *California Trails Day 2017*

**DATE:** April 8, 2017, meet at 8:00 AM / Registration: 8:00 to 8:30 AM

**LOCATION:** Vogel Flat Picnic Area4

**EVENT:** The USDA Forest Service, National Forest Foundation (NFF) and associated Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) volunteer organizations will celebrate California Trails Day on April 8, 2017. The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on a trail system to be announced.

This event is a partnership between the volunteer groups of the US Forest Service Los Angeles River Ranger District and the NFF. We will break for lunch and a short ceremony about California Trails Day at 1:00 PM in the Vogel Flats picnic area. Activities will end at 3:30 PM. A

**COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION.**

This activity is open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups. For those volunteering for trail work for the first time, please identify yourself to the registrar so we can arrange for a Trail Boss to provide instruction and proper tools. Please bring your personal protective equipment listed below.

### **Personal Equipment to Wear while Working:**

Work gloves, work shoes, work clothes (long sleeve shirts and long pants), sun protection hat, hard-hat (can be provided if needed), Ten Essentials (include a personal First Aid kit), Water (2 quarts), high energy snacks. Be prepared to hike about a mile and work until 12:30.

### **For Additional Information, Please Contact one of the Following:**

USDA Forest Service, Los Angeles River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Ranger Station

(Daytime): Dennis Merkel, Recreation Officer

(818) 899-1900 X229 email: dmerkel@fs.fed.us

(Evenings): David Ledford, Volunteer Leader, Training

(310) 373-2111 email: GDLedford@verizon.net

### **Additional Training Opportunities Scheduled for the Future:**

**May 6, 2017, Advanced Leader Training (Front Country)**

**June 3, 2017, National Trails Day (Basic Techniques)**

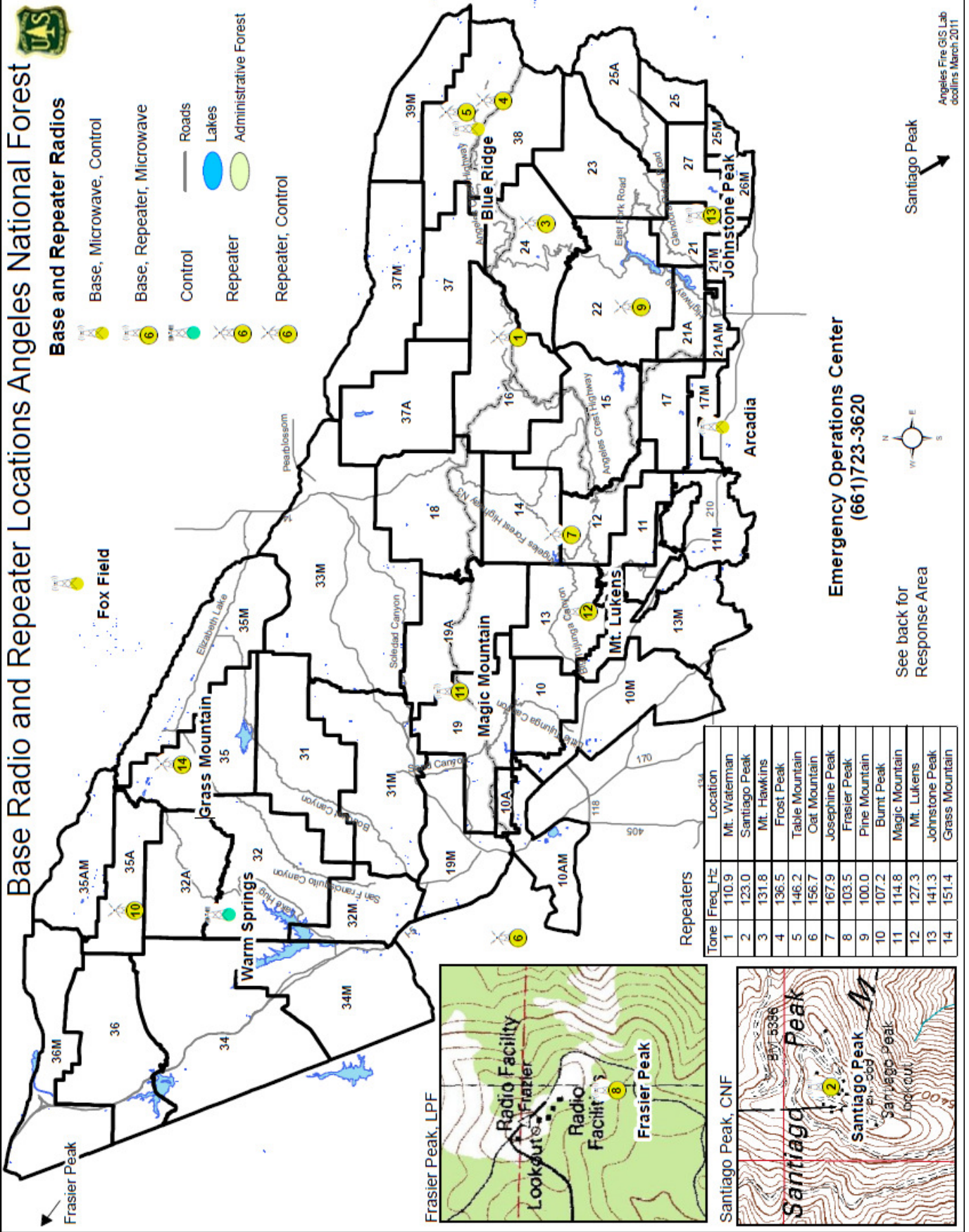
**September 2, 2017, Advanced Leader Training (High Country)**

**California Trails Day and National Trails Day training activities are open to all**

### **Directions to Vogel Flat Picnic Area**

- **Take the Sunland-Tujunga exit off the 210 Freeway and drive east on Foothill Blvd**
- **Turn left at the intersection of Foothill and Oro Vista (Jack-in-the-Box on one corner and 7-11 on the other - Shell station across the street)**
- **Stay on Oro Vista which turns into Big Tujunga Canyon Road**
- **Vogel Flat Picnic Area is located approximately 4.5 miles up Big Tujunga Canyon Road (brown and yellow Forest Service sign says Big Tujunga Fire Station)**
- **Turn right onto Vogel Flat Road then right again onto Stonyvale Road**
- **Drive past Big Tujunga Fire Station on your right**
- **Vogel Flat Picnic Area is located approximately ¼ mile west on Stonyvale Road**
- **Look for another brown and yellow Forest Service sign saying Vogel Flat Picnic Area**
- **Turn right at the sign and drive through yellow gate into the parking lot**

# Volunteer Radio Information



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## Response Areas

10	Little Tujunga	21	Dalton	31	Texas Canyon
10A	May Canyon	21A	Morris	32	San Francisquito
11	Angeles Crest	22	Rincon	32A	Warm Springs
12	Clear Creek	23	East Fork	34	Oak Flats
13	Big Tujunga	24	Crystal Lake	35	Green Valley
14	Monte Cristo	25	Lower San Antonio	35A	Sawmill
15	Shortcut Canyon	25A	Mt. Baldy	36	Los Alamos
16	Chilao	27	San Dimas	37	Pleasant View
17	Chantry Flats	21M	Bluebird	37A	Little Rock
18	Mill Creek	21AM	Fish Canyon	38	Big Pines
19	Bear Divide	25M	Padua	31M	Mint Canyon
19A	Magic Mountain	26M	Marshall Canyon	32M	Santa Clarita
10M	Lakeview Terrace			33M	Acton
10AM	Sylmar			34M	Castaic
11M	Oak Grove			35M	Leona
13M	Sunland			35AM	Three Points
17M	Arcadia			36M	Quail Lake
19M	Newhall			37M	Valyermo
				39M	Pinon

## Volunteer Fun

### 2017 Live Music Events

<http://adamspackstation.com/concerts/81st-anniversary-party-and-concert/>

**Join Us & These Artists for an Afternoon of Great Music**

04/16/2017  
 12:00-01:15 Pat Nason  
 01:30-03:45 Susan T Bull  
 03:30-05:00 Honolulu Strummers

04/23/2017  
 12:00-01:30 Wild Mountain Mystics  
 01:45-03:15 Tim Tedrow  
 03:30-05:00 Blind Embers

04/30/2017  
 12:30-01:30 Homegrown  
 01:45-03:30 Bryan Chan  
 03:45-05:00 Cheeky Few

05/14/2017  
 12:00-05:00 Terry Okey

05/07/2017  
 12:00-05:00 Grit

05/21/2017  
 12:00-01:30 Ocho-X  
 01:45-03:15 Bryan Chan  
 03:30-05:00 Cheeky Few

05/28/17  
 12:00-01:30 Sandy Ross  
 01:45-03:15 Jeannie Willets  
 03:30-05:00 Paul Inman's Delivery

# Artist in Residence

**Heritage Square Museum**  
presents

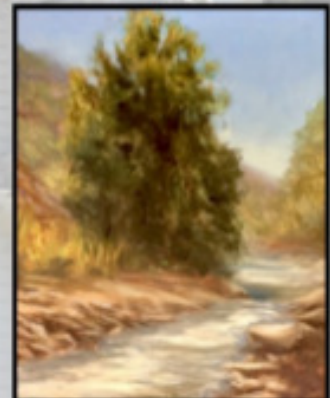
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

**ARTIST IN  
RESIDENCE**

**2017  
GROUP  
SHOW**



AiR Class of 2016



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INFO: 626-698-8517 OR  
[angeles.crest@yahoo.com](mailto:angeles.crest@yahoo.com)

**FEATURING WORKS FROM TEN ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST ARTISTS**

**IN ADDITION, WORKS WILL BE ON DISPLAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 1 & 2  
DURING NORMAL MUSEUM HOURS, 11:30-4:30 (REGULAR \$10 ADMISSION APPLIES)**

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE IS A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AND PUBLIC LANDS EDUCATION PROGRAM OF  
THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST AND SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT

# LEARN TO LEAD



## **TRAIL BOSS Training 2017 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 2017 are: Apr. 22-23. May. 6-7.**

**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](mailto:bigaub@sbcglobal.net)**

# Trail Skills College

## Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College

You're invited! The Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College is a free weekend event for local volunteers to learn about trail maintenance and stewardship. Beginners and experts alike can benefit from Trail Skills College courses like [Drainage Design & Drain Dips](#), [Crew Leadership: Project Management](#) and [Tread Re-Construction](#). Trail Skills College is offered free of charge in an effort to inspire citizen stewardship of trails. In exchange for attending the training, we encourage you to volunteer at least 16 hours of work on trail projects in the coming year.

**When is it?** April 28 – April 30, 2017

**Where is it?** [Port of Cascade Locks](#), Oregon

**Are meals and lodging provided?** Free camping is available to all participants on Friday and Saturday. Tent camping is available on Thunder Island and there are a limited number of RV spaces in the Port. Meals will be provided at no cost starting with dinner on Friday and ending with lunch on Sunday.

**What's the fitness level of Trail Skills College?** The fitness level will vary depending on the classes you select during registration. However, all participants should be prepared to hike a minimum of 1-2 miles while carrying personal gear and tools. Participants should also be prepared for the hands on learning opportunities in many of these classes, resulting in 6-8 hours of active trail maintenance per day.

**What classes are being offered?**

Detailed descriptions of all the courses are [available here](#).

### Friday, April 28

- First Aid & CPR
- 201 Drainage Design & Drain Dips
- 398 Gabions
- 398 Intro to Wood Structure Techniques
- 400 Crew Leadership: Project Management
- 204 Cooking and Camping with the Crew
- 103 Basic Saw Crew Training

### Saturday, April 29

- Intro to Trail Maintenance – Day 1
- 300 Rock Work
- 104 Intro to Chainsaw
- First Aid & CPR
- 398 Stairs Construction
- 306 Working with Packers and Packstock
- 205 Tread Re-Construction
- 101 Brushing and Scouting

### Sunday, April 30

- Intro to Trail Maintenance – Day 2
- 304 Crew Leadership: Managing a Crew
- 203 Waterbars & Checks
- 398 Turnpike Construction
- 398 Stairs Construction
- 297 Chainsaw Practicum
- 207 Wildland Restoration

**Saw Training and Certification** There won't be any saw certification classes at this Trail Skills College. Those interested in saw certification should consider signing up for pre-requisites:

- First Aid & CPR (Friday, Saturday)
- 103 Basic Saw Crew Training (Friday)
- 104 Intro to Chainsaw (Saturday)
- 297 Chainsaw Practicum (Sunday)

**Chainsaw and crosscut training and certification will be available the following weekend, May 5-7, during the [Wind River Saw Training weekend](#).**

To [Register now for Wind River Saw Training weekend](#).

**How do I register?** Online registration is now open and will close in early April at:

<http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/columbia-cascades/>

If you have questions about Trail Skills College, contact the Volunteer Programs Assistant at 916-285-1838 or [volunteer@pcta.org](mailto:volunteer@pcta.org).

# Trail Skills College

## West Cascades Trail Skills College

You're invited! Please join the Pacific Crest Trail Association, High Cascade Forest Volunteers and the staff from the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests at the annual West Cascades Trail Skills College. This training weekend is designed to train new and returning volunteers in a variety of topics regarding trail maintenance and stewardship. Come meet like-minded community members who are committed to maintaining and providing quality recreation experiences in central Oregon.

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

**When is it?** May 5-7, 2017

**Where is it?** [White Branch Camp](#) near McKenzie Bridge, Oregon

**How do I register?** Registration is open at the <http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/index.html>

**Where can I learn more?** All the details for West Cascades Trail Skills College are at: <http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/index.html>.

## North Cascades Trail Skills College

You're invited to the second annual North Cascades Trail Skills College in Darrington, Washington. This a free weekend event open to local volunteers who would like to learn more about maintaining their local trails. Beginners and experts alike can benefit from Trail Skills College courses like [Basic Saw Crew training](#), [Drainage Design & Drain Dips](#), [Crew Leadership: Project Management](#) and [Tread Re-Construction](#).

Trail Skills College is offered free of charge in an effort to inspire citizen stewardship of trails. In exchange for attending the training, we encourage you to volunteer at least 16 hours of work on trail projects in the coming year.

**When is it?** May 19 – 21, 2017

**Where is it?** The fairgrounds in [Darrington, Washington](#)

**Are meals and lodging provided?** Free car/tent camping will be available to all participants on Friday and Saturday. Meals will be provided at no cost, starting with dinner on Saturday and ending with lunch on Sunday.

**What's the fitness level of Trail Skills College?** The fitness level will vary depending on the classes you select during registration. However, all participants should be prepared to hike a minimum of 1-2 miles while carrying personal gear and tools. Participants should also be prepared for the hands on learning opportunities in many of these classes, resulting in 6-8 hours of active trail maintenance per day.

**What classes are being offered?** We're still finalizing the 2017 class list, but we expect to offer around three classes per day on Saturday and Sunday. There are no classes offered on Friday. Students can register for one class per day. Check back soon for more information.

**How do I register?** Online registration will open on this website in April.

**If you have questions about Trail Skills College, contact the Volunteer Programs Assistant at 916-285-1838 or [volunteer@pcta.org](mailto:volunteer@pcta.org).**

# Volunteer Training



**THE CITY OF GLENDALE**  
**Community Services & Parks Department**

## **Cavity Nesters** **(Lecture and Hike)**

### ◆ **WHEN:**

**Sat., April 1, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m. - noon**

### ◆ **WHERE:**

**Deukmejian  
Wilderness Park**  
**3429 Markridge Rd**  
**Glendale, CA 91214**

### ◆ **WHAT TO WEAR/ BRING:**

**Sturdy shoes, long  
pants, and a long  
sleeved shirt,  
sunscreen, and a hat**

**Space is limited**  
**You must call us at**  
**(818) 548-3795**  
**to reserve your spot**

**Cavity Nesters are birds and other wildlife that depend on dead and dying trees. These cavities (holes) are used for nesting, food storage, and protection from the elements.**

**Join us for a lecture and short hike with Gillian Martin from the Cavity Conservation Initiative.**

**Deukmejian Wilderness Park has several dead or dying trees and limbs (called "snags") that remain from the Station Fire. See these habitat features as we take an easy hike through the park following the lecture.**



Beetle gallery



Nesting



Food storage



Snags

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# Volunteer Training



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## Herps (Reptiles and Amphibians) of the San Gabriel Mountains

### ◆ WHEN:

Sat., April 8, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - noon

### ◆ WHERE:

Deukmejian  
Wilderness Park  
3429 Markridge Rd  
Glendale, CA 91214

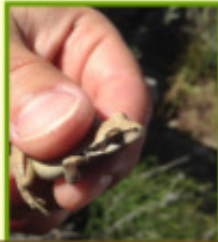
### ◆ WHAT TO WEAR/ BRING:

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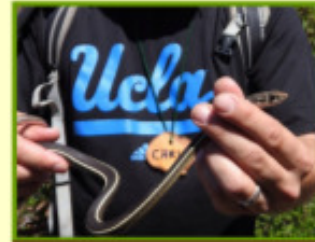
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**The Herps are Coming! The Herps are Coming!**  
Chris DeGroof (and his "herp" friends) from the  
Southwestern Herpetologists Society are returning to  
the park. Come learn about our local amphibians and  
reptiles and the role they play in the natural world.  
We finish the morning with an easy hike in the park as  
we search for new "friends".

Photos of some of the herps we found on last year's hike.



Baja California Tree Frog



California Striped Racer



Gopher Snake



Southern Pacific Rattlesnake

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# Volunteer Training

## Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association

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

### New Volunteer Training

Your first step in becoming a Fire Lookout with ANFFLA is reading the “What to Expect” letter from our President and Vice President. [Download the letter here.](#)

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

**Returning volunteers, please scroll down for Reconnect Class information.**

#### Class 1: Orientation

- Saturday, May 6  
10:00 am — 12:00 noon
- Thursday, May 11  
6:30 pm — 8:30 pm

#### Class 2: Interpretation – Natural History

- Saturday, May 6  
1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
- Thursday, May 18  
6:30 pm — 9:30 pm

#### Class 3: Operations

- Saturday, May 20  
9:00 am — 4:00 pm  
(bring a lunch)

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

If you are not able to sign up ahead of time, please just show up to one of the Orientation classes to

get started. Any questions? Please use our contact form at: <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>

### New Volunteer Training Location

All new volunteer classes will be held at:  
Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office  
701 N. Santa Anita Ave.  
Arcadia, CA 91006

### Reconnect (for returning volunteers):

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND THIS CLASSES, we offer it at two different times.

You need to attend only one of the classes.

#### Reconnect

- Saturday, May 13, 10:00am– 1:00pm
- Tuesday, May 16, 6:30pm — 9:30pm
- Any questions? Please use our contact form at: <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>

RSVP or advanced sign-up is not required but strongly encouraged. Go to

<http://www.anffla.org/training/> and use the "Returning Volunteer Training Sign Up" button to get started.

### Reconnect Location

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# Volunteer Training

Folks,

I have scheduled the following training classes for 2017:

All classes are open to volunteers and employees

Maximum of 10 students per class for CPR/AED/1st Aid

**CPR/AED/1st Aid**

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

09:00 to 16:00

Arcadia Training Center

**Basic Radio Training**

April 1<sup>st</sup> or April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

09:00 to 11:00

Arcadia Training Center Pavilion)

I would be happy to arrange classes on your district. Let me know what you need. Remember, I can only take 10 students per class for CPR/AED/1st Aid.

Tracy McGuff

Training Officer

Forest Service

Angeles National Forest

p: 661-912-6889

[tmcguff@fs.fed.us](mailto:tmcguff@fs.fed.us)

701 N. Santa Anita Avenue

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[www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)

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## Volunteers Needed



### The Mount Wilson Race

It looks like the Mount Wilson Trail will need a lot of help to be ready for race day on May 27.

We will need more volunteers on maintenance days this year.

Contact: Pete Siberell at

[psiberell@santaanita.com](mailto:psiberell@santaanita.com)

# Volunteers Needed



**THE CITY OF GLENDALE**  
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## Tax Day Workday (Third Saturday Wilderness Workday)

**This year taxes must be filed by Tuesday, April 18th (not the usual April 15th), so you have a few extra days to play. Get away from all the forms and clutter of paper as you clear your head with a visit to Deukmejian Wilderness Park. We invite you to join us for a few hours in Glendale's Great Outdoors as our volunteers water trees and remove invasive weeds throughout the site. This workday is part of our ongoing restoration efforts for the park.**



Causes stress in your life



Reduces stress in your life

**The choice is yours...Choose wisely!**

**◆ WHEN:**  
Sat. April 15, 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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REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE UPON REQUEST.  
PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 72 HRS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.

# 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 AT WORK



**Peter and Lauren covering up graffiti on Mt. Lowe Road.  
Photo by Brenda Beck**

**Rock Wall Construction during Advanced Trail Boss Training on the Mt. Waterman Trail**

**Photo by Brenda Beck**



**Thurman using limb lever to move a log off the trail  
Photo by Brenda Beck**

## AC100

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

- getting ready for the next race on August 5, 2017

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol

[m.rmcguire@hotmail.com](mailto:m.rmcguire@hotmail.com)

Our mission is to provide educational and a responsible image to all trail users. To encourage rider's to obey forest regulations and working to preserve and protect trails. A.M.B.P is here to serve and inform the public

### ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

Pam Morey [pammorey@fs.fed.us](mailto: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](mailto:pammorey@fs.fed.us) or 909-744-9510 ext. 125

- **Help support ANFFLA every time you shop!**

Register your Ralphs Club Card and your Food4Less card and ANFFLA will receive a donation every time you shop. It's an easy to help support our efforts and costs you nothing!

### Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

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

John Howell, (626) 796-0782 [johnrhowell@earthlink.net](mailto:johnrhowell@earthlink.net)

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

- Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Apr 8<sup>th</sup> Rosemount Preserve Restoration
- Apr 9<sup>th</sup> Cottonwood Canyon Guided Meditation
- Apr 16<sup>th</sup> Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> Rosemont Preserve docent led tour featuring Dana Stangel
- Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Rosemont Preserve docent led tour featuring Dr. Ling O'Connor
- Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Rosemont Preserve Spring Equinox Celebration

### BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

[bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com](mailto:bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com)

Our trips are scheduled for: • Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> • May 20<sup>th</sup>

Questions? Contact: [bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com](mailto:bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com)

Want to see the Calendar and pictures of our outings?

Then Go to: <https://www.meetup.com/The-So-Cal-Hikers/>

Thank you

Alan Coles

**Big Santa Anita Canyon**

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

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

**Blight Busters Trail Crew**

Danny Treadway [dayhiker86@yahoo.com](mailto:dayhiker86@yahoo.com)

**Boy Scouts of America****Greater Los Angeles Area Council (GLAAC)**

<http://glaac-hat.org>

- Apr 8<sup>th</sup> California Trails Day (see the California Trails Day Section)

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

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

- Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 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
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup> CTUC National Forest Association Angeles Meeting  
Come and Join Us CTUC meets at 5:00 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale, CA.  
Our meetings are open to everyone who wishes to participate. Volunteers have a great time working together on these types of projects

To volunteer on one of our projects, please join us by contacting our Chairman, Terry Kaiser at:

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

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CALENDAR: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/calendar/-curm-04/-cury-2017>

- Apr 1<sup>st</sup> - Cavity Nesters (Check the Volunteers Training pages)
- Apr 8<sup>th</sup> - Herps (Reptiles and Amphibians of the San Gabriel Mountains)  
(Check the Volunteers Training pages)
- Apr 15<sup>th</sup> - Tax Day Workday (Third Saturday Wilderness Workday)  
(Check the Volunteers Needed pages)



## Community Hiking Club

<http://communityhikingclub.org/>

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

email: [zuliebear@aol.com](mailto:zuliebear@aol.com) phone: 661-259-2743

• April 1<sup>st</sup> - - Sisar Canyon to White Ledge Camp, Ventura County

**Not a beginners hike**

**Mileage:** ~ 11 Miles RT total (out and back + 1 mile RT from the parking to the trailhead)

**Gain:** ~ 1400' (all pretty gradual but continuous on the way out/ and all down on the way back)

**Rated:** Moderate ++ (for distance and reasonable gain)

**Hiking time:** ~ 5 hours

**Description:** We loved this hike so much the first time we did it in January that we said we had to come back in Springtime when the wildflowers are out and also show it to anyone who missed it. In the upper Ojai Valley, between Ojai and Santa Paula, this trail follows Sisar Creek through a canopy of oak, sycamore and bay laurel up a beautiful canyon. We will climb out of the back of the canyon on a service road, enjoying views across the Ojai valley, and of the Sespe/ Topatopa Mountain ridge to the East. Depending on air quality/ fog, we may catch glimpses of a Channel island or 2. We continue uphill and turn back into woodlands, to eventually reach White Ledge Campground, our snack spot/ turnaround. Then we return the same way along a nice single track.

**Bring/ Wear:** Shoes with good tread, camera, hiking poles, lunch/ snacks, LOTS of water/ electrolytes (2 - 3 Liters), a HAT and sunscreen. Bring an extra outer layer in case it is chilly first thing in the morning or in case it gets windy later.

**Adventure Pass:** Not required

**Dogs:** OK, if kept on a leash and well behaved around other dogs, people with poles, and mountain bikers. Bear in mind the distance and gain as dogs can get tired/ hot. If you bring your dog, please plan to drive yourself.

**Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley to the trail head:** As parking is limited at the trailhead, we strongly recommend that you carpool. Meet at Walmart parking lot at 27931 Kelly Johnson PKWY in Valencia, in the Southwest corner, at 6:45 AM for a 7:00 AM SHARP departure to the trailhead. We prefer that you carpool / caravan as finding the trailhead may be difficult for some.

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 trail head:** Near 12600 Sisar Road, Ojai, CA 93023 (but prefer you use directions, Google can be inaccurate sometimes)

From LA / Valencia - Take the I-5 North to the 126 West (Direction = Ventura). Continue ~30 minutes / 28 miles on the 126 West to Santa Paula. Take Exit 12 off the 126 to Hwy 150 - North toward Ojai. Turn up 10th Street (150) and go North through the town of Santa Paula, veering slight right at the end of town (where it intersects with Santa Paula St.), and head out of town on 150 toward Ojai. After about 10 minutes you will see the St. Thomas Aquinas School shiny basilica on the right. Pass it and about 5 minutes later, (9 miles since downtown Santa Paula), look on the right for Fire Station 20, followed by the Stagecoach Station Market. Sisar Road will be immediately there on the right, just before Summit Elementary School. Turn into the Stagecoach Market Parking lot and park. We will hike a 1/2 mile from here to the trailhead. Meet your leader in the Stagecoach Station parking lot at 8:00 AM for an 8:15AM SHARP departure up to the trailhead. Please be respectful of the area's residents by being quite until we get to the trailhead!

**Leader's Note: There are no bathrooms at the trailhead but plenty of cover along the trail!**

**Leader: Steve I.**

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• **April 15<sup>th</sup> - Local Easter Weekend hike - Weldon to East Canyon with a Mission Peak extension option**

**Rated:** Moderate/ Moderate +, depending on whether you choose the shorter or longer one.

**Due to the gain at the beginning, coming up Weldon, we do not consider this a Beginner's hike (you need to be reasonably fit). If you can do Towsley without much trouble, you can do either of these hikes.**

**Shorter Hike route** - Approx. 6 miles with ~1500' gain: Up Weldon Canyon, across to the top of East Canyon and back down to the East Canyon trailhead. ~ 3 hours, no snack break.

**Longer Hike route** - Approx. 9 miles with ~1600' + gain: Up Weldon Canyon to the top of East Canyon, across to Mission Peak and back again, Then back down to the East Canyon trailhead. ~ 4 hours with snack break.

**We give you CHOICES!!** This is a 6 mile or a 9 mile hike, depending upon the option you select - either one gets you ~ 1500' gain! Most of that gain is in the first hour of the hike up Weldon Cyn and we will take that part a little easier.

**Description:** East Canyon is a well kept secret among SCV hikers. Although it is in SCV, we will whisk you away to rolling hills, views and quiet oak woodlands of the 480-acre Michael D. Antonovich Open Space. The area straddles the ridgeline of the Santa Susana Mountains and features mixed woodlands of big cone Douglas-fir, big leaf maple, coast live oak, California black walnut, native ash, and valley oak. Chances are high we will meet no one else for most of the hike (try doing that at Towsley on a Saturday!!). We start by going steeply UP UP UP Weldon Canyon, then West along a beautiful oak tree lined service road to reach the top of East Canyon. Here we will say "Adios" to any of our hikers who only want the shorter 6 mile hike, as they go directly down East Cyn, enjoying American walnut trees, views of the entire SCV and Rice Canyon below.

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

**Meet your leader:** At the base of East Canyon at 7:00AM for a 7:15AM SHARP departure in the carpool. Park on the Old Road, see detailed directions below.

**(VERY Short) Carpool:** Meet at East Canyon first. We will leave most of the cars at East Canyon (where we will end the hike), and carpool the entire group in a few cars a very short distance over to the Weldon Canyon Trail head (22945 Coltrane Avenue, Newhall), and start the hike there (it is just up the Old Road). If you plan to do the shorter 6 mile hike, park your car at East Canyon and carpool to Weldon with us.

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

**Directions to East Canyon meeting spot:** Exit the I-5 freeway at Calgrove. Turn West. Follow Calgrove around a curve and through one signal. You will now be on The Old Road. Pass Towsley Cyn on the right; then the Post Office; then the Church of the Nazarene. Immediately after passing the Church, look for cars and park along the side of the Old Road, behind the white line. This is where we will meet.

**Bring:** Lots of water, snack/lunch, hiking poles if you have them, and a camera if you have one. Good shoes with tread are a must going up Weldon. If the day is cool, bring an extra layer to avoid a chill up on windy Mission Peak.

**Adventure Pass:** Not required

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

**Leader:** Steve I.

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### • April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Historical Hike : Ye Olde Alpine Tavern and Mt Lowe Railway

**Distance:** ~ 7 miles total (out and back).

**Gain:** ~ 500'

**Rated:** Easy to Moderate

**Description:** Once everyone has arrived at Ye Alpine Tavern ruins, Club Historian, Alan Pollack, from the Santa Clarita Historical Society, will tell us the brief history of the tavern and the Mt. Lowe electric Railroad. The Railroad brought people to the tavern.

The Mt. Lowe Railway operated from 1893-1936. It is on the National Register of Historic Places, as of 1993. The train crossed 18 bridges between Echo Mountain and the Alpine Tavern. The one in front of the tavern was a large "S" shaped bridge. Both end foundations are still visible. The Tavern was built in 1895, destroyed by fire in 1936, and dynamited in 1959 to allow for the construction of the trail camp, as you will see it today.

**NOTE: THERE ARE RESTROOMS in the tavern area for your convenience. (Bring TP...as it is not always stocked).**

**Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley:** Meet at Towsley Canyon parking area in front of the green gate at 8:00AM to arrange carpools. We will leave at 8:15AM SHARP for 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 - THX).

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

**Directions to the Hike starting point:** From Santa Clarita, take the I-5 South to the 210 East. Exit the 210 at Hwy 2 Angeles Crest Hwy, North, into the mountains/ forest. Take Hwy 2 all the way to Mt Wilson/ Red Box Road. Turn Right.

You will immediately see the Native American Indian Cultural Center (Haramonkngna) on your right. Continue traveling on this road approximately 2.3 miles. There will be a turn out on the right AND the left side. Park on the right side, if there is space to park. To be sure you are in the correct location, look for a locked forest gate on the right, with the number 2N50 on the gate. This is where we will meet at 9:00AM to start up the trail at 9:15AM Sharp.

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

**Historian:** Alan Pollack

**Hike Leader:** Dianne

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**The Western Redbud in bloom.**

**Photo by Guy Kuhn**

### • April 29<sup>th</sup> - Warm Springs Mountain summit (4000')

**Distance:** ~ 13 miles total - Out and back style

**Gain:** ~ 2400 feet!

**RATING:** Strenuous (for Distance and Gain all the way). This is a tough hike for experienced hikers, especially if it is a warm day

**Description:** We have added this hike to our inventory for strongest hikers who need a new local challenge. The gain continues the whole way out, being toughest in the first hour. To cover the distance we will maintain a decent pace. The pay off is being far off the beaten path and the possibility of some amazing views (depending on visibility). If you enjoyed the challenge of Slide Mountain, you will like this hike.

**Bring:** A snack/lunch, water (3+ liters is recommended), electrolytes if it is a hot day, sunscreen, hat, hiking poles will help stamina. NOTE: There is very little shade on this hike, prepare accordingly.

!!! Wear/ pack layered clothing, including a windbreaker as it may turn windy / cold at the top. Good boots with tread are a given.

**Carpooling from Santa Clarita:** We will meet at the McDonalds in Castaic at 7:15AM for a 7:30AM SHARP departure to the trail head (see below). We will be carpooling to the trailhead above Castaic on I-5, about 20 minutes away. Trailhead has limited parking so carpooling is recommended.

**Directions to McDonalds in Castaic:** From Valencia / SFV - take the I-5 North past Santa Clarita. Exit 176B, Lake Hughes Road, McDonalds is on the left on the corner with Castaic Road. Meet at South end of parking lot. 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 at the Trail head - Directions:** Exit the 5 North in Castaic at Exit 176B, Lake Hughes Road. Pass McDonalds on the left, heading out Lake Hughes Road (North East) past the lake on the left for 13.2 miles. You round a bend, see a widenspot in the road with some old red medical buildings on the left. This is Warm Springs Camp with the trailhead entrance 6N32 white gate on the left. Park on the wide dirt area on the right of the road, facing out and behind white lines. **Do not obstruct any gates!** Meet us here, to leave at 8:00AM.

**Note: There are no restrooms at trailhead.**

**Adventure Pass:** Not required.

**Dogs:** OK , if on leash and well behaved (please bear the distance, lack of shade, and your dog's stamina in mind (if you do not wish to carry your dog).

**Leader:** Steve i

**Co- Leader(s):** Jenn C

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**Ceanothus in bloom**

**Photo by Guy Kuhn**



**A soldier termite guarding  
an uncovered termite nest  
during a outing by JPL  
Trailbuilders**

**Photo by George Aumann**

## **VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS**

### **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**

**For more information call or e-mail to: [wildlife@habitatwork.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

- April 8<sup>th</sup> California Trails Day April
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Note date change Outing

**WHAT'S PLANNED** Same as before: Depending upon the number of people showing up and the weather, we will do trail maintenance of tread widening and cutting back brush on any of our usual trails: 1) Mt Lowe West Trail from near the top of Mt Lowe where we left off on down until we meet our work from the bottom up. 2) Mt Lowe East Trail the mid-section that is from the junction to the summit of Mt Lowe down towards Inspiration Point. 3) Colby Canyon Trail from where we left off at Josephine Saddle down to where we left off coming up from Angeles Crest Highway. As you can see, all of the work is around the halfway points of the trails, which means more hiking, and hard to work at if weather is iffy.

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

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

If you need to leave early, notify the leaders at sign-in time.

### Mt. Disappointment Endurance

[www.mtdisappointment50k.com](http://www.mtdisappointment50k.com)

Gary Hilliard, Director

- Apr 15<sup>th</sup> Red Box Road and Gabrielino Trail (Carpool to Red Box)
- Apr 29<sup>th</sup> Kenyon Devore Trailwork (upper section) (Carpool to Red Box)
- Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> Lower Kenyon Devore Trail
- Jun 24<sup>th</sup> Trail make up day
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Race!

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

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

Hardhats and tools will be provided.

**You MUST e-mail Gary at [gary@mtdisappointment50k.com](mailto:gary@mtdisappointment50k.com) during the week before the trail-work day so we have enough tools!!**

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

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

(404) 413-5484

• As of March 25th Cosmic Cafe is now open, so come enjoy friendly smiles and a bite to eat as Spring stretches it's flowery tendrils across the mountain! .

• There is water available at Mount Wilson at this time.

**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](mailto:matt@mwba.org)• Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 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

- April 30 Outing
- May 14 Outing
- May 21 Outing
- May 27 Mt. Wilson Trail Race

We meet at Lizzie's Trail in Sierra Madre at 7:00A. Bring gloves, water and sun protection.

Workers must RSVP to Pete Siberell at [psiberell@santaanita.com](mailto:psiberell@santaanita.com) so we have enough tools for all.

**Pacific Crest Trail Association**<http://www.pcta.org>FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/PCTAFan>Liz Bergeron [LBERGERON@PCTA.ORG](mailto:LBERGERON@PCTA.ORG)

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

- Apr 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College in Cascade Locks, Oregon  
(Check the Training Opportunities pages)
- May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> West Cascades Trial Skills College near McKenzie Bridge, WA  
(Check the Training Opportunities pages)
- May 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> North Cascades Trail Skills College in Darrington, Washington
- June 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Allingham Trail Skills College near Sisters, Oregon
- June 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Big Bend Trail Skills college near Ashland, Oregon
- July 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Tahoe Skills college in Truckee, California
- 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](mailto:donline41@gmail.com). Let Don know if you'll be camping and what meals you'd like to join.

**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](mailto:benw@SGMTrailbuilders.org)

If you would like to work with the Mount Baldy Group Contact The Baldy Group: [bibtbs.ysh@live.com](mailto:bbtbs.ysh@live.com)

**SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY**

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

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/mountlowevolunteers/?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/mountlowevolunteers/?fref=ts)

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

E-mail: [Emworks@verizon.net](mailto: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/](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/)

• Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Pasadena Monthly Program:

Pasadena Monthly Program Canyoneer Christopher Brennen presents illustrated program "Canyoneering in the San Gabriels, and Exploring Other Corners and Crevasses of the World." Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities will be provided. Newcomers are always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, program at 7:30 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact Group Membership Chair Bill Joyce.

- Botany Walk in Millard Canyon and El Prieto Canyon Apr 8<sup>th</sup>
- Bird Walk at Peck Road Water Conservation Park Apr 29<sup>th</sup>/
- Switzer's Campground to Red Box Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Greene and Greene Southwest Pasadena Walking Tour Apr 9<sup>th</sup>
- Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike Apr 6<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
- Evenings in the Arroyo Apr 12<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>
- Mt Waterman (8030' ) Apr 15<sup>th</sup>
- Muir Pk (4688') Rendezvous Hike via Echo Mtn Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Muir Pk (4688') Rendezvous Hike from Eaton Saddle Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Spring in the Arroyo Apr 30<sup>th</sup>



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

Sarah Miggins [smiggins@fs.fed.us](mailto:smiggins@fs.fed.us) 909-382-2796  
602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

For more calendar details go to

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar>

- Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve Apr 1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>
- Big Bear Greenthumbs Apr 15<sup>th</sup>
- Fire Lookout Operations Training Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>
- Fire Lookout New Volunteer Orientation Apr 8<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>
- Fire Lookout Volunteers Reconnect Apr 9<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
- Nature Craft Apr 1<sup>st</sup>
- Nature Walk Apr 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>
- Story Time Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### 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>

- Angeles Forest Restoration Apr 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>
- Campus Tree Care Apr 1<sup>st</sup>
- Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk Apr 1<sup>st</sup>
- Group Dog Hike Apr 8<sup>th</sup>
- Moonlight Hike Apr 21<sup>st</sup>
- Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Park Tree Care Mar 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>
- Park Planting Apr 1<sup>st</sup>
- Park work day Apr 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
- Santa Monica mountain Restoration Apr 8<sup>th</sup>

### Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

Wrightwood, CA

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

Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737

Loren Lake [lorenll@verizon.net](mailto:lorenll@verizon.net)

The Grassy Hollow Visitor Center and Grounds are open for day-use only

Hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Weekdays- for school groups, youth organizations, etc. By Appointment

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

Lead Instructor Kevin Sarkissian

W S Hart Union High School District

Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation - ANF Crew 135

Regional Occupational Program

21380 Centre Pointe Parkway

Santa Clarita, CA 91350

661.250.0022 X 552

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

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Oct 12, 2012 email: [tundra@tundracomics.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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