



# Mule Pack Section

## Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club

### 2010 Trips



See the reservation and cancellation policy on page 3.

**July 11 – 17                      Sunday – Saturday                      Mulepack**

**O: Big Pine Lakes & Palisade Glacier:** On Sunday morning, hike 6 miles, 3000 ft elevation gain to a campsite at a gorgeous mixture of lakes, meadows, glaciers & mountains. From our campsite (10,850') we will see two 13,000' peaks and the Palisade Glacier; other 14,000' peaks are in the area. Palisade Glacier is the largest glacier in the Sierra and the southernmost glacier in the Western Hemisphere and sits between 13,000 and 14,000 feet. Monday to Friday, hike, swim, photo, fish, enjoy scenery or relax in camp and enjoy the Mule Pack Section's famous pot luck happy hours. Saturday hike out. The weight limit for the mules is 50 lbs per person. Trip cost is \$200. To apply, contact Co-Leader: Mary Patterson ([mpbsmis@socal.rr.com](mailto:mpbsmis@socal.rr.com)). Co-Leader: Dan Butler

**July 14 – 18                      Wednesday – Sunday                      Mulepack**

**O: Seville Lake:** Wednesday morning we will hike 6.5 miles from Sunset Meadow trailhead in Sequoia National Forest. The trail takes us over a pass (1500' gain) and down to Seville Lake (8408') in the SW corner of Kings Canyon National Park below the Kings Kaweah Divide. From our camp, we will have fine views of Kettle Peak (10,004') and Ball Dome (9435'). Thursday thru Saturday, we will enjoy the area hiking, fishing, relaxing in camp or searching for the perfect photo. Dayhike opportunities include hiking down Belle Canyon to Comanche meadow or continuing on to Sugarloaf Valley for a close-up view of Sugarloaf Peak. Or take the trail past Ball Dome to Lost Lake, or Ranger Lake & Beville Lake or continue on to Silliman Pass at Twin Peaks. Enjoy Happy Hour pot lucks every night with wine provided. Sunday hike out. You are allowed to place 45 pounds per person on the mules. Cost is \$235 per person. To apply, contact co-Leader John Kaiser ([jkai39@gmail.com](mailto:jkai39@gmail.com)). Leader: Yvonne Tsai.

**July 18 - 23                      Sunday – Friday                      Mulepack**

**O/I: Soldier Lake:** We are so excited about this trip which will be the first-ever mule pack to Soldier Lakes. We will start from Cottonwood Pack Station at Horseshoe Meadow (9900') and hike about 10 miles over Cottonwood Pass at 11128' and finish at Soldier Lakes at about 10,400'. The lakes are located northwest of New Army Pass from which Mt Langley and Cirque Peak are accessible. From Lower Soldier Lake, a use trail takes you to the gentle southeast ridge of Mt Pickering. Joe Devel Peak and Mt. Chamberlin are also accessible from the campsite. Then there are the lakes to explore: Erin Lake is a nice cross-country hike and Sky Blue Lake and Iridescent Lake sound irresistible. Or you can just hang around the campsite, stroll, fish or do whatever you like. The leaders, with help from participants, will arrange gourmet (no kidding) dinners for each night to accompany the wine provided. This will be a great trip for serious hikers who enjoy good food at the end of the day. Fee is \$330 and the weight limit is about 55 lbs per person (plus whatever you carry on your back). Leaders: Pat Arredondo and Laura Joseph. Contact Pat ([paaredo@verizon.net](mailto:paaredo@verizon.net)).

**August 1 – 7                      Sunday – Saturday                      Mulepack**

**O/I: Big Pine Lakes:** This is a favorite area for its beauty, history (Lon Chaney's cabin along the stream and the former site of a lodge, now destroyed, at Lake #4) and a variety of hiking opportunities. We'll start from the pack station at the end of the road going to the lakes, hike up a beautiful canyon and then follow the beautiful north fork of Big Pine Creek with its spectacular falls past Lakes #1, 2 and 3 to our campsite in the area of Fourth Lake. The hike in is 7 miles with 3000' gain. Besides exploring all the lakes (there are probably a dozen, although the official numbering stops at #7), we can visit the Palisade Glacier, Black Lake, or Summit Lake, and doesn't Thunder and Lightning Lake sound intriguing? A challenging hike to Jigsaw Pass offers the reward of a fabulous view of Dusy Basin. For peak baggers, there's Cloudripper, which has a class 1 hike from Seventh Lake. There will be fishing somewhere and opportunity to relax at the campsite or on some inviting slope or lakeside. The leaders are famous for superior organized dinners (you'll know exactly what to bring and won't have to guess) to fill you up at the end of a fun day. Fee is \$275 and we'll try to accommodate up to 55 pounds per person on the mules. Leaders: Sandy Burnside and Laura Joseph. Contact Sandy ([kburnsides@aol.com](mailto:kburnsides@aol.com)).

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**O: Clark Lakes:** Sunday morning we will hike 5.5 miles with 2950' gain from the Rush Creek trailhead past Agnew Lake, through Spooky Meadow & over a pass (10,060') to our base camp at lovely Clark Lakes (9810'). Our camp will be centrally located for five fabulous days in the Ansel Adams wilderness. We'll have many choices for dayhikes. To the south and west are the well-known and spectacular Thousand Island Lake and Garnet Lake along with numerous other smaller lakes -- join in a search for Ham and Eggs Lakes. To the NW are the lakes of the Rush Creek drainage: Gem, Waugh, Weber and Sullivan. Or perhaps you'd like to explore the PCT High Trail with great views of Ritter, Banner and the Minarets and, with good timing, an abundance of wildflowers. Enjoy daily potluck happy hours, wine provided, and two traditional group dinners. The weight limit for the mules is 50 lbs per person. All this for \$250. Leader: Sharon Kirk. Assistant Leaders: Fran Penn and John Kaiser. To apply, contact Fran ([fpenn@rutan.com](mailto:fpenn@rutan.com)).

**August 22 – 28                      Sunday – Saturday                      Mule Pack**

**O: Hilton Lakes:** The Hilton Lakes are situated in a wooded lake-filled basin. Sunday we will start from the Hilton Lakes trailhead (9845') and hike approximately 5 miles with 535' gain on a trail that switchbacks above Rock Creek Lake climbing through lodgepole pine and fields of lupine and Indian paintbrush. The trail tops out on a saddle at 10,380 feet above the Hilton Basin, providing views of the impressive "railroad-baron peaks" of Stanford and Huntington and then descends to our scenic base camp on Hilton Creek near Hilton Lake #1 also known as Davis Lake (9850'). From Monday to Friday we'll hike, photo, look at flowers, fish or relax in camp. Hiking choices include exploring the eight lakes of upper Hilton Basin and the meadows below the basin along the Hilton creek. Fishing in the Hilton Lakes is excellent for brown, rainbow, and brook trout. We will enjoy planned potluck dinners every night with wine provided, and we are hopeful that campfires will be allowed. On Saturday we hike out. You may ask the mules to carry up to 55 pounds and you may carry as much as you want yourself. The fee is \$300 per person. To apply, contact Leader: Cathie Miller ([owlforever@sbcglobal.net](mailto:owlforever@sbcglobal.net)). Co-Leader: Laura Joseph.

**August 26 – 29                      Thursday – Sunday                      Mule Pack**

**O: Sabrina Basin with a Little Help from our Mules:** End the summer high in the Sierras in a lake-filled basin. Thursday am hike from the Lake Sabrina trailhead 4 miles, 1300' gain to set up camp at Blue Lake (10,394') at the edge of the Thompson Ridge and the entrance to the basin. Friday & Saturday hike, photo, fish or relax in camp enjoying the view at Blue Lake. This basin is stocked with brookies and rainbow. The trail forks at Blue Lake to allow for multiple day hike possibilities. Each of the other lakes is a short day-hike away and we plan to explore as many as we can: Donkey and Baboon Lakes are on one branch of the trail, Dingleberry, Sailor, Hungry Packer Lakes and others are on the other branch. California Hiking gives the scenery of the basin a 10 rating. Up to 45 pounds allowed if compacted appropriately. Cost is \$200 which includes carrying of one or two 30" long duffle bags into and out of base camp, wilderness permit, social hour wine and salad. To apply, contact Co-Leader: Fran Penn ([fpenn@rutan.com](mailto:fpenn@rutan.com)). Co-leaders: Christine Gutierrez, Francine Oschin.

**September 2 – 6                      Thursday – Monday                      Mule Pack**

**O: Big McGee Lake:** Enjoy a long Labor Day weekend in this colorful, high elevation setting. Thursday morning hike 7.5 miles 2600' gain up McGee Creek through aspens, pines and meadows to reach the beautiful red rock mountains of upper McGee Creek canyon. We'll camp alongside Big McGee Lake at 10,500' elevation. The lake is located at the base of Red & White Mountain and Mt. Crocker. A day hike to McGee Pass will provide views of Fish Creek valley, Red Slate Mountain, and the equally-colorful Dorothy-Genevieve Basin. In another direction, a hike to an overlook of scenic Baldwin bowl is rewarding and one can continue to Golden Lake and/or Steelhead Lake. An old trail constructed by the CCC is an option to take us over Hopkins Pass into upper Hopkins Basin. Enjoy happy hours / pot lucks every night with wine provided. Monday hike out. Cost is \$235. To apply, contact Leader Winnette Butler ([jim333@roadrunner.com](mailto:jim333@roadrunner.com)) Co-leaders: Jim Fleming, John Kaiser.



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**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.

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**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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