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TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2004

7:30 pm, Harvey Mudd College — Fourth Tuesday
Jacobs Classroom B-134

Ways to Tread Lightly

GORDON LABEDZ, Angeles Chapter Conservation Chair, and a member of the National Sustainable Consumption Committee, will lead a discussion on how we, as individuals, can have a smaller impact on the planet.

Mt Baldy Group members will remember the very popular talk on *Diets for Better Health* that Gordon gave us earlier in the year.



*Mt Baldy Group recycles aluminum cans.
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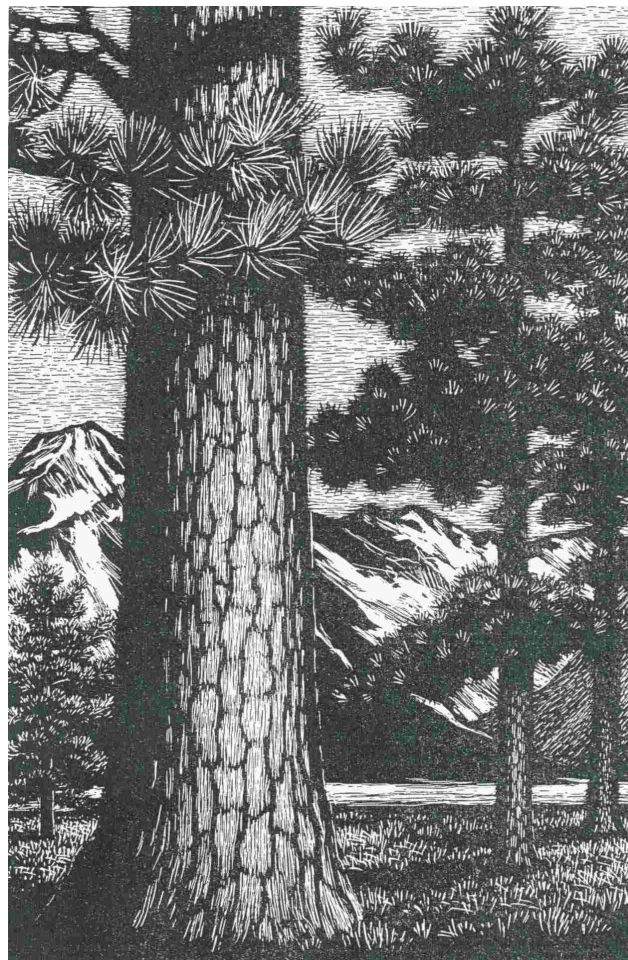
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Managing Forests for the Environment

As the US Forest Service develops plans for the next twenty years about how it will manage the Southern California Forests, a fundamental choice looms before us. Either we will strongly protect our forests right now, or we will let them be developed piece by piece until their wildness is just a memory.

The Sierra Club and the Center for Biological Diversity have prepared an environmental proposal for that management. **JOHN MONSEN**, Regional Organizer for the Southern California Forest Campaign, will present the environmentalists' proposal and tell us what we can do to encourage the Forest Service to adopt that proposal.



From *A Natural History of Western Trees* by Donald C Peattie, illustrated by Paul Landacre, Houghton Mifflin Co, 1953

Restoring Scientific Integrity in Policymaking

On February 18, 2004, over 60 leading scientists, Nobel laureates, leading medical experts, former federal agency directors, and university chairs and presidents signed the statement below, voicing their concern over the misuse of science by the Bush administration. The Union of Concerned Scientists is seeking the signatures of thousands of additional US scientists in support of this effort.

Successful application of science has played a large part in the policies that have made the United States of America the world's most powerful nation and its citizens increasingly prosperous and healthy. Although scientific input to the government is rarely the only factor in public policy decisions, this input should always be weighed from an objective and impartial perspective to avoid perilous consequences. Indeed, this principle has long been adhered to by presidents and administrations of both parties in forming and implementing policies. The administration of George W. Bush has, however, disregarded this principle. When scientific knowledge has been found to be in conflict with its political goals, the administration has often manipulated the process through which science enters into its decisions. This has been done by placing people who are professionally unqualified or who have clear conflicts of interest in official posts and on scientific advisory committees; by disbanding existing advisory committees; by censoring and suppressing reports by the government's own scientists; and by simply not seeking independent scientific advice. Other administrations have, on occasion, engaged in such practices, but not so systematically nor on so wide a front. Furthermore, in advocating policies that are not scientifically sound, the administration has sometimes misrepresented scientific knowledge and misled the public about the implications of its policies.

For example, in support of the president's decision to avoid regulating emissions that cause climate change, the administration has consistently misrepresented the findings of the National Academy of Sciences, government scientists, and the expert community at large. Thus in June 2003, the White House demanded extensive changes in the treatment of climate change in a major report by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). To avoid issuing a scientifically indefensible report, EPA officials eviscerated the discussion of climate change and its consequences.

The administration also suppressed a study by the EPA that found that a bipartisan Senate clean air proposal would yield greater health benefits than the administration's proposed Clear Skies Act, which the administration is portraying as an improvement of the existing Clean Air Act. Clear Skies would, however, be less effective in cleaning up the nation's air and reducing mercury contamination of fish than proper enforcement of the existing Clean Air Act.

Misrepresenting and suppressing scientific knowledge for political purposes can have serious consequences. Had Richard Nixon also based his decisions on such calculations he would not have supported the Clean Air Act of 1970, which in the

following 20 years prevented more than 200,000 pre-mature deaths and millions of cases of respiratory and cardiovascular disease. Similarly, George W Bush would not have supported the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and additional benefits of comparable proportions would have been lost.

The behavior of the White House on these issues is part of a pattern that has led Russell Train, the EPA administrator under Presidents Nixon and Ford, to observe: "How radically we have moved away from regulation based on independent findings and professional analysis of scientific, health and economic data by the responsible agency to regulation controlled by the White House and driven primarily by political considerations."

Across a broad range of policy areas, the administration has undermined the quality and independence of the scientific advisory system and the morale of the government's outstanding scientific personnel:

1. Highly qualified scientists have been dropped from advisory committees dealing with childhood lead poisoning, environmental and reproductive health, and drug abuse, while individuals associated with or working for industries subject to regulation have been appointed to these bodies.
2. Censorship and political oversight of government scientists is not restricted to the EPA, but has also occurred at the Departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture, and Interior, when scientific findings are in conflict with the administration's policies or with the views of its political supporters.
3. The administration is supporting revisions to the Endangered Species Act that would greatly constrain scientific input into the process of identifying endangered species and critical habitats for their protection.
4. Existing scientific advisory committees to the Department of Energy on nuclear weapons, and to the State Department on arms control, have been disbanded. In making the invalid claim that Iraq had sought to acquire aluminum tubes for uranium enrichment centrifuges, the administration disregarded the contrary assessment by experts at Livermore, Los Alamos and Oak Ridge National Laboratories. The distortion of scientific knowledge for partisan political ends must cease if the public is to be properly informed about issues central to its well being, and the nation is to benefit fully from its heavy investment in scientific research and education. To elevate the ethic that governs the relationship between science and government, Congress and the Executive should establish legislation and regulations that would:
5. Forbid censorship of scientific studies unless there is a reasonable national security concern;
6. Require all scientists on scientific advisory panels to meet high professional standards; and
7. Ensure public access to government studies and the findings of scientific advisory panels

What's Planned for Our Forests?

In May, the National Forest Service will release four draft Forest Plans and the accompanying draft Environmental Impact Statement. The final plan selected by the Forest Service will guide the agency's management of the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino national forests for the next twenty years.

Are you concerned about off-road vehicles on trails? Worried about growing clutter on more peaks and the scarring of views from transmission lines and electronic towers? Troubled by proposed oil wells and even multi-lane highways? Or do you want to see more roadless and wilderness areas permanently preserved or endangered forest critters protected? The management plan will affect all of these issues and more.

Fortunately, there's an easy way for you to get involved and take simple actions that will help protect and restore our local forests. The Sierra Club's Southern California Forests Campaign will provide you with all of the information you need to quickly and easily make your voice heard.

Following the release of the draft plan, there will be a 90-day public comment period that will feature "open house" meetings sponsored by the Forest Service in communities surrounding the Los Padres, Angeles, Cleveland, and San Bernardino National Forests. **If at all possible, please attend the meeting at Pasadena City College (June 5), on Saturday.**

Open House Schedule

Angeles National Forest

June 3 (Thursday)

Foothill Christian Center
242 W Baseline Ave, Glendora
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

June 4 (Friday)

Wrightwood Community Center
1275 Highway 2, Wrightwood
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

June 5 (Saturday)

Pasadena City College
Campus Center Lounge
1570 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena 11:00
am - 4:00 pm

San Bernardino National Forest

June 10 (Thursday)

Pine Springs Ranch
58000 Apple Cyn Rd, Garner Valley
7:00 - 9:00 pm

June 16 (Wednesday)

USFS Danny Rhynes Training Ctr
4121 Quail Cyn Rd, San Bernardino
7:00 - 9:00 pm

June 17 (Thursday)

Lions Center West — Filippi Room
9161 Baseline Rd, Rancho Cucamonga
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Nature Nibble

*Look here for a quote
you can chew on!*

80% of life is just showing up!
Woody Allen

**(So please show up for one the
following open houses.)**

Cleveland National Forest

May 11 (Tuesday)

Corona Public Library
650 S. Main Street, Corona
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 pm

Strong Protection Needed

If development on the forests is allowed to go ahead because of weak forest plans, it could threaten to destroy scenic views, scar the land, and put wildlife at risk. All four Southern California National Forests face growing threats from everything from expanded oil drilling to logging, but the northern part of the Cleveland National Forest in Orange County is a poster child for a forest under threat that needs the protection of a strong forest plan. This 175,000 acre section of the trees and chaparral faces active proposals for massive transmissions lines, toll roads, antenna tower sites, power plants, and expanded off-road vehicle usage. We can't let this be the future of the four forests.

The draft forest plans that the Forest Service issues in May will include the agency's first choice for how each forest will be managed along with five other management options it has been in developing over the last few years.

It is important to remember that that the Forests Service's preferred plan for managing a forest is not a final decision, says Ron Pugh, who heads up the Forest Service team drafting the new forest plans. "The upcoming public comment period is the most critical phase of the process. We will definitely make changes bases on public input before we issue the final forest plans later in the year."

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Remarkably, through the diligent work of Chapter activists and other conservationists, one of six draft management options the Forest Service is developing will be based on a plan supported by the Sierra Club. The Forest Service's "Alternative 6" should significantly reflect our input and give us a tremendous opportunity to lobby the agency of its behalf.

Our "Protect and Restore" alternative will focus on preserving forest health and valuable watershed while enhancing opportunities for low-impact recreation. It will protect wildlife and the natural characteristics of the forests while stopping destructive development such as new roads, oil wells, and power line corridors. This alternative supports fuels reductions near communities under threat from wild fires and the reduction of non-native plants that threaten forest health. It is a management plan aimed at restoring our forests and protecting them for future generations.

Without your help the Forest Service will only hear from those whose actions often harm our forests — mining companies, off road vehicle groups, "open access" advocates, and others. In previous rounds of the planning process, conservationists were routinely outnumbered by the opposition. Sierra Club members need to make sure that their voices are heard since our opposition will be backing the worst forest management options open to the Forest Service. Several of these undermine forest health, allowing for more forest open space to be devoted to off-road vehicles, oil wells, roads and mining. One of the worst alternatives provides for reduced species and habitat protection, with less protection for the endangered Nelson Bighorn sheep and the growing list of threatened species in forests.

Join The Forests Campaign

To help make sure our voice was heard during this critical phase of the planning process, last September Sierra Club staff and volunteers created the Southern California Forests Campaign. To date the campaign has signed up over 1000 Sierra Club members who have offered to attend one of the Forest Service open house meetings and file a comment with the Forest Service. This is a great start, but more support is needed. To sign up for the campaign and to find out more about what you can do to help, go to sierraclub.org/ca/socalforests.

Environmentally Friendly Fertilizer

From Union of Concerned Scientists - April 2004

If you're looking to grow the perfect garden but your soil could use a bit of work, you can buy any number of fertilizers that promise to provide your soil with the nutrients it needs. But not all fertilizers are alike when it comes to environmental impact.

Many commercial fertilizers are made from ammonia, which is extracted from natural gas using a complex chemical process. This process also releases carbon dioxide — the heat-trapping gas primarily responsible for global warming — into the atmosphere. Nitrates in the resulting fertilizers can harm both humans and marine mammals by seeping into groundwater or drinking water supplies. And, in the ultimate irony, because these fertilizers are generally very acidic, they eventually have the opposite effect of the one intended, depleting the soil of nutrients and killing healthy bacteria and other essential organisms.

Fortunately, there are environmentally friendly alternatives to chemical fertilizers you can buy in a store or make yourself. Here are some tips that can give you both healthy plants and healthy soil:

At the Garden Shop

1. Choose a plant-specific organic fertilizer designed for what you are growing. Different plants require different nutrients, even in the same garden.
2. Use slow-release organic fertilizers that nourish as they decompose in the soil. Most contain fish meal, bone meal, or blood meal derived from food-processing waste. Others include fruit and vegetable waste, kelp, and earthworm castings.
3. Apply a liquid organic fertilizer when plants are in need of a quick boost. These consist mainly of seaweed and fish-processing wastes.
4. Avoid fertilizers made from municipal sludge (also called biosolids). These are often labeled organic, but have been found to contain heavy metals and other toxic chemicals that can build up in your soil.

At Home

5. Make your own nutrient-rich soil supplement by turning food wastes you would otherwise throw in the trash into compost. An inch or so of compost added to your garden each year is often all you need to maintain healthy soil.
6. Dry some coffee grounds and scatter them around plants that need a nitrogen boost. Your local coffee shop may be willing to give you its old grounds — it never hurts to ask!
7. Provide additional calcium for your soil by spreading dried, crushed eggshells.
8. Make your own liquid fertilizer by mixing seaweed — an excellent source of potassium — and water in a container and letting it decompose for about two months. Since the resulting liquid will be concentrated, you'll need to dilute it before adding it to the soil.

My Escape from the Claws of Death

I live only a few miles from Santiago Oaks Park, a wilderness area managed by the Parks Department, which is almost completely ringed by housing developments, but connects on one side to the Santa Ana Mountains. I'm going to be leading a hike from that park, several miles to Irvine Park on Sunday May 9 (you're more than welcome to come along — check the *Schedule*).

I decided to scout the hike when I got off work early one afternoon. I started out rather late — it was after 3:00 pm, and the park closes at sunset. I easily walked the mostly level trail to Irvine Park and decided to try to find a different way back to Santiago Oaks. The return trip was along a dry creek and was relatively lush. With developed areas less than 1/2 mile from the trail, there was no real threat of getting lost, but the sun filtered at a sharp angle through the low hanging trees and the trail had a bit of an eery feel to it. Or maybe it was because I knew that I was breaking one of the cardinal rules — *Never hike alone*.

My mind wandered to stories of the most recent mountain lion attack — in an area less than 15 miles away, also near housing developments. Don't mountain lions hunt in the early morning and also (gulp) in the evening?

My pace quickened. After all, I had to get back to my car before the ranger locked the gate to the parking lot. *But don't run, then you look like prey. And look BIG*. So I straightened my shoulders and hitched my pack up a little further, just to improve my posture, of course.

Then I was out of the riparian area, past some stables (*the goat tied up there would look more appetizing than me*), and into the oak forest. Yes, I'd make it back to my car before 7:00 pm, and the sun would still just barely be visible.

I even got to see a coyote round a bend on the trail ahead of me. I was walking quietly enough that I didn't think he had noticed me. I tried to be quiet as I walked quicker — maybe I could catch a better look at him. The trail straightened out somewhat and I got a little bit better view of the “coyote,” but it dawned on me that I had always seen coyotes *loping* along, never moving like this one did, with a *feline* fluidity.

He had disappeared around another bend. My curiosity overcame any trepidation — what animal was it? *It's only the size of a very, very large housecat. Besides the saying is "Curiosity killed the cat." Not "The cat killed the curious."*

So as quickly and quietly as I could I rounded the next bend. He was crouched down, ready to pounce! But looking away from me. He turned and looked at me with yellow eyes, then seemed to flow down the trail and into the trees.

The cat was not much larger than a domestic cat, had stripes, a short tail and I think I glimpsed a tag on his ear, but I couldn't identify him. I knew that he wasn't large enough to be any real danger, but to get to my car, I had to continue along the trail where he had disappeared. It's very difficult to watch the trail in front of you, the trail in back of you and the trees to either side, all at the same time, but I did it.

Having evaded the vicious feline, I arrived at my car and was opening the door when I heard a loud yowl — *upset because I escaped your sharp fangs and claws with my superior intelligence?*

Yeah, right!

Julie Garner

**Saturday, May 23 —
House Parties in Mt Baldy
Group area with talk connection
to John Kerry!
Info at (909) 596-2115**

Mountain Lion Attacks

from PBS.org

Cougar attacks are on the rise in North America

Attacks by mountain lions, also known as cougars, have increased in recent years. In California, for instance, there had been no documented cougar attacks for 100 years prior to 1986. But since then, there has been an average of one attack on a hiker, jogger, or camper a year — some fatal.

Wildlife experts don't fully understand the increase. But a growing human population that is spreading out into areas once ruled by cougars is probably partly to blame. And greater interest in outdoor sports, from hiking to cross-country skiing, may be bringing more people into potentially dangerous conflict with the big cats — although there a number of steps you can take to stay out of harm's way.

Still, mountain lion attacks are very rare. Even dogs have killed far more people than the sinewy lions.

Tips to fend off attacks:

If you encounter a cougar, try to convince it that you are not prey and that you may be dangerous. Don't run. Don't crouch down. Don't stare into the cougar's eyes. Pick up small children and gather together.

- If the cougar holds its ground, don't turn your back. Wave your arms and shout to appear larger. Back slowly away and return to your vehicle or shelter.
- If a cougar approaches you, throw sticks or stones.
- If the aggression escalates, beat the animal with a stick, your fists, or other weapon.
- If you see a cougar kill another animal, such as a deer, leave the area immediately.
- If you live in cougar country, don't leave livestock or pets unattended, or leave pet food outside.

Help Stop the Tongass from Becoming Plywood!

The Alaska Coalition is asking you for support in this critical time for the Tongass National Forest, our nation's largest forest. As many of you may know, the Bush Administration lifted protection for 9 million acres of roadless areas when it exempted the Tongass from the Roadless Rule two days before Christmas last year. This opened the door for business to the logging industry and we face a threat that could turn old growth trees in the Tongass into plywood!

The Tongass National Forest in Alaska represents the largest intact temperate rainforest left in the world, it is the Amazon of North America. The Tongass is a remote coastal rainforest with centuries-old trees providing critical habitat for wolves, bears, salmon and Bald Eagles that have nearly disappeared from the rest of the country.

The steep mountains and many islands that epitomize the Tongass also make it one of the most expensive forests to log, and as a result, the Tongass timber program has been losing taxpayer money for decades. According to GAO calculations, industrial scale logging in the Tongass has cost the American taxpayer over \$500 million since 1992. As taxpayers foot the bill for these logging projects, the private logging companies haul away old-growth trees at rock bottom prices.

What is left of the Tongass? After decades of targeting the forest's biggest and best trees, the industry has clearcut over 70% of Southeast Alaska's most valuable forests.

The Villain: Timber Products Company

Timber Products Company (TPC), based in Oregon, is in negotiations to re-open a veneer mill in Ketchikan, Alaska that would require logging old growth roadless areas in the Tongass to make veneer, a product used in making plywood.

According to the US Forest Service, running the veneer mill profitably was contingent upon the removal of the Tongass from the Clinton era Roadless Rule. In preliminary negotiations, the Forest Service promised to work to provide a supply of trees from pristine roadless areas formerly protected by the Roadless Rule. This is the last stop! Remember, EVERY tree cut from the Tongass is still an old growth tree. Help stop them from becoming plywood!

Flood the Phone Lines!

You can defend the Tongass by calling TPC directly and urge them to withdraw from negotiations to re-open the Ketchikan veneer mill. If they stop negotiations, we'll stop calling them!

Call Timber Products Company at 1-888-744-7861. Ask to speak to Joe Gonyea (chief operating officer). Tell him (or the person who probably won't let you talk to Joe) that TPC needs to stay out of the Tongass! Tell them that you will not purchase any TPC products if they run the veneer mill in Ketchikan!

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger,
State Capitol Building, Sacramento CA 95814
phone: 916-445-2841, fax: 916-445-4633, governor@governor.ca.gov

Chapter Honors Designer of John Muir Quarter

by David Czamanske and Robin Ives

The Angeles Chapter held a reception on April 25 to honor the designer of the new John Muir quarter, Garrett Burke. Garrett, his wife Michelle, and their daughter, Katie, described their joint efforts as a family that led first to the design, and then to its final selection. State Librarian Kevin Starr, who chaired the advisory committee of Governors Davis and Schwarzenegger, was there to give added details about how the design was finally selected.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced on March 29 that he had selected a design incorporating Sierra Club founder John Muir in Yosemite Valley, with an image of the California Condor flying above, as the design for California's commemorative quarter, to be issued by the US Mint in January 2005. The California quarter will be the 31st state so honored; the quarters are being issued in the order in which the states were admitted to the Union.

In announcing the selection, the Governor cited Muir as a model for generations of Californians and conservationists around the world. "He has taught us to be active and to enjoy, but at the same time protect our parks, our beaches, and our mountains." Yosemite is a symbol of California's beauty, and reminds us that we must protect this beauty, while the condor represents a species almost extinct but now making an amazing comeback. Schwarzenegger summarized his reasons for selecting the final design: "I am proud that these three images will show California's wildlife, our majestic landscape, and our commitment to preserving our golden state for future generations."

The basic design of John Muir standing with a walking stick in Yosemite Valley was created by Garrett Burke, a graphic designer who is also a member of Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. Garrett's wife Michelle, who is an avid coin collector, urged him to submit a design for the quarter; Garrett selected the themes of Muir and Yosemite after conducting extensive research about California's history and imagery. The design was modified by both the US Mint and by Governor Schwarzenegger during the multi-step selection process, which started in September 2002 under previous Governor Gray Davis.

The main design changes made by the US Mint were to place Muir's walking stick behind him, like a prop, rather than in front of him as a walking tool, and to emphasize the prominence of Half Dome in Yosemite Valley. Governor Schwarzenegger wanted inclusion of the California Condor as a symbol of the successful effort to save and restore an endangered wildlife species.

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The general public is welcome on almost all outings. Sierra Club membership not required, but is certainly encouraged.

See the Angeles Chapter *Schedule of Activities* for more activities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Call leader for info
mi rt = miles round trip, SASE = self-addressed, stamped (37¢) envelope.

The Sierra Club encourages ridesharing. Participants make their own arrangements and should reimburse driver.

La Canada Rideshare Point: Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy 2) just north of Foothill Fwy, (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only.

Mt Baldy Rideshare Point: Pomona First Federal Bank & Trust parking lot, NE corner Indian Hill and Foothill Blvds.

Take Towne exit from I-210, south to Foothill Blvd east to Indian Hill. Weekends only.

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4TH TUE: MONTHLY PROGRAM:

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Sat May 15 Puddingstone Hills. Morning conditioning hike, easy pace, 4-6 mi, 300-600' gain. Meet 9 am, Brackett Field Airport Admin Bldg parking lot, La Verne (from I-10, north 1 mi on Fairfax Dr, west on McKinley 3/4 mi to parking lot). Bring water, snack, boots or sturdy shoes. Leaders: Marian Nichols (909- 981-7619), Flora Johnson.

Wed May 19 Santa Rosa Plateau. A special preserve that is splendid in the spring with lots of wildflowers. Easy 7-8 mi, 500' gain. Small donation (\$2) supports preserve upkeep. Meet 9 am, entrance to plateau's visitor center. (5 mi, west of I-15, on Clinton Keith Rd, Murrieta). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lug soles, binocs. Serious rain cancels. Leader: Linda Armbruster (714-289-0073)

Sat May 22 Puente Largo Bridge to Santa Fe Dam Basin. Easy 5 mi walk across historic Pacific Electric Bridge and along the San Gabriel River to enjoy riverside sage scrub in Santa Fe Dam Basin. Wildflowers should be at their peak. Learn about

the Sierra Club campaign to create a greenway along the San Gabriel River. Meet 8:30 am Encanto Park Parking Lot, near west end of bridge in Duarte. Park is 0.5 mi north of Huntington Dr on Encanto Parkway along west side of river; do not park on Encanto Parkway. Serious rain cancels. Leader: Jeff Yann (626-968-4572)

Wed Jun 2 Waterman Mtn (8038') from Cloudburst Summit. 7 mi, 1200' gain on well-used use trail. End at 3 Points. Car shuttle. Meet 9 am, La Canada rideshare point (see above) with water, lunch, good footwear. Leader: Beth Mika (909-593-0055)

Sat Jun 5 San Gabriel River Walk. Join us for leisurely paced, 4 mi, loop walk from Whittier Narrows Nature Center, along the San Gabriel River to the 20 acre lake through riparian habitat and return. Learn from activists and naturalists about efforts to use the San Gabriel River as a recreation area and about flora and fauna native to the area. Meet 8:30 am, Whittier Narrows Nature Center Parking Lot. (Exit 60 Fwy at Santa Anita south, turn left [east] on Durfee, right into parking lot at 1000 N Durfee.) Serious rain cancels. Leader: Jeff Yann (626-968-4572)

Sun Jun 6 Icehouse Cyn to Kelly's Camp. Moderately strenuous, 10,300' through fine stands of incense cedar, ponderosa and sugar pines to Icehouse at major trail junction, then 1 more mi to Kelly's Camp. Return via Cedar Cyn Trail. Meet 8 am Mt Baldy Rideshare Pt (see above). Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Leader: Don Bremner (626-794-2603)

Sun Jun 13 Plant Walk in Arroyo Seco Cyn. Identify plants and learn about them with botanist Bob Muns. Meet 9 am parking area (intersection of Windsor and Ventura St in Altadena). Bring lunch, water, hand lens if available, opt \$1 for plant list. Leader: Bob Muns (626-446-0303)

Wed Jun 16 Buckhorn to Cooper Falls. 5 mi round trip, 1000' gain. Lunch at a beautiful waterfall. Meet 9 am La Canada Rideshare pt (see above). Bring boots, water, lunch. Leader: John DePoy (714-825-4007)

Sat Jun 19 Cucamonga Pt. Moderately paced, strenuous 13 mi, 4400' gain hike via Icehouse Cyn. No tigers or beginners. Meet 7:30 am, Mt Baldy Rideshare Pt (see above). Bring 2-3 qts water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Leader: Norm Stabeck (818-249-3807).

Sun Jun 20 Buckhorn to Waterman Mtn (8038'). Moderate, 10 mi, 1600' gain hike along San Gabriel Wilderness boundaries to enjoy incense cedar, Jeffery and Ponderosa pines. Meet 8:30 am La Canada Rideshare Pt with water, lunch, lugsoles. Leader: Don Bremner (626-794-2603)

Sat Jun 26 Eagles Roost to Buckhorn. Moderate, 6 mi hike. 1100' loss down Little Rock Creek to Cooper Cyn Falls, N side San Gabriel Mtn, 900' gain up Buckhorn Crk. Adventurous newcomers welcome. Stream crossings, optional dip in pool under waterfall. Short car shuttle. Meet 8 am La Canada Rideshare Pt. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, swimsuit. Leaders: David Czamanske, Elizabeth Pomeroy (626-701-7660)



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