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Los Angeles Gateway Ranger District & San Gabriel Mountains National MONUMENT
Volunteer Newsletter March 2018

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WILDERNESS AREAS – PROHIBITED!!

Congressionally-designated wilderness areas prohibit motorized vehicles. Drones are considered “motorized vehicles”

WILDFIRES – PROHIBITED!!

It is illegal to fly your drones around a wildfire firefighting operation.

NATIONAL PARKS – PROHIBITED!!

Policy Memorandum 14-05, released by the National Park Service (NPS) director in June 2014, directed each superintendent to use the authority under 36 CFR 1.5 to prohibit the launching, landing, or operation of unmanned aircraft, subject to the certain conditions and exceptions set forth in the memo.

NATIONAL FORESTS – FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION LIMITS!!

The U.S. Forest Service does not have the authority to establish any additional regulations regarding where Unmanned-Aircraft-Systems can or can't be flown.

DRONE REGISTRATION

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires all drone owners to register each drone that is purchased weighing between 0.55 lbs to 55 lbs. If you meet the criteria to register an unmanned aircraft and do not register, you will be subject to civil and criminal penalties defined in the U.S. Government drone regulation terms.

There are two options to fly your drone legally. Each option has different requirements depending on how you want to fly. For more information go to: <https://www.faa.gov/uas/>



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getting started**

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**LARRD Volunteer Meeting
March 21, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
701 N Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006**

Blast from the Past

Los Angeles Times

Date: June 1, 1996

**San Gabriel Valley; Scouts, Volunteers to Repair
Forest Trail**

The Boy Scouts of America developed the Angeles National Forest's Silver Moccasin Trail 50 years ago, and today they're returning to spruce it up.

As part of National Trails Day, several hundred scouts and other volunteers will swing shovels and axes along a section of the 50-mile trail to repair damage caused by earthquakes, rain, littering and other natural and man-made disasters, said Dianne Cahir, a spokeswoman for the forest.

The Angeles National Forest is also recognizing the silver anniversary of the Trail Boss Program, an innovative maintenance system that was developed by volunteer Jim Spencer and has since been adopted by the Army Corps of Engineers. The principle is simple: Teach volunteers the specialized maintenance skills of professional work crews, Spencer said.

Only the six Boy Scout troops that are expected to show up for the 8 a.m.-to-1 p.m. event are eligible to earn a special Silver Moccasin badge, but all non-Scout volunteers are invited to a 1 p.m. barbecue at the volunteers' meeting point, Angeles Crest Highway at Santa Clara Divide Road.

Blast Flash Forward!

A Salute to the Successful Partnership
between the U.S.D.A. Forest Service
and the Boy Scouts of America
December 11, 1991

1971 - 1991

Twenty years and going strong!

Trail Boss - Volunteers in Dedicated Action

U.S.D.A.-Forest Service - Boy Scouts of America

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, youth and adults alike have enjoyed camping and hiking in the mountains and forests across the country. Locally, this enthusiasm has led to an ever increasing cooperation between the Los Angeles Area Council-Boy Scouts of America and the Arroyo Seco District of the Angeles National Forest.

Troops and Eagle Scout candidates have planned and accomplished an ever expanding variety of work projects in the Forest. These range from trail maintenance, campsite restoration, wildlife support, tree planting and plantation enhancement to new trail construction and restoration.

This growing wealth of working manpower caused the Forest Service to question how they would be able to provide adequate qualified field supervision. At the urging of Jim Spencer, of the BSA Council High Adventure Team, the Forest Service's Don Overbaugh and Bob Suter agreed to try training Scout leaders. These trained Scouters could then provide competent back-up supervision in the field over trail and conservation work.

After training, the Forest Service discovered that the quality of both project work and beginner "Trail Bosses" well exceeded their expectations. Chuck Shamblin, along with Overbaugh and Suter willingly donated precious week-end time to train the Spencer recruits. Red Shangraw and Jan Seiles added to the instruction quality. The Boy Scout investment was beginning to pay off ... Trail Boss was fast becoming a valuable contribution to the diminishing Forest Service Resources.

Other organizational volunteers joined as well. Volunteer Trail Boss numbers continued to grow. When Overbaugh and Suter moved on to greater challenges, Chuck Shamblin carried on. Later, came Don Gilliland, to help maintain the momentum.

Now, as twenty years have quickly trekked by, a dedicated Don Gilliland provides Forest Service guidance, and the ever-present Jim Spencer continues to nurture and encourage the growing Trail Boss Crews. This committed volunteer team has to date, contributed nearly 200,000 hours of valuable labor to our neighboring Forest Community.

Such productive success is now being recognized at the National levels of Scouting as well as by the Federal Land Management organizations.

By instituting the Trail Boss Program nationally, the Boy Scouts of America will be able to more broadly direct this wealth of energy toward enhancing and conserving more of our country's rich outdoor resources. With the teaching and support of the U.S.D.A.-Forest Service, this cooperative venture will benefit all Americans for years to come.

Thanks, Jim and the Forest Service Team!

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Blast Flash Forward!

Published in the Los Angeles Times on Feb. 24, 2005

SPENCER, James T. (1925 - 2005)

Forest and Trail Conservationist In 2001, James T. "Jim" Spencer was awarded the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor for his lifelong service and exceptional contributions to wildlife preservation and conservation - the BSA National Gold Medal William T. Hornaday Award. The award was given in recognition of his more than 30 years of conservation leadership on a national and regional level. Jim founded the BSA's "Trail Boss" program in 1971. His vision and tireless efforts built the program into a national model for volunteer cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service.

The program trains Scoutmasters to supervise youth in volunteer conservation projects which improve the forests. Jim's 30 years of Trail Boss service resulted in hundreds of thousands of person-hours of contributed volunteer labor on trail and conservation projects, more than 400 Eagle Scout projects relating to forest and trail conservation, and over 6,000 Trail Saver and Forest Saver Awards earned by Scouts. In addition, Jim served as a full-time volunteer ranger in the Angeles National Forest beginning in 1987.

Jim was an active volunteer, not only with the Boy Scouts and U.S. Forest Service, but also with St. James' Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, the Pacific Railroad Society and the Orange Empire Railway Museum. He credited his childhood Boy Scout experience with teaching him leadership and "hands on" electrical engineering skills that stood him in good stead as a young engineer.

Having benefitted from the Troop 10 Boy Scout program at St. James', Jim served as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster of Troop 10. Jim was an "Eagle" scout, he was given the BSA's "Silver Beaver" award for distinguished service, and he had over 67 years of continuous Scouting experience. After retiring as Scoutmaster he joined the BSA Los Angeles Area Council High Adventure Team heading the Forest and Trail Conservation program.

Combining his love of railroad history and forest trails, Jim designed, installed and maintained the Mt. Lowe Railway interpretive trail in the San Gabriel Mountains in cooperation with the Boy Scouts and U.S. Forest Service. A proud graduate of "Cal" - University of California at Berkeley - Jim worked over 38 years for Southern California Edison as an Electrical Engineer and Planner during a period of unprecedented growth in population and demand for electricity in Southern California. As the population quadrupled in size, he was part of the team building the infrastructure of substations and transmission lines, as well as generation facilities from hydroelectric and steam stations burning oil, to natural gas and nuclear and alternative energy.

Jim is survived by his sister Jane Catherine Spencer Baird of Manhattan Beach, California, and nieces and nephews Catherine Wieder of Scott Bar, CA, Richard Baird of Panama City, Florida, Virginia Humphries of Columbia, Mississippi, Ellen Anderson of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, Erin Anderson of Hericy, France and Philip C. Anderson II of Singapore. He was preceded in death by his brother Eugene Ord Spencer and sister Marymercer Spencer Anderson. Visitation will be Friday February 25, 2005 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Callanan Mortuary, 1301 N. Western Ave., Los Angeles. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday February 26, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, (213) 388-3417. Burial will be at Mountain View Cemetery, 2400 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Altadena, CA (626) 794-7133 at approximately 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 26, 2005, Founders Lawn Section. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Jim's memory to "BSA-LAAC-Trail Boss Program" and sent to: BSA/LAAC, Attn: Devin Daugherty, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles, CA 90026. An online guestbook is available at www.eulogycast.com. Callanan Mortuary Directors (323) 462-2266

LEARN TO LEAD!

Trail Boss Training-Spring 2018

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

- **When:** May 5, 2018; 8:00 am to not later than 3:00 pm.
- **Where:** Please contact one of the sources listed below, **after April 20**, 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 September 1, 2018. National Trails Day, June 2, will also provide some training opportunities. An Administrative Pass, valid for this date, will be provided for vehicles that lack an Adventure Pass.

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

Hike Aide 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the GLAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at

<http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>.

Questions about any of them are to be directed to Anthony Green; Vice Chair-Training: (310)626-3566 (C); e-mail, agreen.bsa@gmail.com

\Clothing and Equipment

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

Additional Information

- USDA-Forest Service, Los Angeles Gateway Ranger District, Little Tujunga Station, (Daytime): Dennis Merkel, Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 X229 email: dmerkel@fs.fed.us .
- Dave Ledford, GLAAC-HAT Trail Boss Training: 1-310-373-2111 email: gdledford@verizon.net Training Bulletin GLAAC-HAT October 2017

LEARN TO LEAD!



TRAIL BOSS Training 2018 Become a USFS approved Trail Boss Supervise Trail Maintenance for your group. (Great Eagle Projects!)

Let us train you and other adults in your group so that you are qualified to do Trail Surveys and set up projects and complete them on your own.

Purpose:

To provide properly trained personal with the ability to supervise either "Trail Blazing" or "Forest Conservation" program projects at the unit level.

All Trail Bosses will be trained by USFS Personnel or their approved Trail Boss Trainer.

Requirements:

Must be 18 or older.

Complete 4 days of 6 hours each in training exercises with the Trail Boss Program.

Conduct an approved Weekend project. Minimum 10 hours with your unit. (or another unit) under your supervision, and have it checked out by the Trail Boss trainer.

(Training days do not have to be consecutive days, weeks, or even years).

Training objectives are: Tool Safety, Condition Survey, Brush Clearing, Tread Work, French Drains, Soil Sacks, Water Bars, Switchback Construction, Tread Support, Etc.

Bring: Gloves, Hat, Water and Lunch, 10 essentials, Day pack, Work clothes.

Available training days in 2018 are: March 3-4. Apr. 21-22. May. 5-6.

Call to confirm training day for yourself. (Course cancels if no calls)

We Meet at the McDonald's at Bouquet Canyon Rd. and Valencia Blvd. in Valencia at 8:00 AM

Contact:

**Patrick Aubuchon, Chief Trail Boss.
818-781-7465 - bigaub@sbcglobal.net**

Trails 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, Tread Re-Construction, Crew Leadership and more.

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.

The 2018 Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College is possible thanks to the U.S. Forest Service, PCTA's Mount Hood Chapter, Washington Trails Association, Trailkeepers of Oregon, Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon, Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Mount St. Helens Institute and the Port of Cascade Locks.

When is it? April 20-22, 2018

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.

https://www.pcta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/TSC_Course_Descriptions_2018.pdf?x36837

Friday, April 20

- First Aid and CPR
- 107 Hand Tool Field Maintenance (1/2 Day Class)
- 204 Cooking and Camping with the Crew
- 398 Hazards of the Burn Zone and Emergency Scenarios
- 103 Basic Saw Crew Training
- 203 Waterbars and Checks
- 206 New Trail Construction

Saturday, April 21

- First Aid and CPR
- Intro to Trail Maintenance Day One (1/2 Day Class)
 - Intro to Trail Maintenance will cover curriculum from course numbers 100, 101, and 102
- 104 Intro to Chainsaw
- 205 Tread Re-Construction
- 300 Rock Work
- 398 Turnpikes
- 201 Drainage Design and Drain Dips
- 206 New Trail Construction
- 306 Working with Packers and Packstock

Sunday, April 22

- Intro to Trail Maintenance Day Two (Full Day Class)
- 205 Tread Re-Construction
- 207 Trail Decommissioning and Wildland Restoration
- 304 Crew Leadership: Managing Volunteers
- 201 Drainage Design and Drain Dips
- 206 New Trail Construction
- 297 Chainsaw Practicum
- 398 Working with Mechanical Advantage

Saw Training and Certification

- Chainsaw and crosscut training and certification will be available the following weekend, April 27-29, at Wind River. More details, including registration instructions, are available here:

<https://www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/saw-training/wind-river-saw-training-and-certification-weekend/>

How do I register for Trail Skills College?

- Online registration will open to the public in March.
- Follow along! Don't forget to follow the event on <https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaCascadesTSC>

Trails 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 4-6, 2018

Where is it? White Branch Camp

61500 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413

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 College are on the High Cascades Forest Volunteers website.

<http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/index.html>

Allingham 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 Allingham 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? June 1-3, 2018

Where is it? Near Sisters, Oregon

How do I register? Please visit the [High Cascades Forest Volunteers website](http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/index.html) for more information.

Where can I learn more?

All the details for Allingham Trail Skills College are on the [High Cascades Forest Volunteers website](http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/index.html).

Big Bend Trail Skills College

When is it? June 8-10.

More details about the 2018 event, including class and registration information, will be available in early spring

If you have questions about Trail Skills College, contact PCTA's Volunteer Program at 916-285-1838 or volunteer@pcta.org.

Tahoe Trail Skills College

When is it? July 20-22.

More details about the 2018 event, including class and registration information, will be available in early summer.

If you have questions about Trail Skills College, contact PCTA's Volunteer Program at 916-285-1838 or volunteer@pcta.org.

Volunteers Needed



JPL TRAILBUILDERS SATURDAYS

(Rain on morning of outing cancels the outing. Call leader if not sure) **March 17**

<https://www.meetup.com/The-So-Cal-Hikers/events>

California Trails Day (flyer to follow)

April 14, 2018

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

Bi-monthly Volunteer meetings are the third Wednesday of every other month. Next meeting is March 21 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 January and February

No January outing since the Forest was closed on the weekend of our scheduled outing due to the National Budget delays.

In February, we worked Mt Lowe West Trail, driving up the Mt Lowe fire road and starting at the bottom above the Mt Lowe Campground. Lots of tread widening and brush cutting was done.

Our second outing was our annual maintenance of Muir Peak before the annual Sierra Club convergence hikes. Lot of overgrown buck thorn and Manzanita. It's great that the fire roads have been recently cleared, didn't scratch my car this time.



Clear view from Muir Peak Feb 24, 2018



Lunch on Muir Peak

WHAT'S PLANNED: Depending upon the number of people showing up and the weather, we can do trail maintenance of tread widening and cutting back brush on any of our usual trails: 1) Mt Lowe West Trail driving up Mt Lowe fire road to where it starts above Mt Lowe Campground. 2) Mt Lowe East Trail at the mid-section hiking from Eaton Saddle past the junction to the summit of Mt Lowe down towards Inspiration Point. 3) Colby Canyon Trail from where we left off from Angeles Crest. As you can see, all of the work is around the halfway points of the trails, which means more hiking.

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 road to the left, make a right at the bottom and look for us in the parking lot, or the overflow down below. We sign in and form carpools, leaving at 8:30 sharp, returning at the latest 4 PM. The leaders take passengers, but make sure you have plenty of gas in case we need more drivers (riders can give drivers \$1 towards gas). If you need to leave early, notify the leaders at sign-in time

Next tentative dates May 5, June 23, National Trails Day June 2, 2018

Volunteers Needed



**City of Glendale
Community Services and Parks Department**

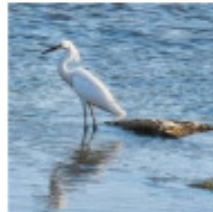
Riverwalk Workday **(on the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk)**

Snacks and drinks
will be provided

You must call us at
(818) 548-3795 to
reserve your place

Wear sturdy shoes,
protective clothing,
and a hat

Bring your water
bottle, sun screen,
and gloves



Saturday, March 10, 2018
8:00 A.M. - Noon
Glendale Narrows Riverwalk
300 Paula Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201
(corner of Paula Avenue and Garden Street)

Spend the morning working next to the Los Angeles River
on the City of Glendale's Riverwalk.

We need volunteers to help us weed and maintain the
landscaped areas and clean the paved bike trail.

We have tasks for all ages and abilities. This is a great
event for families, individuals, groups, clubs, and students
needing Community Service hours. No experience is
needed. We will explain and train you before you head
down the trail.

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

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Para información en español, llame a (818) 548-2000




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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 Needed

Docent Training Spring 2018

Wilson Observatory will have a new docent training program this Spring. The training course will consist of four Saturday sessions, starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. The dates are March 17 and 24, and April 7 and 14. The exact location of the sessions is yet to be determined, but they will be either at Mount Wilson Observatory or in Pasadena. Applicants will be notified.

Docent volunteers are vital to the public outreach programs at Mount Wilson Observatory, and Mount Wilson Institute (the nonprofit which operates the Observatory) is always interested in receiving applications from potential docents. No in-depth knowledge of astronomy is required, and all the necessary training is provided to new docents taking on outreach responsibilities. We are looking for enthusiastic communicators who want to tell the wonderful story of Mount Wilson's scientific heritage.

The most important duty of a docent is to provide guided tours of the Observatory grounds and facilities. Potential docents must realize that they will be working at an elevation of over 5700 feet and that a typical tour lasts two hours and involves nearly a mile-long round trip walk that includes climbing stairways and walking up and down moderate slopes. Thus, good physical health and stamina are prerequisites for docent service.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO BE A MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY DOCENT

- All prospective docents must:
- Be a minimum of 18 years of age, and available on occasional weekends.
- Have the ability to communicate with the general public.
- Have an interest in astronomy and related sciences.
- Possess a desire to enhance or develop public speaking skills.
- Have a good command of the English language (bilingual skills are desirable).
- Be enthusiastic and dependable.
- Enjoy meeting and speaking with people of all age groups.

DOCENT BENEFITS

- An opportunity to meet many interesting people and show them a world class historical site.
- Lunch is provided free of charge at the Cosmic Café for on-duty public and private tour docents on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 10 AM and closing time.
- A Mount Wilson Observatory embroidered Polo shirt will be provided free of charge to all active docents. You may purchase additional shirts at a 15% discount off the retail price.
 - Docents are permitted to conduct two free tours per calendar year for family members and friends. The maximum number of participants on each of these tours is 10 (excluding the docent). Groups from clubs or other organizations who would normally book a private tour are not eligible for these two complimentary tours. All free tours require scheduling through the Observatory Superintendent and the Private Tours Coordinator so as not to conflict with other activities.

GO HERE TO APPLY: <https://www.mtwilson.edu/docent-training/>

Volunteers Needed



**City of Glendale
Community Services & Parks Department**

“The Wilderness Act”

Wilderness Workday

Snacks and drinks
will be provided

You must call us at
(818) 548-3795 to
reserve your place

Wear sturdy shoes,
protective clothing,
and a hat

Bring your water
bottle, sun screen,
and gloves



**Saturday, March 24, 2018
8:00 A.M. - Noon
Deukmejian Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd, Glendale, CA 91214**

The Wilderness Act, signed into law in 1964, created the National Wilderness Preservation System and recognized wilderness as “an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man...”

Here's your chance to perform a “Wilderness Act” of your own during our monthly Wilderness Workday as we remove invasive plants, water, weed, and mulch around our recently-planted trees.

We have tasks for all ages and abilities. This is a great event for families, individuals, groups, clubs, and students needing Community Service hours.

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Volunteers Training



**City of Glendale
Community Services and Parks Department**

“Medicinal Plants of the West”

Hike with Discussion

Snacks and drinks
will be served

This event is FREE!

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

Wear sturdy shoes,
long pants, and a
long sleeved shirt
Bring sunscreen,
water and a hat



Wild Cucumber



California Sagebrush



Lemonade Berry

**Saturday, March 17, 2018
9:00 A.M. - Noon
Deukmejian Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd, Glendale, CA 91214**

Our host for the morning hike will be Dr. James Adams from the USC School of Pharmacy and Co-author of “Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West - Cultural and Scientific Basis for Their Use”.

Topics to be discussed on the trail include: ways that the Chumash Indians use native plants as medicine; the role that these plants play in everyday healthcare; and tips on where to purchase and how to grow your own medicinal plants.

The hike starts at 9:00 A.M. We will be on a moderately steep trail with uneven footing. There will be several stops to discuss the plants and their medicinal uses.

This event is FREE!!! But space is limited, so you must call us at (818) 548-3795 to reserve your place.

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**City of Glendale
Community Services & Parks Department**

“Historic Highlights of Southern Glendale”

Urban Hike

Drinks and Snacks
will be served

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Wear sturdy shoes,
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**Saturday, March 3, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Glendale Transportation Center
400 West Cerritos Ave., Glendale, CA**

Join blogger-historian, Scott Lowe on an easy two-hour, round-trip hike through the heart of Southern Glendale.

Along the way we'll visit the Glendale Transportation Center (former Southern Pacific Depot); the Forest Lawn Gates (largest wrought-iron gates in the U.S.); the Richardson House (oldest wood-frame house in Glendale); and the Goode House (oldest Glendale Victorian Queen Anne home still in its original location).

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March 17th STAR PARTY

Come join us Saturday March 17th, for our first star party of the 2018 season, sponsored by the Los Angeles Astronomical Society. If the weather cooperates, we will have a beautiful, clear late winter sky, with lots of telescopes set up by LAAS members for public viewing. Bring warm clothes, as it could get cold this time of year. The star party will take place at the Mt. Wilson Observatory upper parking lot near the cafe and restrooms. The main observatory grounds will be closed for this event (the 60" and 100" telescopes will not be open for viewing). After closing at 4:00 pm, the Observatory front gate will re-open to the public at 6:00 pm. No tickets required. Donations will be accepted at the gate. Souvenirs, food, and hot & cold beverages will be available for purchase. We hope to see you on the mountain!

DON'T FORGET!

Daylight Savings Time
March 11th

Spring forward

Don't forget to set
clocks ahead
one hour
at 2 a.m.
Sunday.



First day of spring
20th March at 3:29 a.m.





SoCal Hikers & Trail Builders removing slide off the Sam Merrill Trail on Echo Mountain

Photos by iLedy

SoCal Hikers & Trail Builders installing a mesh wall on the Sam Merrill Trail on Echo Mountain

Photos by iLedy



SoCal Hikers & Trail Builders smoothing the Sam Merrill Trail on Echo Mountain

Photos by iLedy

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



SoCal Hikers & Trail Builders
removing slides off the Sam Merrill
Trail on Echo Mountain

Photos by iLedy

Lauren & Eric
removing fallen trees
off Dawn Mine Trail

Photo by Brenda Beck



Lauren removing a slide
off Dawn Mine Trail

Photo by Brenda Beck

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Angeles mountain bike patrol & Cobra taking care of the down trees Charlton Flats CG and Silver Moccasins trail and Vetter trails.

Photos by Robin McGuire



Alex Mills had a crew at Red Box to work on the stone pilasters, and they successfully completed the reconstruction of the pilasters for the trailhead into West Fork Canyon

David Ledford

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



BEFORE

Volunteer Pat BylardI removes paint graffiti by faux painting. Blending colors, using a sponge, stippling with a brush and layering to try to recreate the natural look of the stone or bark of a tree.

Photos by Pat Bylard



AFTER

VOLUNTEER FUN

2018 Live Music Events

<http://adamspackstation.com/season/2018/>

Join Us & These Artists for an Afternoon of Great Music

04/15/2018
12:00-01:30 Latimer & Osborn
01:30-03:15 Slot Available
03:30-05:00 Slot Available

04/29/2018
12:00-01:30 Wild Mountain Mystics
01:45-03:15 Tim Tedrow
03:30-05:00 Slot Available

04/22/2018
12:00-01:30 Ocho-X
01:45-03:15 Bryan Chan
03:30-05:00 Korpus Kristy

05/06/2018
12:00-05:00 Barnyard jamboree

BEER MAKING & TASTING

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



MARCH

FRI 16 - SUN 18

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)

If you are not familiar with Sturtevant Camp, it is located a little more than 4 miles, via hiking trails, from Chantry Flat in the Angeles National Forest (above Sierra Madre/Arcadia). That is the reason why your personal items would need to be "packed in" via Adams' Pack Station friendly donkeys. This is a unique location that was established in 1893. Check out our website for more information and to register for this great, one-of-a-kind event:

www.sturtevantcamp.com

AC100

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

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

Now Planning for the Aug 4th 2018 race

June 15 - 17, 2018 Training Week

AC100 will present an overnight training weekend from June 15-17th at a cost of \$164. The camp will be held near Three Points and include accommodations for 2 nights, 5 meals, 3 training runs covering terrain from Vincent Gap to Red Box with aid stations, and various post run activities including race planning seminars, games, and bonfires. Signups are limited to 50 runners and open to all runners.

You do not have to be registered to run the 2018 AC100 in order to participate at this camp.

<https://www.ac100.com/trainingWeek.asp>

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 Mountain Bike Patrol

m.rmcquire@hotmail.com

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

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

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!

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!

The Angeles National Forest Trail Race

formally Mt. Disappointment Endurance

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

Gary Hilliard, Director

- **The race will be on July 07, 2018**
- **The 2018 Angeles National Forest Trail Race Trail-work Schedule will be Posted on March 1, 2018.**

The 2018 Angeles National Forest Trail Race meeting place is at various forest locations, but carpooling meets at 6:45 am at: Mt. Disappointment trail work volunteers can once again gather at the original meeting place alongside Highway 2 in La Canada Flintridge.

Directions: From the 210 Freeway exit at Angeles Crest Hwy (CA-2) and go North 0.1 miles. Pull into the frontage road on the East side (right side) of Hwy 2 and park facing South, away from the residences.

You MUST e-mail Gary during the week before the trail-work day so we have enough tools at:

<http://www.anftrailrace.com/contactUs.asp>

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO RUN THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST TRAIL RACE?

All 3 distances are majestic, challenging, and all within the San Gabriel Mountains of the Angeles National Forest. The 60K has 7400 feet, the 50K has 5700 feet, and the 25K has 3300 feet of elevation gain. Our USFS approved trail maintenance group maintains all the trails we use. We have race-shirts, aid-stations, finisher's medals, awards, and a runner's post-race meal. The final climb up Mt Wilson's Kenyon Devore Trail tests each runner in a semi-wilderness. Have an Angeles National Forest adventure and come run the Angeles National Forest Trail Race.

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/>

- Mar 4th Cottonwood Canyon Guided Meditation
- Mar 4th Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Mar 10th Rosemount Preserve Restoration

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com

<https://sites.google.com/view/bearcanyontrailcrew/home>

Bear Canyon Trail Crew: schedule!

- Mar. 23
- Apr. 27
- May 19

Come and Join us!

Thank you

Alan Coles

Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

- Check out the music at Adams Pack Station (Check out the Volunteer Fun Pages)
- March 16th thru 18th Beer Making & Tasting (Check out the Volunteer Fun Pages)
- Open Year round, 6 am to 8 pm every day.
- The road is gated and the gate is locked at night. Be sure to return to your car before 7:30 pm or you may not get out! During and after heavy rains, fires, or after significant earthquakes, and during fire alerts the road may be closed.
- The Sierra Madre Police Dept. is in charge of locking/unlocking the gate. If you are concerned that the road might be closed you can call them for info: 626 355-1414.
- Adams Pack Station Contact: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (626) 447-7356

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com

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

<http://glaac-hat.org>

- May 5th, 2018 Trialboss Training (Check the Learn to Lead pages)

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

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

- Mar 14th 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-03/-cury-2018>

- Mar 3rd Historic Highlights of Southern Glendale Urban Hike
(Check the Volunteer Training pages)
- Mar 10th Riverwalk Workday
(Check the Volunteer Needed pages)
- Mar 17th Medicinal Plant Hike
(Check the Volunteer Training pages)
- Mar 24th "The Wilderness Act" Third Saturday Wilderness Workday
(Check the Volunteer Needed pages)

Community Hiking Club

<http://communityhikingclub.org/>

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

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

• Mar 10th - Backbone trail to Sandstone Peak; then completing the Mishe Mokwa trail loop, via the Split Rock and Balanced Rock view.

NOTE: Read Carpool and hike times below carefully.

Carpool: Meet in SCV at 6:30AM, details below.

Start Hike: Meet at Trailhead at 8:00AM, details below. **Distance:** ~ 7 miles, loop

Gain: ~ 1300'

Rating: Moderate + (for distance / gain - this is not one for Beginners, you need to be in good general condition to enjoy this hike).

Description: This is one of the most varied and beautiful loop hikes in the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation area, near the Boney Mountain State Wilderness. We will travel along the Mishe Mokwa and parts of the famous Backbone trails. We see many stunning giant sandstone and volcanic formations, and (depending on visibility) take in some ocean views from the top of Sandstone Peak and Inspiration point.

"High"lights of the hike include a visit to Sandstone Peak (3111'), the highest peak in the Santa Monica mountains, also called Mt. Allen, and a view of Boney Peak (2825'). The 360 degree view from Mt Allen is not to be missed. From the highs we head to the lows of a shady creek area where, after snacking by the giant Split Rock, we head back to the trailhead. However, along the way, we get great views of the Balanced rock (a house sized boulder delicately balanced on a small rock beneath), and the spectacular Echo Cliffs, where we should see many rock climbers. We can see the valley stretching out to the South and depending on weather we should probably see some really nice wildflowers.

Bring: 2 - 3L water, plus some electrolytes, a lunch / snack, sunscreen, a hat and shoes with good tread, poles recommended, trail is rocky in places.

To carpool from Santa Clarita Valley (Towsley Canyon Parking lot):

Meet your hike leader at Towsley Canyon, 24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA, outside the gate at 6:30 AM to organize carpools. At 6:45 AM SHARP, we depart from Santa Clarita for the trailhead.

Alternatively, you can plan to meet the leader at the Sandstone Peak Trailhead by 8:00AM, details below. As always, we recommend carpooling. Please be respect-ful of your driver's sup-port by con-tribut-ing some-thing at the end of your car-pool to help defray the cost of gas — THX.

Directions to the Sandstone Peak trailhead from Santa Clarita Valley:

(This route is a tad longer but in fact faster / less stressful). Take 5 Freeway North from Towsley to the Newhall Ranch exit (CA-126, heading West toward Ventura).

Follow CA-126 W, 34.9 miles until Exit 5 from CA-126 W to merge on to CA-118 East, toward Saticoy.

Continue until the road T's . Turn right on to Santa Clara Ave, which becomes Rice Ave and eventually merges into Route 1 (PCH) turning South.

Stay on PCH and pass Point Mugu Naval base on the right, until you are by the ocean. Follow PCH south until you see the Neptune Net Restaurant on the left and Yerba Buena Rd. next to it. Turn left, following Yerba Buena Rd up a very curvy 6.3 miles to the parking lot/bathrooms/picnic table for the Sandstone Peak Trailhead, on the left side of the road.

NOTE: For anyone that is susceptible to car sickness, we encourage you, to pop a Dramamine/ Bonine or drive yourself - Yerba Buena Road is a twister!

There are other ways to get to the trailhead but they are more complex and also very curvy.

Meet your Leader:

At the Sandstone Peak Trailhead at 8:00AM to start up the trail at 8:15AM sharp.

Adventure Pass: Not Required.

Leader: Steve i.

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• Mar 17th - Ben Overturff Trail (7.1 miles/ +2000') and Monrovia Canyon Falls (3.6 miles/ +500')

NOTE: Read Carpool/ hike times below carefully.

Carpool: Meet at 7:00AM outside Towsley Canyon (24335 The Old Rd, Newhall, CA 91321) in the Parking lot for a 7:10AM SHARP departure to the trailhead, detail below.

Trail Head: Meet at Monrovia Canyon Park (1200 N. Canyon Blvd. , Monrovia, CA 91016) at 8:00AM for an 8:15AM departure down the trail, detail below.

Distance: 11 Miles

Gain: +2500' Rating: Strenuous (because of mileage)

You need to be in good physical condition to complete this hike.

Description: Our hike is located in the beautiful Monrovia Canyon Park. We will start on a dirt/pave road for the first 2 miles giving the group time to warm up. At Twin Springs Canyon we leave the road and take a single track trail into the springs. In a short distance, we reach a fork and our trail will turn to the right taking us to Deer Park where Ben Overturff built his lodge in 1911. A heavy rainstorm in 1938, (yes we used to have heavy rain), wiped out large sections of the trail and the lodge was abandoned in 1948. In the 1990's the trail was rebuilt.

From the ruins of the lodge, we will head back to the spring but at the fork, we stay on this oak covered trail. The next 2 miles our hike will be covered with live oaks and mature chaparral so dense it will seem like a canopy over our heads. The trail will lead us back to the road we started on and we will hike on the road, back to our cars. But this isn't the end of our adventure, on no, after regrouping at the cars we will hike another beautiful 1 3/4 miles to the 40' Monrovia Canyon Falls. Although this section of trail is very popular, the reward at the end is well worth it. After the falls we return to the cars and get ready for some green beer! This hike has a similar "feel" to the trails in the Chantry Flat area, if you enjoy those. NOTE Trailhead information/ FEE: Since this is a city park and not the Angeles National Forest, there is a \$6.00 entry fee per car.

Restrooms: Small restroom at the entrance, pit toilets at Deer Park, and restrooms scattered throughout park.

Bring: At least 3 liters of water plus electrolytes, Poles if you have them, good hiking boots/ shoes, a snack lunch, sunscreen and hat.

Carpool from Towsley Cyn: Meet at Towsley Cyn/ Rivendale at 07:00AM to leave at 7:10 SHARP. Respect your driver's support by contributing something at the end toward gas - THX

Directions to Carpooling spot in Santa Clarita Valley (Towsley Canyon/ Rivendale Park):

WATCH FOR CONSTRUCTION DETOURS!!

From the North (Valencia), take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit off ramp. Exit, turn right. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon but park outside the gate.

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

Directions from Santa Clarita to Trailhead (1 hr. approx): Take 5 South to Interstate 210 East, toward Pasadena. After Pasadena, exit the 210 at Myrtle Ave (exit 34) in Monrovia, and drive North, through town, and make a right turn onto E. Hillcrest Blvd. Turn left on N. Canyon Blvd. Proceed uphill on Canyon Boulevard, which crookedly ascends alongside the Sawpit Canyon wash to the park entrance. Inside the Park, you will come to a Y intersection on Canyon Boulevard go right, there is a sign pointing the way. Note: There are a lot of deer in the area, especially in the AM, so be careful.

Parking at Park: Is limited; group will park at Ranger station located near entrance. If this lot is/gets full, we will park 0.1 mile from entrance on the left in a dirt parking area by a Sycamore tree. Meet your leader by the tree to start the hike.

Leader: Dave P.

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• Mar 24th - Devil's Punchbowl to the Devil's Chair

NOTE: Read Carpool and hike times below carefully (due to Meet Up App changes)

Carpool: Meet in SCV at 7:45AM, details below.

Start Hike: Meet at Trailhead at 9:00AM, details below.

Distance: ~7.4 Miles total (out and back)

Gain: ~ 615'

Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

Difficulty: Moderate + (for gain at start and hiking at an altitude of 4750 ft !!)

Description: BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST!! The Devil's Punch Bowl (below) is a gorgeous site with protruding rocks and sheer rock faces. On the northern slopes of the San Gabriel Mountains this hike includes some altitude and a mild climb in the first mile. After that first mile, the trail is fairly flat winding through canyons/ trees. Great views up the mountains behind and out over the desert below. One of the most scenic forest hikes in our area.

Leader's Notes: NOTE: If you are uncomfortable with heights, narrow trails with adjacent drop offs, sections with loose scree (rock chips) or similar, this hike is probably not for you.

We will head around the Devil's Punchbowl and out to the Devil's Chair.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita:

Meet at Towsley Canyon , 24489 The Old Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91381

Meet at 7:45AM for a 8:00AM SHARP departure to caravan to the trail head (directions below). Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas.

Meet at Trail head: 28000 Devil's Punchbowl Rd., Pearblossom CA 93553

Meet your leader in the corner of the trailhead/ nature center Parking lot (near the porta potty). There are also other bathrooms behind the nature center.

We should all arrive by ~ 9:00AM for a 9:15AM SHARP departure up the trail.

Directions to trail head (we recommend these over using the address and Google maps which takes you on backroads):

Take the SR-14 North to the Angeles Forest Hwy exit, Exit 30. Go towards Pear Blossom Highway, keeping on left of the ramp toward Pearblossom Hwy/Littlerock/Victorville. Merge onto Sierra Hwy - stay straight to get you onto Pearblossom Hwy. At the light, turn right as it continues onto Pearblossom Hwy/CA-138. Continue 3.9 miles on the 138. Watch for 87th St E on the right, turn and go 0.7 miles. Take the 2nd left onto Fort Tejon Rd., continue for 5.2 miles. Turn right onto 131st Street/ Longview Rd., go 2.3 miles. Turn left onto Tumbleweed Rd. for 0.4 miles until it turns slight right and becomes Devil's Punchbowl Road; continue 2.6 miles.

28000 Devil's PunchBowl Road is a cul de sac parking lot, at the end of the road.

Bring: A snack/lunch, water (2-3 liters recommended), sunscreen, hat and your camera. Dress for the cold (it will be low 40's)/ bring an extra layer and a wind breaker, in case it gets windy. You can always take a layer off!

Adventure pass: Not required.

Dogs: OK , if on leash and well behaved around other dogs and people with hiking poles. If you bring your dog, please drive yourself to the trailhead.

Leader: Steve i.

• **Mar 31st - Boy Scout (Oak Flat) Trail to Whitaker Peak - Woodlands, Wild flowers, Views and Mountains all that and 25 mins close to SCV!**

NOTE: Read Carpool and hike times below carefully

Carpool: Meet in SCV at 7:30AM, details below.

Start Hike: Meet at Trailhead at 8:15AM, details below.

Distance: ~ 9.5 miles, out and back.

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

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

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

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

The first part of this hike is on beautiful single track through oak woodlands, meadows full of wildflowers and then we proceed on fire roads.

Along the fire road at the top, outcrops are visible -- these are pudding-type conglomerate of fragmented brown rock filled with embedded stone. These enable geologists to trace displacements that occurred along the San Gabriel Fault, an early and active member of the San Andreas Fault system. We will continue along the fire road and turn West to Whitaker Peak.

Carpool Meeting spot:

At Towsley Canyon Gate, 24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA. Be there at 7:30AM for an 7:45AM SHARP departure to the trailhead.

If you carpool from Towsley, be so good as to share the cost of gas with your driver.

Trail head Meeting spot: Oak Flat Fire Station, 38001 Golden State Hwy. Castaic, Ca., 91384 (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 past the freeway. This is old Hwy 99 to San Francisco. Proceed North on it for approximately 3 miles - Watch the potholes! Stay on this road until you see a brown forest sign on the left side that says "Oak Flat" (be sure to ignore the Whitaker Peak sign that precedes it). Turn in to Oak Flat and carefully go up the narrow driveway. Park on the gravel lot on the left in front of the Fire Station, facing out, and leaving as much space as you can for more cars (it is a small lot). If this lot is full, find parking slightly further up the road, near the Boy Scout camp gate or wait for guidance from the leader.

Meet at the trail head: Be there at 8:15AM as we head up the trail at 8:30AM SHARP.

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

Leader's Notes:

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

2) There are no formal bathrooms at the trailhead.

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

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.

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@harmokngna.org

HABITAT WORKS <http://www.habitatwork.org>

Cuyama River Tamarisk Safari

Base Camp with Day Hiking

Sat, Mar 3, 2018 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Sun, Mar 4, 2018 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

(Saturday only option available)

We'll be day hiking this beautiful area just north of Ojai and the Dick Smith Wilderness, treating invasive tamarisk plants with herbicide as we go. This is a great hike with easy work, our of our base camp in a beautiful Big Cone Douglas Fir forest. We'll camp out and enjoy a toasty fire, delish community feast and a starry night sky with great folks like you.

Sunday morning we'll take an excursion hike and then work just a couple hours before heading out Sunday afternoon for and early arrival home. This a great trip if you like to camp and hike, but aren't quite up for a backpack. You just need basic camping gear and your spirit of adventure.

Sign-up for either of these projects on our website:

<http://www.habitatwork.org/sign-up.html>

Our gear list will follow, and directions come out the week before the event to registered participants.

We look forward to seeing and working with you soon!

Kim & Tom

Habitat Works

818-353-4653

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: pjwfoster@aol.com

JPL TRAILBUILDERS <https://www.facebook.com/jpltrailbuilders/>

Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

- **Mar 17th Outing (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)**

WHAT'S PLANNED: Depending upon the number of people showing up and the weather, we can do trail maintenance of tread widening and cutting back brush on any of our usual trails: 1) Mt Lowe West Trail driving up Mt Lowe fire road to where it starts above Mt Lowe Campground. 2) Mt Lowe East Trail at the mid-section hiking from Eaton Saddle past the junction to the summit of Mt Lowe down towards Inspiration Point. 3) Colby Canyon Trail from where we left off from Angeles Crest. As you can see, all of the work is around the halfway points of the trails, which means more hiking.

Mount Wilson Institute

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

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

(404) 413-5484

- **Cosmic Café opens March 31st**

The USFS requires that all parked vehicles display an Adventure Pass. The Cosmic Cafe sells the Adventure Pass during our operating hours. A day pass is \$5.00 and an annual pass is \$30.00 There is a guided walking tour every Saturday and Sunday at 1pm, tickets are sold at the Cosmic Cafe and are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for kids and seniors.

- **March 27th Star Party**
Check the Volunteer training pages.
- **Spring 2018 Mount Wilson Observatory docent training course**
Check the Volunteer Needed Pages.

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

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

<http://mwba.org/>

Contact: Matt Lay matt@mwba.org

- **Mar 3rd Mission Workshop MWBA History Exhibit & Fundraising Party**

WHEN: 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

WHERE: The Row DTLA 1318 East 7th Street #114 Los Angeles, CA 90021

What?: Mission Workshop and MWBA are going to party? YES!

We will have an impressive MWBA History Exhibit showcasing trail work and info about the founding of MWBA in 1986. Please join us for a great event to help raise funds for MWBA's continued work on the last closed section of the Gabrielino Trail in the Angeles National Forest!

- **Mar 18th Outing**

MWBA gathers every 3rd weekend for trail work on multi-user trails in the San Gabriel Mountains. Usually on a Sunday, volunteers spend the morning correcting drainage, rock armoring switchbacks, patching ruts, moving land slides, and fixing trail surfaces. MWBA focuses on keeping our trails “sustainable” and safe for all user groups, not just mountain bikers. We also take the opportunity to speak with riders we see on the trail about bike bells, trail courtesy, and volunteer work.

MWBA volunteers work regularly on Sunset Ridge Trail, Sam Merrill, and El Prieto. We have also done trail work on Strawberry Peak, Rattlesnake, and other spots.

After about 3-4 hours of good work, we wrap it up and enjoy lunch together. Trail work is a great way to give back to your favorite trail and to meet other trail users. It is perfect way to experience trails from a different perspective. A trail work day is always rewarding time and its great fun to ride a trail that you have helped maintain.

MWBA also has a team of USFS trained & certified Chainsaw Sawyers. The Station Fire burned a massive amount of our forest and every time the wind picks up another tree falls. The Sawyer team is “on call” for fallen tree clearing duties and commonly works on weekdays when trail traffic is lower. MWBA is very grateful to our local Little Tujunga Hot Shots crew who trained our sawyers and continue to offer valuable advice and support.

Come out and join us on a weekend trail work day! No trail work experience is necessary. All you need is yourself, a long sleeved shirt, pants, sturdy boots, and a great attitude. We guarantee you will have a fun day working alongside other mountain bikers!

Mount Wilson Race

<http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com/HOME.html>

Pete Siberell Chair, Mt. Wilson Trail Race

Mt. Wilson Trail Race Trail Work Schedule

- **Mar 25th First Water**
- **Apr 29th Below the Steps**
- **May 13th As Needed**
- **May 20th As Needed**
- **May 26th Mt. Wilson Trail Race!**

We will meet at 7:00A at Lizzie's Trail Inn at Mira Monte and Mt. Wilson Trail. Please bring gloves, sun protection and water.

RSVP to Race Chair Peter Siberell (psiberell@santaanita.com) so we have enough tools for everyone.

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

- Check out the Trials Skills Colleges pages , Learn new trailbuilding skills

Restoration Legacy Crew

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

phone: (626) 574-8204

We are Los Angeles Gateway District volunteer trail builders. We work Tuesdays, Fridays and some Sundays. Current Project: Dawn Mine Trail

San Gabriel Mountain Trail Builders

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

And a good time was had by all! If you would like to join us, we perform scheduled work the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of every month, meeting at the Forest Service Gateway Information Center across from Mile Marker 17 on Highway 39 above Azusa at the base of the mountain, leaving promptly at 8:00 a.m.! Email bwootenwhite@hotmail.com to get on the mailing list since unscheduled volunteer work is often done during the week as well.

If you would like to volunteer your time,

Call: Ben White: 626-303-1078

Or E-Mail: benw@sgmtrailbuilders.org

If you would like to work with the Mount Baldy Group

Contact The Baldy Group: bttbs.ysh@live.com

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

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

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

- Mar 31st Devils Punchbowl to South Fork Campground
- Mar 6th Eaton Canyon Limited Mobility Accessible Nature Tour
- Mar 1st/8th/15th/22nd/29th Henninger Flat bs Conditioning Hike
- Mar 23rd Stanislaus National Forest Tree Planting and Exploration

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>

- Animal Tracking Mar 10th/24th
- Bald Eagle Count Mar 10th
- Bald Eagle Celebration Mar 10th
- Nature Crafts Mar 3rd/24th/31st
- Nature Walks Mar 3rd/4th/10th/11th/17th/18th/24th/25th/31st
- Story Time Mar 3rd/17th

Tree People

<https://www.treepeople.org/>

FACE BOOK: <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>

- 2018 Eco Club Summit Mar 3rd
- Community Outreach Supervisor Training Mar 24th
- Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop Mar 24th
- Generation Earth Recycling Workshop Mar 10th
- International Day of Forests Celebration Mar 21st
- Moonlight Hike Mar 16th
- Park Work Day Mar 1st/8th/10th/15th/22nd/29th
- Park Work Day at Debs Park Mar 3rd/7th/10th/14th/17th/21st/24th/28th
- Park Planting Mar 24th
- Street Tree Care Mar 3rd
- Tree Distribution at L.A. Nature Fest 2018 Mar 17th/18th/

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

Wrightwood, CA <http://www.grassyhollow.net/>

Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737

Loren Lake lorenll@verizon.net

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

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

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

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 135

Kevin Sarkissian

Lead 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 Sept 15, 2017 email: tundra@tundracomics.com



Volunteer Today

Send this in Right Away to
Dennis Merkel —12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd
San Fernando, CA 91342

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (hm) _____

e-mail _____

Interests

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.
Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/
Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/
Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/
Conservation Education / habitat restoration and tree planting

Other: _____
