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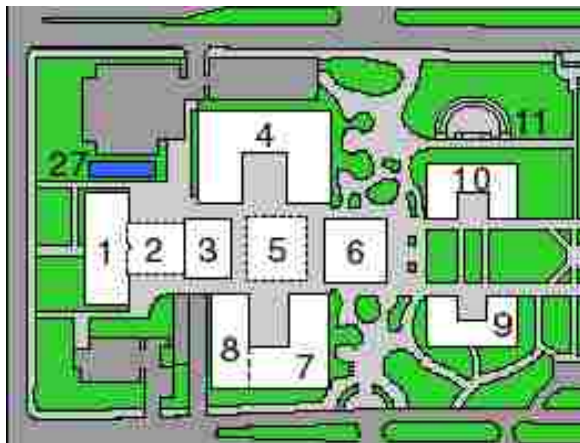
**In August we are dark and on vacation!
See you September 28 to hear Carroll Shipplett on Ethiopia.**

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004

7:30 pm, Harvey Mudd College — Fourth Tuesday
Beckman Hall

The Straight Scoop on Plastics

Our speaker for the evening comes from Earth Research in Santa Ana. Her name is **MS STEVE MOSKO**. She will tell us *What Every Environmentalist and Consumer Should Know About Plastics*. Please join us in Beckman Hall on the HMC campus.



Directions: In July we will be in Beckman Hall on the HMC campus at 12th Street and Foothill Blvd (Building #2, underground). Enter parking lot (north of #27) from Foothill Blvd. Enter center door of building #1 from the patio. Go downstairs to Beckman Hall. People with disabilities should call 909-624-5522 in advance to arrange access to an elevator.

WESTERN ROUNDUP



Forest planning gets a facelift



Musical Evenings in the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

Thursdays 6:30-8 pm

July 8	The Ravelers—unplugged
July 15	Golden State Brass Band
July 22	Lew Ellenhorn Traditional Jazz
July 29	Michael Ryan & Friends
Aug 5	Spectacular Strings
Aug 12	Chet Jaeger's Dixieland Jazz

*** HAPPY VACATION ***

Insect Enjoys Warmer UK Climate

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/science/nature/3815833.stm>

An insect that normally inhabits warm countries has been found living and breeding in the UK, entomologists say. The green “shield” bug, which attacks a broad range of crops, is usually seen in the Mediterranean, Middle East, Australia, North America and Africa. Its arrival in Britain is a clear sign of climate change, claim experts from the Natural History Museum, London. “I’m always reluctant to invoke global warming but it’s the only explanation,” said curator of beetles, Max Barclay.

Stink bugs

The green vegetable bug (*Nezara viridula*) is similar to the UK’s native green shield bug (*Palomena prasina*), but is paler in colour and has a longer, narrower shape. Also, unlike its British cousin, the green vegetable bug has no brown markings.

The insects—sometimes known as “stink” bugs, because of the foul odour they emit when threatened—are regular stowaways to the UK. They often get shipped in with imported vegetables but, until recently, they have not been able to stand Britain’s cold climate. Now three healthy colonies have been found in London—two in the Queen’s Park area and one in Kings Cross.

I’m always reluctant to invoke global warming but it is the only explanation Max Barclay, London Natural History Museum “When somebody first brought a specimen to me I didn’t believe it,” Dr Barclay told BBC News Online. “I thought somebody had picked it up on their holidays, but it really was eating their tomatoes in London.”

Of course, if three colonies have been found, the actual number is likely to be far higher. “It is not something that is going to attract much attention,” said Dr Barclay. “So there may well be several colonies living unnoticed.”

Clear sign

This is not the first time an insect that usually likes warm weather has come to the UK. But the really interesting thing about the green vegetable bug is that we know it could not survive here in the past. “World experts on this group said in 1959 that it can’t establish in the British Isles,” said Dr Barclay. “They said a regular import — it is always coming in — but it can’t live here. “And for 40 years there was no record of it, so they seemed to be correct. But obviously something has changed now.”

The “urban heat island effect” is one possible reason why London is now an acceptable temperature for green vegetable bugs. It is a well known phenomenon that big cities—like London—are a couple of degrees warmer than the surrounding country-side. As energy consumption and car use increases, the city’s temperature rises. But is this effect sufficient to make London a suitable home for stink bugs? Experts at the Met Office suspect not. “Both global warming and the urban heat island effect are going on,” Dr Richard Betts, from the Met Office, told BBC News Online. “But I would say the global warming effect is probably the largest. “I wouldn’t have thought the urban

heat island effect would have been so overwhelming in the last 20 years.” Dr Barclay added: “I don’t think [the urban heat island effect] has caused it to be warmer here than it was in the 60s or 70s.”

He continued: “I have been looking at a lot of new species that have come in over the years—but this is the only one that tells a clear story about global warming. “In all the other cases people say, ‘Is this to do with global warming?’ And we have to say we are not sure. But in this case, we are sure.”



Nature Nibble

Look here for a quote you can chew on!

The comforting belief of most Americans that we are gradually but surely protecting our land, air, water, and wildlife is no longer justified. The environmental safety net that took a century to weave has been shredded. We will not regain what we have lost until we recognize it has been stolen. (*from Strategic Ignorance*)

No Dam Subsidies!

Call or fax your representatives—ask that they insist on a full debate on HR 2828. Urge them to oppose this legislation outright. If you send a fax or write a letter, please copy Senator Diane Feinstein on it. Please also write a handwritten note on her copy urging she oppose this bill and others like it. Senator Feinstein is so intent on gaining support for Cal Fed (and supports new water storage projects) that she could end up promoting this bill or some of its provisions. Thanks for your help.

Protect the Environment and Taxpayers: Oppose Hr 2828

Dear Member of Congress:

HR 2828, recently passed by the Resources Committee, is a fundamentally flawed bill that endangers California's environment and sets the stage for attempts to secure billions of dollars in new federal subsidies for damaging, boondoggle dam projects in California, without Congress being in a position to select the projects it believes should be authorized.

The bill claims to approve the general framework of the joint state-federal CALFED Bay-Delta Program, which includes ecosystem health, water supply reliability and water quality components. In fact, however, this bill contains many provisions that have nothing to do with CALFED and others that would block implementation of key parts of the CALFED program. We urge you to do everything you can to prevent passage of this bill. HR 2828 is far too controversial for suspension and should be considered under an open rule.

If enacted, HR 2828 would:

1. Overturn a century of Congressional oversight by allowing the Secretary of the Interior, rather than Congress, to authorize billion-dollar dam projects in California and California alone. Section (5) of the bill gives the Secretary the authority to determine the feasibility of new dam projects in California and to authorize water projects. Congress' only recourse with respect to such administrative authorization, under HR 2828, would be passage of a disapproval resolution within 120 days of the Secretary's determination of feasibility—an unlikely event, given the pace of congressional deliberations. That provision strips Congress of its historical role in authorizing water projects and gives California water interests a mechanism, which no other state presently enjoys, to strong-arm future Secretaries of the Interior into authorizing multi-billion dollar dam projects.
2. Damage federal environmental restoration efforts in California's Central Valley, and possibly terminate land acquisition for restoration. Far from facilitating a balanced CALFED program, HR 2828 would hinder and perhaps stop existing federal ecosystem restoration efforts. As a national precedent, this bill has dangerous implications for all federal environmental restoration programs.
3. Rewrite a CALFED program designed to protect fish and assist water users in complying with the Endangered Species Act. This provision would undermine the “Environmental Water Account,” a program that its proponents claim is designed to protect endangered species and improve water supply reliability. The bill would allow funds to be diverted

to other purposes. Thus, this bill could actually harm both the environment and California water users.

4. Threaten the independence of regulatory agencies to perform their functions in accordance with existing law. Title II of HR 2828 provides that all regulatory review of projects related to this Act and apparently other Acts (though its scope is not clear) shall be consolidated under the auspices of the Secretary of the Interior. Not only would this give the Secretary unprecedented authority over other agencies, such as the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency, but it would also have the Secretary overseeing regulatory review of projects that the Department itself is sponsoring.

New subsidies for boondoggle projects will not only drain the federal Treasury, they will fail to meet modern water needs. The new California state budget just released by Governor Schwarzenegger includes an endorsement of the CALFED “beneficiary pays” policy and calls for fees from water users. HR 2828, however, is moving in a different direction. It sets the stage for an attempt to secure billions in new subsidies. It also completely ignores Governor Schwarzenegger's call, and the CALFED plan's requirement, for user fees to help implement the CALFED program.

California faces real challenges in meeting its future water supply needs and restoring damaged rivers. This is true throughout the West, as states struggle to respond to the current drought. In California and around the West, some simple principles should guide planning in response to this challenge.

- Water supply planning should be based on sound economics and credible financing, to stretch public dollars and meet needs in a cost-effective manner.
- Water use efficiency, water conservation, wastewater reclamation and groundwater clean-ups are keys to solving multiple problems simultaneously and delivering real water supply benefits.
- Ecosystem restoration can improve water supply reliability, by reducing regulatory burdens and preventing listings under the Endangered Species Act.

Unfortunately, HR 2828 fails to advance these principles. It would lead to gridlock, not progress. We must develop a water policy that reflects credible economics. The CALFED program's greatest strength is in recognizing that solutions that restore ecosystems, improve water quality and improve water supply reliability need to be cost effective and more durable than old, confrontational approaches. HR 2828 does not reflect this understanding. We urge you to oppose HR 2828.

Sat, Jul 17 **Hot Summer Botany** 9 am - 4 pm. For plant enthusiast or amateur botanist who wants to be able to identify native plants in the garden or the field. Learn practical and fun “field-sense” when trying to identify plants. Class sessions are informal and hands-ons, with dissection and examination of fresh and dried plant material. *Completion of Beginning Botany recommended, but not required.* \$60 (\$72 non-mbr). Ltd to 12.

Sun, Jul 18 **Beetle and Butterfly Bonanza! Family Event** 2 - 5 pm. Take family and friends on an insect safari in the Garden. Examine the diversity of insects in Garden and discover how they contribute to healthy ecosystems. Hear fascinating insect lore, see demonstrations on how to safely observe insects of all types, and participate in fun craft activities that help you better understand the buggy world. \$10 per child 8 & older (\$12 non-mbr). No charge for accompanying adult. Ltd to 30.

Tue, Jul 20 **Evening Horticulture Walk in the Garden** 6:30 - 8 pm. Join us for walk in Garden and learn which native plants perform best during hot summer months, and how to add color, interest and enjoyment to your own native plant landscape. \$12 (\$15 non-mbr). Ltd to 20. (909) 625-8767

Sat, Jul 31 **Summer Evening Nature Walk** 7 - 9 pm. Explore how professional field botanists do their work. Course has participants taking critical look at botany in context of environmental legislation. Topics and discussions include review of agency policies, survey planning, literature review, field techniques, statistical analyses, and report contents; will learn field methods for collecting vegetation data and conducting rare plant surveys. Material include recommended literature sources, agency guidelines, report outlines and formats. Course applicable for those who prepare or review botanical surveys, including students, consultants, planners, and policy advocates. \$5 (7 non-mbr). Ltd to 30. (909) 625-8767

Sat, Aug 14 **Art and History of Bookcrafting** 9 am - 3 pm (lunch break included). Investigate history of books by studying the art of bookcrafting (the use of different techniques and materials) through the ages. Experience writing on clay tablets (used as early as 4000 BC), papyrus scrolls, vellum and different types of paper. Examine Chinese books made of bamboo and palm leaves still in use in Indonesia today. Explore tools, techniques and design elements necessary to create a book, and, under the tutelage of Ms. Kotzen, craft several booklets. Materials included in fee. \$65 (\$72 non-mbr).

Sun, Aug 15 **Hot Summer Botany** 9 am - 4 pm. See Jul 17.

Sun, Aug 22 **Wet and Wild Pond Studies for Families** 1 - 5 pm. Ponds are magnets for kids (of all ages) who are curious about the strange creatures who live in this watery world. During afternoon of exploration, participants will learn methods for safely analyzing water samples to search and study micro-aquatic life. There will be several stations, each emphasizing critters from different areas of the ponds — from the bottom dwellers to the surface feeders. \$10 per child 8 & older (\$12 non-mbr). No charge for accompanying adult. Ltd to 30.



Tue, Aug 24 **Evening Horticulture Walk in the Garden.** See Jul 20.

Sun, Aug 29 **Fire Safe Landscaping: Field Trip to Murrieta Home of Designer Susan Frommer.** With fire season upon us, homeowners living in hazard areas are looking for ways to better protect their property from destructive wildfires. Landscape Designer Susan Frommer recently moved into an energy-efficient home she and her husband constructed in Murrieta amid the chaparral covered slopes of the Santa Ana Mtns. In addition to fireproofing their home, the Frommers used landscape techniques as further protection from wildfire. As critical as the design, materials and construction of the house is, the defensible space around the house must also be planted and maintained to provide a buffer zone against fires, and provide fire-fighters access and space to protect the home. Susan will explain how to maintain a defensible space landscape, demonstrate how to prune and clear fire prone vegetation, provide a list of fire resistant plants, and describe how to properly space plantings and maintain the landscape. Lunch at the Frommers and transportation provided by RSABG are included in fee. \$85 (\$101 non-mbr). Ltd to 12.

Tue, Aug 31 **Summer Evening Nature Walk** 7 - 9 pm. See Jul 31.

What Do You Want Planned for Your Forests?

Your participation in submitting comments to the Forest Service on their new forest plans is the most important thing you can do right now to win stronger protection for our Southern California National Forests - the Angeles, Cleveland, San Bernardino and Los Padres. You can make a difference!

I went to an Angeles Forest Service Open House. Other Sierra Club members were there as well as people who wanted "restrictions" on off-road vehicles eased. The alternative proposed by the Forest Service would allow *more* off-road vehicle use in the Angeles National Forest than is allowed now. The Forest Service has obviously heard from the ORV contingent.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE FOREST SERVICE HEAR FROM YOU!!

The Forest Service will review your comments in preparing their final management plans for the four national forests in our region.

Nine Topics for Suggested Comments:

1. Choose the Best Forest Plan, which is Alternative 6
2. Stop harmful development—more oil and gas drilling, massive power transmission towers, a multi-lane toll road, a hydroelectric project and numerous antenna sites are all proposed for our Southern California forests.
3. Recommend more wilderness
4. Support sustainable recreation—The Forest Service expects increased recreational demands on the forests, but wrongly emphasizes expanding opportunities for off-road motorized recreation that benefits a small minority of visitors. Off-road vehicles are a major cause of damage to our local forests and the Forest Service cannot manage the current use, much less expanded use.
5. Better protect wildlife
6. Protect roadless areas and expand back country non-motorized zones
7. Improve road management
8. Protect communities at risk from fire
9. Support better forest management

Comments must be postmarked by August 11, 2004.

Mail your comments to:
Southern California Forest Plan Revisions
USDA Forest Service Content Analysis Center
PO Box 22777, Salt Lake City UT 84122

or, better yet, go on-line, get more information, and submit comments at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/scfpr> Julie Garner

Honoring the Conservation Legacy of President Theodore Roosevelt

Shortsighted men...in their greed and selfishness will, if permitted, rob our country of half its charm by their reckless extermination of all useful and beautiful wild things.

Theodore Roosevelt

Anniversary of Antiquities Act A Time to Celebrate National Parks and Monuments

On June 8, 1906, President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act, one of the fundamental tools with which he carved out his strong conservation legacy. Today, that legacy is in jeopardy. Roosevelt protected 240 million acres of public lands. Rather than follow in these legendary footsteps, the Bush administration has weakened protections on 234 million acres. Roosevelt signed this landmark legislation to protect as National Monuments historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest for future generations.

Many of our nation's most cherished National Parks were once protected as Monuments, including Grand Canyon, Death Valley, Denali, Joshua Tree and many more. Together, National Parks and Monuments comprise a national treasure that attracts hundreds of millions of visitors each year.

Despite their far reaching benefits to the economy through tourism and recreation, today National Parks and Monuments are subject to a host of threats, including: chronic underfunding; noise and air pollution; development pressures; destructive off road vehicle (ORV) use; and oil and gas drilling. For a sampling of some of America's gems, the threats they face, how you can get involved to protect these special places and the conservation legacy first established by President Teddy Roosevelt, aim your mouse at <http://www.sierraclub.org/wildlands/antiquities/>



John Muir and Theodore Roosevelt in Yosemite taken from Glacier Point during their 1903 camping trip.

Environmentalists Ask Governor to Oppose Initiative

Fourteen California environmental groups are seeking Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's opposition to a ballot initiative that would eviscerate their ability to enforce clean air and water safeguards on behalf of the public. In a letter to the governor, the organizations urged support for a balanced legislative solution that will protect public health and the environment while cracking down on abusive litigation.

The business-sponsored initiative, "Limitations on Enforcement of Unfair Business Competition Law," has qualified for the November ballot. Schwarzenegger has not announced a position on the proposal, but did promise during his campaign to "protect California's environment through tough enforcement of existing laws."

"The Unfair Business Competition Law is a crucial tool to defend the environment from the unlawful practices of polluters," said Bill Magavern, Senior Legislative Representative for Sierra Club California and one of the authors of the letter. "The initiative would stop environmental enforcement actions brought on behalf of the public by community groups — limiting actions only to government and certified classes of individuals who have lost money or property."

Unlike many federal environmental laws, most environmental statutes in California do not contain private enforcement provisions authorizing environmental organizations to enforce these statutes, on behalf of the public, against other private actors. The Unfair Business Competition Law is the sole remedy in these situations. It has been invoked to:

- Redress flagrant pollution by oil companies in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Stop false advertising about the safety of raw milk.
- Require cleanup of the massive underground oil spill at Avila Beach.
- Force oil companies to pay for polluting drinking water in communities across the state with the gasoline additive MTBE.
- Remove lead from drinking water fixtures.
- Require a factory to cease poisoning its workforce of Latina and Asian women with a solvent used under improper ventilation.
- Remove contaminants from bottled water.
- Take arsenic out of children's play structures and picnic tables.
- Reduce toxic emissions from industrial facilities.
- Penalize a resort for illegally cutting down trees to make a ski run.

Natural Resources Defense Council, California League of Conservation Voters, Planning and Conservation League, California League for Environmental Enforcement Now and Defenders of Wildlife are among the other signers of the letter, available at <http://www.sierraclubcalifornia.org/news/letterToGov.html>.

Playing Politics with Public Broadcasting

from Common Cause

The New Yorker Magazine released an article recently entitled, "Big Bird Flies Right," which exposes several recent incidents that demonstrate the way ideologues within the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) are seeking to shape public TV and public radio.

The CPB provides federal funds to public broadcasting and its primary mission has always been to serve as a "heat shield," protecting programming from government interference. But instead of serving as a "heat shield," CPB now is an agent of partisan interference.

CPB decided to provide funding to two programs — one hosted by Tucker Carlson, who speaks for conservatives on CNN's "Crossfire," and one moderated by Paul Gigot, editorial page editor of the Wall Street Journal. At the same time, "NOW with Bill Moyers," which receives no CPB funds, will be cut from an hour to 30 minutes.

The Bush Administration has an apparent litmus test for choosing members of the CPB. The White House interviewed CPB board candidate Chon Noriega, a UCLA media professor and co-founder of the National Association of Latino Independent Producers, and asked him whether the CPB should intervene in programming "deemed politically biased." When Professor Noriega said intervention should be used only in extraordinary circumstances, the appointment process ground to a halt, and the White House has asked Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) to put forward another candidate.

Bush Administration Priorities on National Secrets

by Calvin Trillin (*from The Nation*)

When piqued at Ambassador Wilson
The Bushmen saw no reason why
They shouldn't just leak to all quarters
the names of a CIA spy.

And Chalabi, Man from Armani
Got secrets from them, whereupon
He called an Iranian pal up
And saw to it they were passed on.

But one of our secrets is safe still
And access is tightly controlled:
The names on that energy task force
That secret will never be told.

SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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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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2ND TUE: EAGLE MAILING

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odd months: Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov.

4TH TUE: MONTHLY PROGRAM:

See pg 1, 7:30 pm (dark Aug, Dec)

Fri Jul 30 Moonlight Hike to Mt Lowe or San Gabriel Pk from Eaton Saddle.

Leaders choice to enjoy night views from above LA Basin on moderate 3-5 mi, 700'-1000' gain hike to historic pk in front range. Meet 7 pm La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, flashlight. Leader: Don Bremner 626-794-2603

Sat Jul 31 Mt Williamson (8214'), Mt Islip (8250').

Hike one or both peaks in San Gabriel high country. Moderate 12 mi rt, 3100' gain total. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldr: Norm Stabeck 818-249-3807

Sun Aug 1 Eagles Roost to Buckhorn.

Moderate 6 mi loop, 1100' loss hike down Little Rock Creek to Cooper Cyn Falls on north side San Gabriel Mtns. 900' gain up Buckhorn Creek. See and learn about mid-summer wildflowers at seeps along trail. Adventurous newcomers welcome. Short car shuttle. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles for stream crossings, swimsuit to dip in pool beneath waterfall. Ldrs: David Czamanske, Elizabeth Pomeroy 626-791-7660

Sat Aug 7 Evening Dinner Hike, Charlton to Mt Vetter (5908'). 3 mi rt, 500' gain through beautiful forest with lookout on pk. 50 mi rt rideshare. Meet 3 pm La Canada rideshare pt. Bring plate, cup, utensils, water, boots, potluck dish for 8. If you wish to BBQ, please notify Leader: John DePoy. 714-826-4007

Sat-Sun Aug 7-8 San Jacinto Backpack. Join us for easy 4 mi, 600' gain backpack through lush, scenic Sierra-like forest to beautiful green oasis of Round Valley. Sat morning depart for trailhead to set up camp in Round Valley; do short afternoon hike to Hidden Lake. Sun pack out. Beginning backpack class welcome. Send \$15 w/SC# (payable *Sierra Singles*—refundable at trailhead), recent backpacking experience, 2 sase, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to Leader: Rick Farber 323-935-8990

Wed Aug 11 Winston Pk (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'). 6 mi rt, 1200' gain—something of a loop from Cloudburst Summit and back. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, good footwear. Leader: Southern Courtney 818-848-8642

Sun Aug 15 4th Graze Little Tokyo-Tofu Festival Fundraiser. Total immersion walking/eating tour of Little Tokyo. Start with docent tour of Japanese-American museum, nibble on lotus root, cured bamboo, pressed shark, pounded rice as we wend way to Buddhist temple and finish at the Tofu Festival. Enriching experience for those souls who always wanted to know about unusual Asian food, but were afraid to ask. Easy 1 mi. 9 am - 3 pm. Includes museum, ample grazing, Tofu Festival and donation. Send sase, \$27 w/SC#/\$42 non-member to Leader: Roxana Lewis 310-532-2933

Wed Aug 18 Winter Creek Loop Hike. 6 mi rt, 500' gain. Visit Sturtevant Falls and historic Muir lodge. Trail follows stream through forest. Lunch at Hoguee Trail Camp. Meet 9 am Chantry Flat Ranger Station (exit 210 Freeway at Santa Anita, go N 6 mi to station.) Bring water, lunch, boots. Leader: John DePoy (contact ldr to see if the hike is still on) 714-826-4007

Wed Aug 25 Mt Islip (8250') from Islip Saddle. 7 mi rt, 1500' gain past Little Jimmy Spring and Windy Gap. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, good footwear. Leader: Doris Duval 323-221-6023

Sat Aug 28 Chantry Flat/Winter Creek Trail. Hike begins at Chantry Flat, then follows lower Winter Creek Trail to Hoguee Camp, then upper Winter Creek Trail looping back to parking lot. Enjoy moderately paced, moderately easy 4 mi loop, 500' gain hike. Most of trail is shaded with a small creek, but can be hot in summer. 3 hrs. Newcomers encouraged. Meet 8 am REI parking lot in Arcadia (214 N Santa Anita Ave, 3 blocks S of 210 Freeway). Bring water, hat, lunch. Leader: Elizabeth Pomeroy (check with ldr to see if hike still goes) 626-791-7660

Sun Sep 12 Bolsa Chica Nature Preserve. Easy paced 3-4 mi walk in one of our most prolific wetlands. Your experience will be further enhanced as our naturalist Frank shares his knowledge of this water wonderland. Meet 8 am Warner parking lot (SE corner PCH & Warner Ave). Bring water, sun protection, good walking shoes, binoculars, camera. Leaders: Renee Thorne 562-421-5499, Frank Andrade .

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September 28, 2004 — Carroll Shipplett, *Ethiopia*.

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