



Mule Pack Section

Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club

2009 Trips



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Jun 25 – 28 Thursday – Sunday Mulepack

O: Glen Aulin in Yosemite: This trip will allow you to see the falls of the Tuolumne River at their early season best. On Thursday morning, we will hike 7 miles, 800 ft elevation loss, from Tuolumne Meadows to a base camp at 7400 ft in the Glen Aulin area. Tuolumne Falls, California Falls, LeConte Falls and the unusual Waterwheel Falls await us on our day hikes. Other day hike options are to cross Return Creek into the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne, or hike along the PCT through Cold Canyon, or hike a portion of the High Sierra loop trail to McGee Lake, Cathedral Creek, or Polly Dome Lakes. Leaders are hoping for good early season wildflowers and minimal nuisance from mosquitoes. Happy hours each night. Trip cost is \$240 and weight allowance for the mules is 40 lbs / person. To apply, contact Leader: Yvonne Tsai (yctsa@usc.edu). Assistant Leader: John Kaiser

July 19 – 24 Sunday – Friday Mulepack

O/I: Charlotte Creek: This one is for peak, lake, and pass baggers. We can take up to 10 serious hikers on this trip to one of the most beautiful hiking areas in this part of the Sierra. Sunday morning we'll start at Onion Valley (9200') outside of Independence and hike 8 miles with 2600' gain over Kearsarge Pass (11,283') to our scenic base camp at Charlotte Creek near Charlotte Lake at 10,370' elevation. Options for hikes range from moderate to difficult including the JMT over Glen Pass to Rae Lakes, Vidette Meadow, Mt Rixford, Mt Bago, and Mt Gould. From Monday to Thursday we'll hike, photo, look at flowers, fish, or relax in camp. The leaders will organize potlucks every night. On Friday we'll hike out leaving the weekend to adjust to being back in the real world. The fee per person is \$300. You'll be allowed to ask the mules to carry up to 55 lbs. You can carry as much as you want yourself. To apply, contact co-Leader Pat Arredondo (paarredo@verizon.net). Co-leader: Laura Joseph.

August 2 – 8 Sunday – Saturday Mulepack

O/I: Garnet Lake: We've planned this trip with the goals of lots of creative hikes, flower identifying, gourmet meals, and good conversation. The area is a popular one near the JMT and PCT and Thousand Island Lake. There are beautiful views of Ritter, Davis, and Banner Peaks from our campsite at 9,700'. Sunday morning, we'll hike from Agnew Meadow Pack Station near Mammoth to the campsite. We'll start at 8335' and hike 7 miles with 2500' gain to the lake. We'll have five full days to hike, photo, fish or relax in camp. We are hopeful that campfires will again be allowed. The leaders will organize potlucks every night. To allow for your comfort, you may put up to 55 lbs per person on the mules. We'll hike out on Saturday. The cost per person is \$275. To apply, contact co-Leader Laura Joseph (ljoseph2@earthlink.net). Co-leaders: Sandy Burnside, Les Wilson.

August 9 – 15 Sunday – Saturday Mulepack

O: Pine Creek Canyon: Sunday morning we will hike 6 miles, 2900' gain, from the Pine Creek pack station (7500') to our base camp in the Honeymoon Lake / Upper Pine Lake area (10,400'). This camp is located for convenient access to outstanding hiking areas. For dayhikes, one choice is the Pine Creek trail into French Canyon and its numerous lakes: French, Moon, L, Elba Lakes and others or continue down French Canyon to Royce Falls. Or take the Italy Pass trail to beautiful Granite Park and on to Italy Pass. Or hike to Golden Lake & Royce Lakes or into lake-filled Chalfant basin. For those inclined to peak bagging, Mt Julius Caesar, Royce Peak & Merriam Peak are available. Only five layover days to try to take it all in. Enjoy daily happy hours and a couple of potlucks. The weight limit for the mules is 50 lbs per person and the cost is \$295. To apply, contact Assistant Leader: Winnette Butler (jim333@roadrunner.com). Leader: John Kaiser. Assistant Leader: Yvonne Tsai

Notices:

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August 16 – 22 Sunday - Saturday Mule Pack, Sierra Peaks, and WTC

O/I: Bernice Lake, Vogelsang Peak, Mt Florence: Use Bernice Lake in Yosemite Park as your base camp to climb peaks in the area. This trip is designed for strong hikers who want to do mainly cross-country routes and peakbagging, so we are co-listing the trip with the Sierra Peak Section and Wilderness Travel Course. We will start at Tuolumne Meadows, where we plan to reserve a group campsite for Saturday night, Aug 15. Sunday morning we will hike 11 mi, 2600' gain, with our daypacks over Tuolumne Pass (9992') and Vogelsang Pass (10,670') to Bernice Lake (10,200'). This will be a superior peak-bagging opportunity with Vogelsang Peak and Mt Florence in close proximity, and also other peaks in the area. Many streams, lakes, a few trails, and many cross-country options. Monday - Friday you can hike, climb peaks, take photos, fish, or relax in camp. We will have organized gourmet potlucks each night around food that you bring. While the higher elevation means we can't have campfires, mosquitoes and other pests should be minimal. Saturday we will hike out. We also plan to reserve a group campsite for Saturday night, Aug 22, as we will likely reach the trailhead before the mules do. Weight limit for the mules is 50 lbs and cost is \$270 per person (not including Tuolumne Meadows group campsites). To apply, complete Participant Medical Form found at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/forms.html> and contact co-Leader: Sandy Sperling (ssperling1@verizon.net). Co-Leaders: Peter Lara, Laura Joseph.

August 27 – 30 Thursday – Sunday Mule Pack

O: Sunrise Lake and Clouds Rest with a Little Help from our Mules: This is our annual late-summer weekend trip to the beautiful Tuolumne Meadows area of Yosemite National Park. We'll hike in on Thursday, 5 miles, 1300' gain to our base camp by Sunrise Lake. Spend the weekend enjoying the beautiful area. Saturday hike 10 miles round trip, 900 gain, to the top of Clouds Rest. Many consider this to be the most stunning view of Yosemite Valley from above. We'll hike out on Sunday. Cost is \$240 per person. For this trip, you will be asked to send full payment on acceptance. To apply, contact Leader: Christine Gutierrez (christinegutierrez@juno.com). Assistant Leader: Sharon Kirk.

September 4 – 7 Friday – Monday Mule Pack

O: Lillian Lakes with a Little Help from our Mules: End the summer on our annual Labor Day weekend trip in the partly forested, partly sub-alpine Lillian Lakes area just south of Yosemite. Experience this lake-filled area enjoying the advantages of moderate weather, still warm lakes, good fishing and a guarantee of no mosquitoes! Friday, enjoy the scenery of the Fernandez trail as we hike 5 miles, 1200' gain to our base camp at Lady Lake. Before the trail descends to our camp, it will provide views across the San Joaquin drainage to the Ritter range. Many scenic lakes and views to enjoy from our location, including Vanderburgh, Stanford, Chittenden, Shirley and Lillian Lakes. We'll hike out on Monday. Cost is \$220 per person. For this trip, you will be asked to send full payment on acceptance. To apply, contact Leader: Christine Gutierrez (christinegutierrez@juno.com). Assistant Leader: Francine Oschin.

Reservations: Contact the specified leader with a statement of condition, experience, and altitude tolerance. Send no money until accepted – no acceptances are issued before January 1. On acceptance, send non-refundable deposit of \$75 (payable to Mule Pack Section) to Sandy Burnside, 256 S Craig, Orange, CA 92869. Balance of payment must be received no later than 10 weeks before the trip.

Cancellations: Cancellations later than 10 weeks before the trip will receive a 50% refund ONLY if a qualified replacement is found. Cancellations earlier than 10 weeks before the trip are charged only the non-refundable deposit.

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