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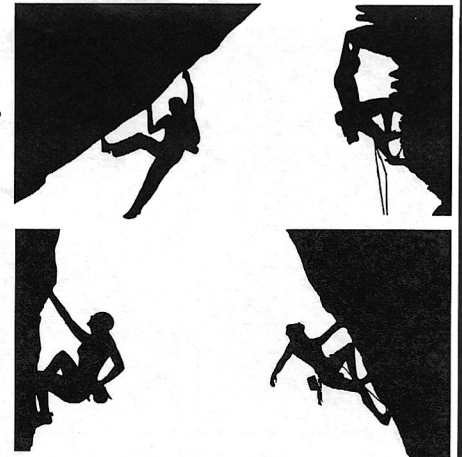
You are invited to come to our meeting and listen to Virgil Shields share with you his exciting experiences climbing rocks and peaks in the Sierra Nevada Mountains

We also will cover upcoming hikes, current status of San Onofre Nuclear Plant fuel storage issue, and other topics of interest.

WHERE: Norman Murray Community and Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 25, 2017

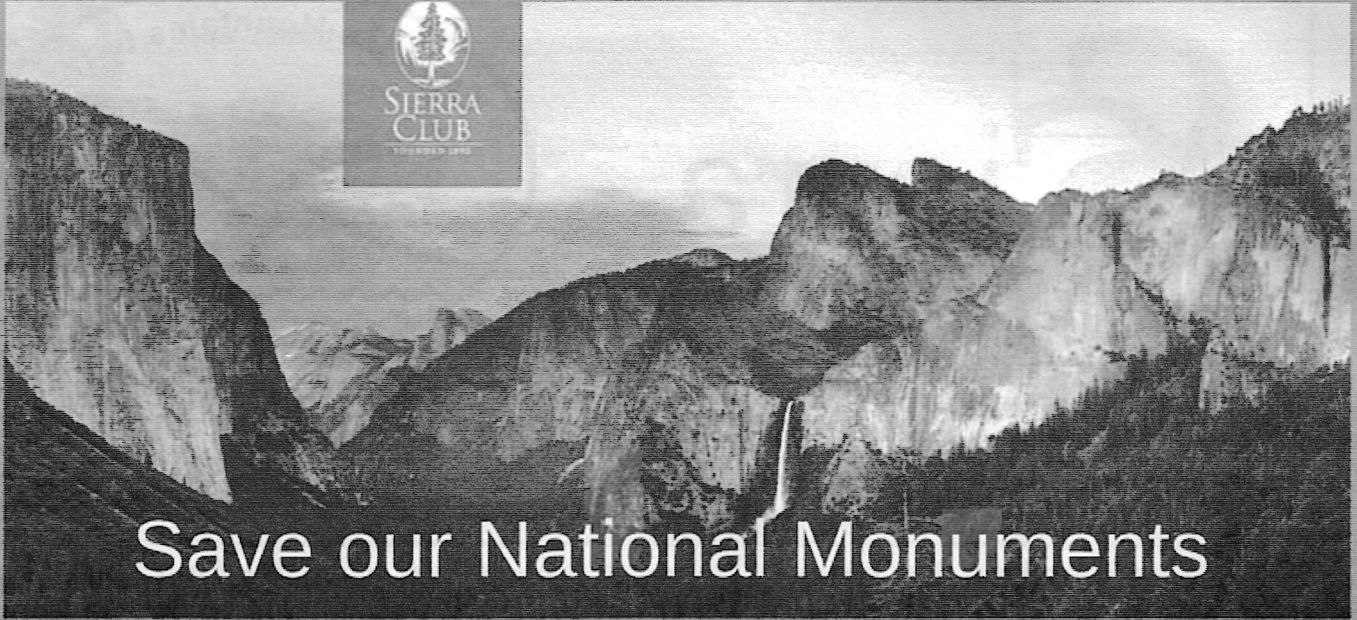
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Save our National Monuments

Presentation by Sierra Club speakers about the Trump Administration's threat to our National Monuments and what you can do

Thursday, July 6th 7pm
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Take Action to Save the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

By John Monsen, Co-Chair, Sierra Club Forest Committee

The 346,000-acre San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (SGMNM) was established by President Obama in October 2014. This action was taken at the request of the Sierra Club and many other local groups who had been working for over a decade to develop an alternative designation for the San Gabriel Mountains that would help bring in new resources to improve recreational and environmental conditions.

The San Gabriel Mountain National Monument is now under threat from the Trump Administration as they "review" 27 National Monuments for possible reduction in scope or elimination. **The public comment period ends July 10th** and we need your help building a strong public record in support of our monument. It only takes a few minutes. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001> and tell the Trump administration why you value our monument and the San Gabriel Mountains - and to leave our monument alone.

The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument has already begun to show its value, generating new summer ranger positions and over \$5,000,000 in private donations, reopening shuttered visitor centers, increasing trash pickup, and launching the East Fork Project. This project, now in the planning stages, will improve visitor services and education, encourage transit-to-trails, increase cultural awareness, and protect aquatic habitat along a 2.5 mile stretch of the often-visited East Fork of the San Gabriel River north of Azusa in the monument.

The not so hidden agenda is that the Trump Administration wants to open up our public lands to fracking, coal mining, and downing of ancient trees for timber (think the Sequoia National Monument, which is also under review). Their special focus is Utah, on the Escalante Grand Staircase and the Bears Ears National Monuments that protect millions of acres of magnificent canyon country and plateaus between Utah's great national parks like Zion, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Bryce. The Administration has already proposed reducing the scope of Bears Ears, established by President Obama in 2016.

You can do your part by commenting right now using the link provided. Although our focus is on the San Gabriels, feel free to comment on any of the monuments mentioned above that you are familiar with. A strong public record will make it harder to the Trump Administration to take actions that damage our public lands.

More information on National Monument Review from Jim Hines

REMINDER: Just one week left to provide your public comments on the Trump Administration plan to eliminate YOUR national monuments.

July 10th is the deadline, so please get your comments in supporting YOUR national monuments by using this official Dept of the Interior webpage for public comments on the national monument issue: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=DOI-2017-0002>

Here in SoCal there are several NMs threatened with elimination, San Gabriel Mtns NM in LA county and Carizzo Plain NM in San Luis Obispo county and several CA Desert NMs which many of us visit. Also within visiting distant is Giant Sequoia NM and our own Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (offshore of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties) is under a separate Presidential order for possible elimination and the comment period closes on July 26th just for Channel Islands NMS.

So far we have gotten in over one million public comments in support of retaining YOUR National Monuments.

Thank you for standing up for America's natural heritage. — Jim

Outings



Sunday, July 09, 2017 7:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: San Jacinto Wilderness Loops

Enjoy the cool 75 degree temperatures in mid-summer, walking through the pine forests on the upper slopes of Mt. San Jacinto. Two hikes from the top of the Palm Spring Tramway (8420') to Round Valley (9060') will be offered concurrently. Both hikes include the Round Valley loop. Longer route (8 miles round trip, 1750' gain) will include a hike to Wellmans Divide (9720') and back. Shorter route will be a more casual pace (6 miles round trip, 950' gain). Meet 7:00 AM at the south entrance of parking garage of the Irvine Transportation Center (Irvine Train Station, Ada & Barranca) in order to carpool to the tramway, or 9:00 AM at the tramway entrance. Bring money for tramway fee, lunch, water, hat, light jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen, lug-sole boots. Rain cancels.

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Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com

Saturday, July 15, 2017 9:00 AM (Time Tentative)

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O/I: Delamar Mountain (8398')

Join us as we hike in the cool mountains of Big Bear to Delamar Mountain, one of the "seven peaks of Big Bear". Starting at the trailhead, we will climb the Cougar Crest Trail and follow the PCT to the peak (8398') and back, for a total of 12 miles round trip and 1550' of gain. Possible spectacular views of the lake. Bring 3 quarts water, hat, sunscreen, lunch, jacket, lugsole boots. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Cougar Crest Trailhead in Fawnskin. When entering Big Bear area, take highway 38 towards the Discovery Center in Fawnskin (on the north side of Big Bear Lake); the trailhead is west of the Discovery Center on highway 38. Thunderstorms, heavy smoke from forest fire, or red flag advisory cancels. After the hike, you are invited to join us to spend the night at the Keller Ski Hut (6800') on highway 18 (optional). To stay at the Keller Ski Hut, it is \$10/person for SC members (nonmembers is \$15/person). Must bring own food, drink, sleeping bag. Contact leaders for more information.

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Saturday, August 12, 2017 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Sugarloaf Mountain (9952')

Join us as we hike one of the "seven summits of Big Bear", the highest peak in the range outside of the San Geronio Wilderness. Weather permitting, you will be treated to all-encompassing views of the whole eastern half of the San Bernardino mountains. This is a day-long 8 miles, 2000' gain hike. Bring 10 essentials, hiking boots, hat, jacket, sunscreen, 3 quarts water, lunch. USFS Adventure Pass is

required for parking at the trailhead. Forecasts of thunderstorms, fire, or red flag warning cancels. Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: Sylvie Cote (mlsylvie@hotmail.com), Todd Clark (clarkta@hotmail.com).

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Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:30 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Crystal Cove Pot Luck Brunch Hike

A "Mike's Hike". Four (4) miles round trip. Enjoy the cool morning air in a walk along Crystal Cove Beach, break for a potluck brunch, then return to parking location. Meet at 8:30 am at Cameo Shores just north of Crystal Cove State Park. You can park on the streets of Cameo Shores or Hampden Road. Bring brunch items to carry on the hike to the end of the beach to share with others. Wear comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen. *Michael Sappingfield 949-633-6993 mikesapp@cox.net*

Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com

Wednesday, September 06, 2017 8:30 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing

O: Dana Point Harbor to Strands Beach

Moderately-paced 6.7 mi partial loop walk with 600' gain. Walk begins up stairs to the Bluff Trail where we have views of beautiful Dana Point Harbor. Proceed onto dirt path around the headlands and down stairs to the strands beach where seabirds abound. Meet 8:30 am at the parking lot at the SW corner of Golden Lantern and Dana Point Drive. Bring 1 qt water, snacks, and good walking shoes. Water refills and bathrooms available. Possible lunch in harbor following walk.

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Sunday, September 10, 2017 8:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Dana Point to San Clemente Beach walk

Join us for a cool walk on the beach, where you will enjoy scenery, fresh air, and sea breeze, from Dana Point to Trestle beach in San Clemente, for a total of 8 miles, no gain. We will stop over at the San Clemente pier for lunch for about an hour. We will return by bus. The path will lead us on various uneven terrain, from beach to paved path, and everything in-between (some difficult hiking surfaces). Meet 8:00 AM at Doheny State Park Road and Dana Harbor Drive, 1 block west of PCH in Dana Point. Park 1 block uphill from meeting location. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, sturdy walking shoes (may get wet; no flip-flop or sandals), lunch or \$\$ to buy lunch at pier, \$ for bus.

Leaders: Sylvie Cote, Todd Clark.

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Wednesday, September 13, 2017 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing

O: Buck Gully

5 mi, 100' gain hike up and back exploring this cool coastal canyon hidden in Corona del Mar. Meet 9:00 am at the parking lot at the corner of Marguerite Ave and 5th Av. Turn E from PCH onto Marguerite: the parking lot is next to Oasis Senior Center at 801 Narcissis in Corona del Mar. Bring snack, water, sturdy walking shoes. Ldr: Sylvia Stevenson, Asst: Gail Roy

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Wednesday, September 20, 2017 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing

O: Serrano Creek Trail

4.7 mi ow, 590' gain for short hike; 11 mi rt, 690' gain for long hike. Starting at Heritage Park in Lake Forest, we meander on the trail in Serrano Creek Park, cross Trabuco Rd and continue along a shady suburban trail, climbing gently toward Foothill Ranch. The short hike ends before we cross Rancho Pkwy, and participants return to the starting point by public transportation (OCTA Bus #177). The longer hike continues into Whiting Ranch following Live Oak Trail and returning on Serrano Creek Trail all the way back to Trabuco Rd with a stop for lunch (picnic or eatery) in Foothill Ranch en route. Meet 8:30 am at the Heritage Hill parking lot on Serrano Rd, less than a block north off Lake Forest Dr (west of the intersection of Lake Forest Dr & Trabuco Rd). Bring water, snack, lunch (long hike), water, snack, bus fare (.75 seniors, \$2 adults) for the short hike. Walking shoes ok for these hikes. Rain cancels.

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Wednesday, September 27, 2017 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing

O: Arroyo Trabuco

This is an easy 5 mile hike downstream and back with up to six stream crossings, so bring your poles if you have them. Approx. 100' of loss/gain on the hike. Enjoy the fabulous tropical rain forest look to this unique area of Orange County which includes one of the largest sycamore groves in California. Meet 8:30 am at the O'Neill Park trailhead on Arroyo Vista in Rancho Santa Margarita. From I-5, exit onto Alicia Pkwy going east. Follow Alicia Pkwy until it ends. Turn R on Santa Margarita Pkwy to Empresa, R on Empresa to Banderas, R on Banderas to Arroyo Vista, R until the houses end on the R. Trailhead 100 yds further on R. Park on street. Bring munchies, water, hat, and change of socks in case your feet get wet.

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RIDESHARE MEETING POINTS

S Orange Co...Ortega Plaza parking lot SE corner, Ortega Hwy/Rancho Viejo, San Juan Capistrano

Tustin ... Redhill Ave on N side (Fwy side) of Stater Bros Market just SW of Redhill Ave exit from Santa Ana Fwy

Angeles Chapter and Sierra Sage
Group Present

Southern New Mexico

October 14-21, 2017

Leaders: Mike & Patty Sappingfield

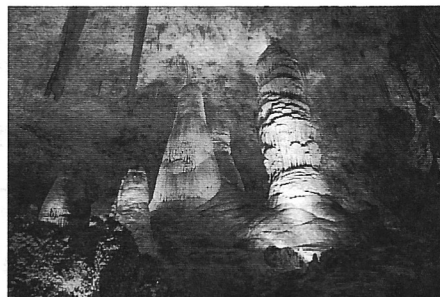
This trip is full, however, there are spaces on the Wait list in case of cancellations.

Join us for this fascinating 8 days, 7 nights, exploration of Southern New Mexico. Highlights are **Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks, White Sands, and Prehistoric Trackways National Monuments and Chamizal National Memorial**. In between, we will visit the **plaza of old Mesilla**, and the stomping grounds of **Billy the Kid in the historic town of Lincoln**, and modern day museums such as the one about **UFOs in Roswell**, the **White Sands Missile Range Museum**, and the **New Mexico Museum of Space History**. Towns and Cities visited include **El Paso, Texas, and Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Roswell, Carlsbad, in New Mexico**.

Trip includes transportation via a 56 passenger Motor Coach from El Paso, to all stops, and returning to El Paso at the end of the trip. **All Breakfasts, and up to two picnic lunches and Lodging for 2 people per room for 7 nights in middle range hotels such as Comfort Inns and similar places are included. It also includes all admissions to all museums, parks, and the planned tours in Carlsbad Caverns.** Other lunches, all dinners, air or other transportation from home to El Paso are not included.

Trip cost is \$1295 per person for Sierra Club Members (\$1395 for non-members.) A \$500 deposit per person will reserve your spot with final payment of the remainder due no later than July 1, 2017. A small number of rooms will be available for those who wish to have a private room and are willing to pay a single supplement of \$500.

To apply, request the application package from Mike & Patty Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net or via mail at P. O. Box 524, Lake Forest, CA 92609. **Send the completed application forms along with the \$500 (+250 deposit if you wish a private room for one) to "Sierra Sage of South Orange County, P. O. Box 524, Lake Forest, CA 92609.**



Angeles Chapter Presents Arizona Slot Canyon and Native American Sites

April 21-April 29, 2018

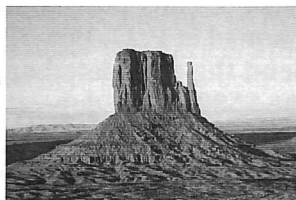
Trip Leaders: Mike Sappingfield & Linda Ledger

This trip is full, however, there are spaces on the Wait list in case of cancellations.

Join us for this 9-day, 8-night tour of Northeast Arizona. Arizona is famous for rugged landscapes and historical sites. This is your opportunity to visit many of these sites. Landscapes include **Sunset Crater, Meteor Crater, Petrified Forest National Park, Sedona, Antelope Slot Canyon** (one of the most photographed), and **Monument Valley**. Native American sites include **Wupatki National Monument, Navajo National Monument and Beta-takin Cliff Dwelling, Canyon DeChelly, Montezuma Castle, Hubbell Trading Post & Heard Museum. Native American Guides will provide tours of Antelope Canyon, Monument Valley and Canyon De Chelly.** Some optional hikes are included usually 3 to 7 mi rt, up to 700' gain/loss.



Trip Fee is \$1350 for Sierra Club Members, \$1450 for non-members. A \$500 deposit will hold your place until February 15, 2018. **Includes** all transportation from Phoenix and back to Phoenix. Also included are 8 nights' accommodations (2 per room/2 beds with a few single rooms available at an additional cost), some breakfasts, and one lunch and all admissions, park permits and guide fees. **Not included** is airfare to and from Phoenix, snacks, most breakfasts, most lunches and all dinners.



For information and to apply, contact Mike Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net (949-768-3610) or write to him at 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. **Leaders: Mike Sappingfield, Linda Ledger**

ANGELES CHAPTER PRESENT- GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS MAY 19-26 2018

LEADERS: MIKE SAPPINGFIELD AND LINDA LEDGER

This trip is full, however, there are spaces on the Wait list in case of cancellations.

Join us for this 8 day, 7 night fly-drive excursion to the Appalachian Mountains in Tennessee and North Carolina in the spring. We will be using Gatlinburg, Tennessee, just outside the National Park, as our base for the entire trip and use vans to get to places within and around the park.



Highlights will be exploring the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** including **Cades Cove, Clingmans Dome, Mingus Grist Mill, and the Oconaluftee Mountain Farm Museum.** We want to experience the **backwoods with its magnificent hardwood forests and many creeks and waterfalls** so we plan to hike almost every day for at least 3-7+ miles to such destinations as **Grotto Falls, Abram Falls, Rainbow Falls and others.** Additionally we plan to visit the nearby **Cumberland Gap National Historical Park** and enjoy the short hike through the Gap as well as visiting the magnificent **Biltmore Mansion** in Asheville, NC.

Trip includes all transportation in Tennessee and North Carolina, 7 nights lodging, all breakfasts and two picnic lunches, and all admissions to scheduled places. Trip does not include air fare to and from Tennessee and the remaining lunches and dinners and any optional admissions.

Trip cost is **\$1150** for Sierra Club Members (\$1250 for non-members). **A \$500 deposit will hold your place on the trip with the remainder due by February 2018.** For information and to apply, contact Mike Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net (949-768-3610) or write to him at 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. **Leaders: Mike Sappingfield, Linda Ledger**

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- Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into local offices? Contact Sharon Koch at slkoch@ix.netcom.com
- Want to keep the Santa Ana Mountains wild? Or even want to help maintain the trails in the San Mateo Wilderness Area? Contact John Kaiser at jkai39@gmail.com



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