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Cover: Sand Verbena (*Abronia*) and Dune Primrose (*Oenothera deltoides*), with Coxcomb Mountains in the background. Photo taken near Desert Center, March 2019.

Photo: Bob Cates

Skiing and Snowshoeing in Yosemite

February 2019
Photos courtesy Keith Martin









Picnic! All welcome to attend the Annual WAS Picnic (and hike) April 13, 2019

Please see picnic description on page 8.

Living in Ireland

By Terry Ginsberg

My wife, Pam, and I repatriated to Pasadena at the end of 2018 after spending 3 years in Dublin, Ireland where I worked as a financial consultant for a global pharmaceutical company. In this article I will share our experiences with you. I will endeavor to be politically neutral and of

course accept full responsibility for any misinformation.

Cutting to the chase, we didn't do a lot of hiking due to the weather, the distance to the mountains and laziness. We did some nice coastal walks, tourist area walks and many city walks to learn the local history and culture. Our longest real hike was the blue trail at beautiful Glendalough where a monastery was built around the year 800 close to two lakes. You can see in the photographs that we walked up the slope on railroad ties part of the time to avoid damaging muddy areas. We were treated to a wonderful view of the lakes at the top and then we descended to a location where there had been an old mine. Finally we navigated around a lake and passed by some sheep on the final portion.

Walking up railroad ties to Glendalough Photos: Terry Ginsberg

We greatly enjoyed our stay in Ireland and, of course, would recommend everyone include a visit on their bucket list. The people are extremely friendly, the nature is beautiful and their music and art culture is rich.

The temperature tends to stay in a moderate range but precipitation, however brief, is frequent—bringing mixed blessings. In return for the nuisance of dealing with moisture, you are blessed with rainbows and green hills with many trees and flowers. The wind, which also can be bothersome, seems to prevent heavy humidity and swarms of insects.

This small island, populated with only about 5 million people, has contributed to rock music—U2, Enya, Van Morrison, Tin Lizzy, The Pogues and The Cranberries as well as to world literature—James Joyce, GB Shaw, Oscar Wilde, Bram Stoker, Jonathan Swift and Samuel Beckett.

Listening to traditional Irish music you can hear the origins of US Bluegrass music.

The Romans decided not to bother conquering the territory because the land of Ireland is not particularly fertile and the weather is rainy and dark for much of the year. Also there also are not many native animals.

The original inhabitants were Celts originating from eastern Europe but probably ultimately departing from Iberia, then the Vikings invaded around 800 and later the

> British came at around 1000. Built before Stonehenge or the Great Giza Pyramids in the Stone Age, Newgrange is a passage tomb consisting of large stones and decorated with megalithic art. The Irish language Gaelic is not spoken much on a daily basis although it is taught in school, used for place names in public transportation, used in the legislature and on some media channels. There are a few regions out west where it is spoken all the time.

Partly encouraged by its tax rate, Ireland has been receiving much corporate investment, although most of it relates to lighter industries based upon intellectual property. While the economy has expanded and developed, provision of housing, roads and medical services have lagged behind. Because there is labor demand, young

people from Eastern Europe, South America and other countries have immigrated to Ireland. By and large the native Irish people are very welcoming to these working people, but less hospitality may be provided to poor immigrant families living clustered in government housing.

In the Irish Republic (the majority of the island) most people tend to be Catholic whereas in Northern Ireland the dominant religion is Protestant. That said, my impression is that generally traditional religious values do not necessarily dictate their current moral beliefs or give rise to intolerance. They are very welcoming to gay people; in fact the Prime Minister is openly gay. And they passed an amendment in 2018 to allow abortion. I did not have a sense that many young people attended church on Sunday morning. I think today the conflict between Northern Ireland and the Republic is mainly

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Ireland continued from page 3 political and cultural.

These days the Irish in the Republic seem to have a love/hate relationship with the British. In the past, the Irish in the south were always trying to be independent while the British established unduly harsh laws preventing the Irish from owning property or even horses. The main

landowners were British (especially in the North) while the Irish were forced to be tenant farmers. Food for these oppressed farmers was very limited as the good crops were exported to Britain. So, when the potato famine created starvation many Irish died or emigrated. The population today remains much lower than it was at that time (8 million). On the other hand, Britain is Ireland's main trading partner. Cab drivers, the ultimate conveyors of local

Hike to Glendalough

culture, will readily express their ill will toward the British. Although they are very concerned about the Northern border and the impact on their economy, I think the Irish people are highly amused to watch how the British are stumbling mightily in determining how to resolve the Brexit issue. They are hopeful that British mistakes will be beneficial to their economy. But no one North or South wants a hard border where people and goods are scrutinized.

I would say the Irish people are very humble about their country, especially with respect to people from the US.

The Irish generally love the US for its values, media and shopping. They are extremely surprised and disappointed by recent US politics. Their favorite US vacation places are Las Vegas and Orlando Disneyland. Like other oppressed cultures, they have a wicked sense of humor. One guy was so incredulous that I choose to leave Los Angeles, California to come to Dublin that he speculated to his colleagues that "he must be on a most wanted Vousiless, I would mention that

Coastal walk

list." Another example is a lovely mermaid luxuriating in a fountain is commonly referred to as "the floozy in the jacuzzi."

Automobiles ride on the left side of the road and the driver seat is located on the right hand side of the car. The busier roads tend to have two lanes in each direction but

> the one on the left is dedicated to busses and bicycles. And there are many roundabouts on which you must enter from the left and remember to drive clockwise. Street names change every few blocks and rarely are they visibly posted. The Dublin layout of streets has not changed much from the time of Leopold Bloom, so correcting a mistake is always very challenging. Parking is scarce and rarely free of charge.

While Irish people

speak English, words common to our two cultures do not always share the same meaning. For example, a response of "that's brilliant" has absolutely nothing to do with your intellectual acuity; it just means "it's ok." The funniest example of this difference occurred when Pam asked a church member for "a ride" back home from a distant church. The parishioner responded "of course, but you must not use that expression because it carries sexual overtones. You should ask for a lift." In moods of mischievousness, I would mention that in the US Sierra Club we

have "ride share" places where we meet before hiking.

Understanding the accents of people from Northern Ireland can be very challenging. Often I found myself moving my ear closer than a polite distance to the speaker's mouth. I recall not understanding a single word spoken by the woman seated next to me at a dinner table and being forced to respond like a mute with gestures and expressions.

Crazy Winter Near Yosemite

By Beth Martin



From our front window

Photos: Beth Martin

Yosemite Valley and its gateway communities have seen unprecedented snowfall this winter; some are calling it a 25-year snow event. In the Sierra foothills, snow rarely falls below 4,000 feet of elevation. This year it snowed down to 500 feet during three separate storms that hit one right after the other in February. Fun, right? You can snowshoe right from your front door! Well, not exactly.



Downed tree on a house

The wet, heavy snow made going anywhere outside miserable. Even in the lull between storms, getting to most actual trails was difficult. The weather was fickle, roads were icy and many areas, including most of Yosemite, were closed.

During the first snowstorm, the weight of the snow, combined with high winds and ground that was saturated by earlier rain, caused healthy trees to fail at their roots. Huge cedars and pines crashed onto roads, homes and power lines all over the county. Trees weakened or killed from bark-beetle infestation did the same. Road crews couldn't keep up, and until downed trees were cleared, PG&E couldn't get in to fix powerlines. Almost everyone in Tuolumne County lost power for some length of time; some were without it for almost a week. Every store in the county ran out of lanterns and road salt. Crews couldn't keep the roads plowed and sanded, and since it rarely snows at the lower elevations, many people lacked tire chains. 4WD doesn't help you on ice.



Skiing to Yosemite's Crane Flat lookout tower

All three highways into Yosemite closed repeatedly because of treefall and heavy snow accumulation. (Highway 41 enters Yosemite near Wawona, after going through Fresno, Oakhurst and Fish Camp. Highway 120 enters from the West, traveling through the town of Groveland, and is the main route from the Bay Area. Highway 140 enters through El Portal and is supposed to be the year-round route, but slides in the Ferguson Fire burn scar forced closures. Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass) was literally buried, with snow up to the main lodge's roof and ski lifts that had to be dug out.

Between storms, and once it stopped snowing for good toward the end of February, fun was possible. The snow began melting quickly, and the Tuolumne Group of the Sierra Club's Mother Lode Chapter hiked on nearby local trails. My husband Keith and I enjoyed the rare pleasure of snowshoeing through deep snow in Yosemite Valley once the roads were back open.

While morning temps are still in the 30s and there's still plenty of snow at the higher elevations, the daffodils are blooming, the deer and wild turkeys are cavorting and spring might finally have sprung. ■

OCSS/Wilderness Adventures March 16-17 Bus Trip

Photos: Mark Mitchell



Skiing across Lake Mary



View from San Joaquin Ridge



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Fire Recovery and Regrowth in the Santa Monica Mountains

Reports and photos by Pixie Klemic



Nicholas Flats

Nicholas Flats - January 2019

It was a bright sunny day, but rather eeriie on the way in through all the burned trees and bushes. The bridge to the pond was totally burned and Frank and I went upstream a bit to cross over and get to the rocky overlook. The platform and bench were burned, of course, but the trees there might be O.K. The Manzanita between that and the creek—a dried mudflow from the earlier rain—was destroyed. It must have been burning very hot through there. But bugs were already under the peeling bark. There were no signs to keep us out, but I am glad no one is trying to get in there for now.

There were encouraging sights, too. The new growth already emerging—grasses, wild cucumber, reeds, etc. The mosses looked crispy, but the lichens didn't seem too stressed. ■



View to the ocean



The pond at Nicholas Flats

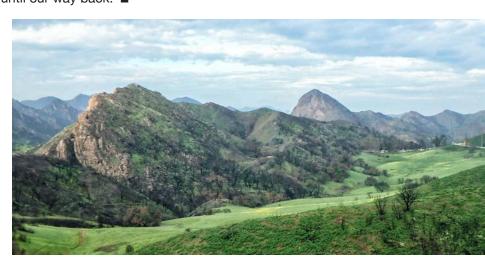
Malibu Creek State Park - March 2019

Between rainy days we managed a wonderful hike at Malibu Creek State Park. We used the alternate entry point of the Cistern Trail as the Cornell entrance was closed, hooking up with our original route on the Lookout Trail.

Wildflowers are beginning to open—wild cucumber is all over still, then lupine, eucrypta, milkmaids, early mustards, lots of Blue Dicks, . . . even a few Indian Paintbrush, and some Hog Fennel. And Poppies!! They greeted us as we merged with the Outlook trail, but weren't open until our way back. ■



Regrowth in the canyon



Reagan Ranch

2019 Outings

In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver, usually included on the sign-in sheet. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see the following: http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms or, call (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

Carpooling/Ridesharing: In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Cancellation Policy: Reservations: For outings costing over \$10, arrange reservations in advance by sending a check payable to Wilderness Adventures. Unless otherwise noted, cancellation is without penalty up to 30 days before departure; thereafter 90 percent refundable only if a suitable replacement is found. For trips where group size is limited by permits or safety, up to a \$50 deposit can be required (in addition to any permit or reservation fees), refundable at the trailhead if you show up, and participate in the outing. No-shows' checks will be forfeited. For all trips that charge a fee to participate, other than a permit fee, the chapter is registered as a California Seller of Travel #CST 2087760-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. Questions? Contact the leaders.

Weekend & Overnight Outings

Unless otherwise noted, all outings are fully sponsored by the Wilderness Adventures Section. To contact hike leaders, see Leaders, page 15.

April 6, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #2 Mt Pinos

MAY NEED TO BE POSTPONED due to snow: Join us for hike #2 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits, a 16 mile hike to Mt Pinos (8831') with 3000' of elevation gain. Located in the Los Padres National Forest. Meet at McGill trailheadat 8 am. Take 5 freeway north to Frazier Park exit. Turn left (west). Keep straight on Cuddy Valley Road past fork with Lockwood Valley Road. Continue on Cuddy Valley .5 mile after intersection with Mil Potero Road. Park on right in turn out. Meet for carpoolat 6:45am at Sierra Club Sylmar carpool point. Roxford St exit from 5 fwy. Turn right onto Roxford. First right onto Encinitas Ave. Park on street near McDonald's. Adventure pass required in National Forest. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub

April 13, Saturday

O: Annual WAS Hike and Picnic: Join us for our annual hike and picnic at Forrestal Nature Reserve, 32201 Forrestal Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes. 9:00 AM, burn some calories on a moderately paced but hilly hike in the Forrestal and Portuguese Bend Reserves. Then stay and replace them at the picnic at 12:00. Hike will be 6-7 miles, 1700' gain, 3 hours. Enjoy beautiful views of the southern coast of Palos Verdes. Wear lug soles, bring water and snack. If you anticipate rain, bring rain gear. Minors are permitted if accompanied on the hike by a parent. At the picnic, main entree and drinks will be provided. Please

bring a side dish or dessert to share, and your own reusable cup, plate, and utensils. Also, it would be helpful to bring your own chair. Please RSVP to Terri (terristraub@hotmail.com) by Wednesday, April 10. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Jeff Taylor, Shana Rapoport, Terri Straub. From the 110 South Freeway continue onto North Gaffey, turn right on First Street, left on Western, right on 25th Street which becomes Palos Verdes Drive South to Forrestal Drive, north to Ladera Linda Community Center parking lot. Street parking is also available.

April 13, Saturday

O: Saturday Peaks in the Santa Monicas #4 – Temescal Peak (2126'): Join us for our hike to Temescal Peak, our fourth in our 2019 Saturday Peaks in the Santa Monicas that will take us to the highest and most interesting peaks in the Santa Monica Mountains. We will also hit Skull Rock, Radio Peak, and Howards Peak named by Howard Kaytons friends in the Santa Monica hiking groups. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Leacock Trailhead at the top of Bienveneda Avenue in Pacific Palisades. Free street parking. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain or Red Flag alert cancels. Leaders: Ken Beauchene, Joan Schipper, Bob Cody.

April 27, Saturday

O: Brown Mountain. SoCal Seven Summits #3: Join us for hike #3 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits to Brown Mountain (4466'). A 13-mile 3400' gain hike starting from Millard Canyon. Meet at 8 am. From Loma Alta Drive in Altadena, turn north on Chaney Trail Drive (blinking light). Continue over ridge and down to parking area at bottom of Millard Canyon. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Adventure Pass required. Rain cancels. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek,

Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub

May 11, Saturday

O: Saturday Peaks in the Santa Monicas #5 – McAuley (2049') and Mesa (1844'): Join us on a moderate 7 mile, 800 gain out and back hike with spectacular ocean views hitting both Mesa and the newly named McAuley Peak, after the legendary Santa Monica trail guide and author, Milt McAuley. Meet at 8:00 AM at the upper Corral Canyon parking lot (PCH W 2 miles from Malibu Canyon road, north 5 miles on winding Corral Canyon Road to dirt parking lot at end). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain or Red Flag alert cancels. Leaders: Robert Baldwin, Bob Cody, Ron Rosien.

May 18, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #4 Mt Markham (5742'), Mt Lowe (5603') San Gabriel Peak (6161') Mt Disappointment (5994'): Join us for hike #4 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits. This is a four peak loop hike in the San Gabriel mountains. 13 miles 3600' elevation gain. We will start at Red Box on Angeles Crest Hwy, go down to Valley Forge, then up to Eaton Saddle. From there we will hike the peaks and head back down to Red Box via trail from Mt Disapointment. Meetat 8amat Red Box Picnic Area. 14 mi from La Canada on Route 2, Angeles Crest Hwy. Meet for carpoolat 7:30at La Canada carpool point. Corner of Milmada Dr and Flanders Rd, just north of 210 frwy at Angeles Crest Hwy exit. Adventure pass required in National Forest. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub

May 24-27, Friday to Monday

I: Memorial Day Yosemite Sampler: Rideshare Fri to stay in a cabin in the Wawona area near Yosemite's south entrance for moderately paced 8-12 mi, 1200'-2800' gain hikes each day on and off-trail. Highlights include cascading Chilnualna Falls, panoramic vistas of Yosemite Valley from the Panorama Trail and/or Glacier Point Trail (maybe with some snow patches!), and a hike through the Mariposa Grove of Sequoias (re-opened in 2017). Cost includes 3 nights lodging in modern cabin with all amenities (2-5 per bedroom with shared bathrooms and kitchen), 3 continental breakfasts, Sat Happy Hour (dinner on your own), Sun group dinner. Not suitable for beginners or sightseers. Leaders: Sherry Ross, Kent Schwitkis. Send \$285 (made out to Wilderness Adventures) - \$40 cancel penalty, no refund of balance after 4/19 unless trip is full and suitable replacement found - and email, H&W phones, recent hiking experience to Ldr: Sherry Ross, 3640 Radnor Ave, Long Beach CA 90808

June 8 Saturday

O: San Gabriel Mountains Quarterly Hike-Buckhorn Flat to Little Rock Creek: Stroll through mature forest down and up a couple canyons whose creeks should be splashing through the woods. Possible brief off-trail scramble to a small waterfall and boulder-hopping in Little Rock Creek. Hike will be one-way moderate-paced, 5.5 miles with 900 feet loss and gain. Wear sturdy shoes or lug-sole boots that you don't mind getting wet and bring the usuals for a day hike, including lunch and at least two quarts of water. Leader: Mark Mitchell, Co-Ldrs: Dean Wallraff, David Cuddy, Diana Gonzalez. Meet by 8:00 AM at La Canada Ride Share - Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy 2), Just N of Foothill Fwy (I-210). Cars parked in Angeles National Forest will need to display Adventure Passes.

June 8, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #5 Will Thrall Peak: Join us for hike #5 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits, a 16-mile round trip at a moderate pace with 3700 feet of gain to Will Thrall Peak (7,845). Take the Angeles Crest Highway north 43 miles from La Canada (19 miles pass the intersection with the Mt. Wilson Road at the Red Box Ranger Station) to a parking area on the left at the Cloudburst Summit trailhead near mile marker 57.10. Email leaders for meeting time and carpooling options. Adventure pass required on Angeles Crest Hwy. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub.

June 29, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #6 San Jacinto Peak: Join us for hike #6 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits, Mt. San Jacinto (10,804'). 17 miles round trip at a moderate pace with 5,000 feet of gain on the Deer Springs, Marion Mountain, and Pacifc Crest trails in the San Jacinto Wilderness. We will start at the Marion Mountain trailhead and exit at the Deer Springs Trailhead with a car shuttle required. Meet at the Deer Springs Trailhead to set up the car shuttle (Trailhead parking is on the left (north) on Highway 243 just before entering the town of Idyllwild). Permit limited. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Email leaders for meeting time, carpooling options, and permit count. Adventure pass required. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub.

July 2-6, Friday to Tuesday

O: Pacific Crest Trail Backpack and Grover Hot Springs State Park Carcamp: Northern Sierra Backpack Trip on the Pacific Crest Trail from Sonora Pass (9,618) to Ebbetts

Pass (8,743) and Car Camp at Grover Hot Springs State Park. Spend the July 4th holiday near Markleeville in the eastern Sierras between Yosemite and Lake Tahoe, First. we will do a 3-day, 31-mile backpack trip on the PCT and travel through the Hoover and Carson-Iceberg Wildernesses, camping along the East Fork of the Carson River and Wolf Creek. This trip covers PCT miles 1017-1048. Typical day has 10-12 miles with 2,500gain and loss. After the backpack trip, we will camp for one night at Grover Hot Springs State Park, enjoying hot showers, a naturally-fed hot water pool, and a cool-water pool. \$20 for campground and pool fees. Trip does not qualify as a WTC Experience Trip. We will meet on Tues. evening, July 2nd. Car shuttle set up at beginning of the trip. Send email with cell phone, home city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to leader: Ted Lubeshkoff. Co-leaders Jeff Taylor, Mary Forgione.

July 13, Saturday

O: Saturday in the Santa Monicas #7 - Valley to the Sea - Eagle Rock (1957'): Join us on our 7th Saturday in the Santa Monica Mountains 2019 hike and our third memorial hike, a strenuous 12 mile, 1000' gain hike from the Valley to the Sea in memory of Willy Blumhoff. This is a one-way hike with a car shuttle; it's a variant of the one Willy took each year on his birthday, July 14. The hike will start at the Top of Reseda Trailhead, taking the Garapito Trail, summiting Eagle Rock, stopping at Trippet Ranch for lunch, and then taking the East Topanga Fire Road to Los Liones, ending at PCH and Sunset. We will conclude by dipping our toes in the Pacific Ocean below Gladstone's Restaurant. We'll then toast Willy's memory with liquid refreshments at Gladstone's. Meet at 7:30 AM in the first parking lot on the right on Los Liones (PCH to Sunset Boulevard, north 0.3 mile, left on Los Liones) and shuttle to the Top of Reseda Trailhead. The area around the trailhead belongs to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, which imposes a parking fee. California State Parks parking passes are not valid here. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain or Red Flag alert cancels. Leaders: Bob Cody, Maya Levinson, Ernie Scheuer.

July 20, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #7

Mt Baldy (10,064'), Dawson Peak (9575'), Pine Mountain (9648'): Join us for hike #7 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits. This is a strenuous 16 mile 6750' gain hike to Mt Baldy, Dawson Peak, and Pine Mountain. We will meet at Manker Flats and take the ski hut trail to the top of Mt Baldy. From the summit we will follow the north backbone trail as it goes down and up to Dawson, then down and up to Pine. Returning on the same trail back to the Baldy summit. Return to Manker Flats via the Devil's Backbone trail. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Email leaders for meeting time, and carpool-

ing options. Adventure pass required. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub.

August 3-4, Saturday to Sunday (Date Tentative) O: San Jacinto Backpack with San Jacinto Peak (10,834 ft) San Jacinto Peak (10,834 ft) Backpack:

First day, ascend via Palm Spring Aerial Tramway, hike 2.5 miles with 700 ft gain to Round Valley, set up camp. Possible dayhike to Saddle Junction and Hidden Divide, 10 miles, 2000 ft gain. Sunday hike to peak (8 miles round-trip, 1,800 ft gain), pack up camp and hike back to tram. Participants may need to pack in water for two days since water is not reliably available on route. Date is tentative, depending on permit availability. Participants responsible for tram fare. Send \$5 for wilderness permit, backpacking experience and conditioning to leader: Dean Wallraff. Coleader, Mark Mitchell

August 17, Saturday

O: Saturday Peaks in the Santa Monicas #8 – San Vincente Peak (1961'): Join us for our eighth Santa Monica peak on a a moderate 8-mile, 1000 gain hike to San Vincent Peak (1961) and the Nike Site. The hike is a round-trip hike starting at the Caballero Canyon Trailhead down the Caballero Canyon Trail and dirt Mullholland to the Nike Site. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Caballero Canyon Trailhead (34.142762,-118.54089) taking the 101 to Reseda Blvd in Tarzana, go south on Reseda 2.2 miles to Caballero Canyon trailhead just before the entrance to Braemar Country Club and Estates on the right. Do not continue to the top of Reseda). Free street parking. Bring water, snack, and lugsoles. Rain or Red Flag alert cancels. Leaders: Bob Cody, John Skidmore.

August 24-September 2, Saturday to Monday O: Pacific Crest Trail Backpack and Clair Tapaan

Lodge: Northern Sierra Backpack Trip on the Pacific Crest Trail from Lake Tahoe to Sierra City and stay at Clare Tapaan Lodge. We will begin our journey near Emerald Bay at Lake Tahoe, travel through the Desolation and Granite Chief Wildernesses, cross Donner Summit and finish at the North Yuba River near Sierra City. Stay at the Sierra Club's Clair Tapaan Lodge the first night and again midweek to re-supply. Carry 5 days of food at the beginning of the trip. Trip covers PCT miles 1108-1193. Strenuous, but moderately paced, 9 days, 95 miles, one-way. Typical day has 10-12 miles with 2,000 gain and loss. Permit limits group size. Sign up early. Trip does not qualify as a WTC Experience Trip. \$200 for 2 nights at lodge, shuttle van, and wilderness permit. Send email with cell phone, home city, recent, conditioning and backpack experience to jeannstar@sbcglobal.net Leader: Ted Lubeshkoff, Coleaders: Jerry Grenard and Pat Arredondo, Outings continued on page 11

August 30-September 2, Friday to Monday

I: Split Mountain (14,058ft) Backpack: Strenuous 4-day trip that includes bagging a 14'er. We may pick up a second peak on day two or have an easier day, depending on the group and conditions. Fri, start at 5,430 ft in the desert for very strenuous 6,000 ft climb to 11,360 ft Taboose Pass and on to campground either near the pass or by the South Fork Kings River in Upper Basin (distance between 7-10 miles). Saturday, possible climb of Cardinal Mountain or Vennacher Needle and shift of camp to near the Kings River if not already camping there. Sunday, strenuous 8 mi, 3,600 ft gain/loss off-trail ascent of Split Mountain. Monday, 10 mile, 1,000 ft gain, 6,000+ ft loss return to cars. Although pace will be moderate, must be in very strong physical condition and comfortable with steep, off-trail hiking. Snow cancels trip. Send \$10 permit fee, 2 SASE or email, H/W/cell phones, recent conditioning, experience, rideshare to Leader: Mark Mitchell, Co-Ldr: Daniel Kinzek

Tuesday & Thursday Hikes

April 2, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / O'Melveny Park to Mission Point: Moderately paced 5 mile 1400 ft gain/ loss hike with great views of SF Valley and way beyond, depending on visibility, in our second largest city park. Meet 8:30 AM at trailhead. From 118 Fwy take Balboa Blvd exit north about 2 miles to Orozco St, turn left continuing mile to end, then left on Sesnon, pass parking lot, and go about 4 blocks to Neon. Turn right and park at end of street. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Rita Okowitz, Asst: Sherry Rendel

April 4, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Towsley Cyn, Santa Clarita Woodlands: Moderately paced 8 mile 1500 gain (optional 6 mile 1200 gain) hike with great vistas, a chilly narrows, diverse plant life and tar seeps. Meet 8 AM Ed Davis Park in Santa Susana Mtns. Take Calgrove Blvd, exit 166, from Interstate 5, turn west under the freeway and take the Old Road south mile to Ed Davis Park on right, drive past Santa Clarita rideshare parking area outside entrance, go through gate and park in large dirt parking area 100 yds beyond the gate. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Mimi Knights Asst: Nancy Krupa

April 9, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Red Rock Canyon from Stunt Rd: Moderately paced 4 mile, 800 ft gain hike up a fire road and then down into hidden Red Rock Canyon with bright brick red rock formations. Seasonal streams, good views, chaparral and sage habitats. Meet 8:30 AM at Stunt Road trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy

take Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr exit south, turn right on Valmar Rd (becomes Old Topanga Cyn Rd), right on Mulholland Hwy for 3 miles, left on Stunt Rd for 1 mile, park on dirt shoulder on right. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Richard Shamban, Asst: Sherry Rendel

April 11, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Ahmanson Ranch: Enjoy Santa Monica Mtns Conservancy land of rolling grassy hills with oaks on 8 mile (shorter option available) 800 gain hike. Meet 8:00 AM at Victory trailhead (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle Blvd, exit 29, north 2 miles, turn left (west) on Victory Blvd continuing mile to parking lot at end). Bring \$3 for parking, 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Muddy when wet. Rain cancels. Leader: Richard Shamban Asst: Nancy Krupa

April 16, Tuesday

O: Tues Moderate easy pace Hikers / Bear Divide to Walker Ranch: 6 mile, 500 ft gain, 1300 ft loss hike. We will start at the top of the San Gabriel Mtns at Bear Divide; hike the ridge to the Wilson Saddle with great views of the Valleys, then down the Los Pinetos Trail into the oaks at Walker Ranch in Placerita Cyn SP. Meet at Walker Ranch trail head parking area for car shuttle to Bear Divide at 8:30 AM. From Hwy 14 in Newhall take Placerita Cyn Rd exit and go east about 3 miles, passing Placerita Cyn Park entrance, to dirt shoulder parking for Walker Ranch on right. Do not block gate. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Reaven Gately, Asst: Pixie Klemic

April 18, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Valley to the Sea: Moderately paced 11 mile 1600 gain 3000 loss hike across Topanga State Park from Tarzana to Sunset Blvd/PCH in Pacific Palisades. Ride 3 buses back to start. This is an all day adventure, lots of fun. Meet 8 AM on Mecca Ave just south of Ventura Blvd for car shuttle to trailhead (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, south to Ventura Blvd, turn right and then left at next corner, Mecca). Bring \$ for bus fare, 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mimi Knights, Richard Shamban

April 23, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Cheeseboro Canyon: Moderately paced 6+ mile, 500 ft elevation gain in the lovely Simi Hills, first through ridge grasslands, then along an old ranch road following a streambed/multiple stream crossings with lovely oak woodlands to Sulfur Springs. Meet 8:30 AM at trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Cheeseboro Rd exit, turn north on Palo Comado Canyon

Rd then right on Cheeseboro Rd, and continue 1 mile to park entrance, turn right and follow road to second parking lot at end. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mirit Rabinovitz, Dottie Sandford

April 25, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Chumash Trail to Rocky Peak: Moderately paced 8 mile 1500 gain hike in Santa Susana Mtns. Meet 8 AM at Chumash trailhead in Simi (from 118 Fwy take Yosemite Ave, exit 29, north 0.4 mile, turn right on Flanagan Dr, continue 0.8 mile to end and park). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Richard Shamban Asst: Nancy Krupa

April 30, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / King Gillette Ranch: Moderately paced 5 mile, 600 ft elevation gain hike around our recent acquisition to the Santa Monica Parklands, now HQ for the SMM NPS. Beautiful valley and coast live oak savanna, grasslands, coastal sage scrub, etc., as well as manicured grounds around the original Gillette Mansion. Meet 8:30 AM in fee parking lot of Ranch. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon exit, go south approx. 5 miles to Mulholland Hwy. Turn left on Mulholland and then right to enter the long eucalyptus alle driveway for Ranch. Park in second lot. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

May 2, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Las Virgenes Canyon:

Leaders: Pixie Klemic, Asst: Richard Shamban

Moderately paced 8-9 mile 800 to 1200 gain hike in a delightful Santa Monica Mtns Conservancy canyon, with various options depending on weather. Meet 8 AM at trail-head kiosk. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd, exit 32, north 1+ mile to end, street parking. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Ted Mattock, Diane DeMarco

May 7, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Rocky Peak:

Moderately paced 6 mile 1100 ft gain hike in Santa Susana Mtns to Rocky Peak , primarily on fire road through dramatic sandstone rock formations, coastal sage scrub and chaparral with great views of Simi and San Fernando Valleys. Meet 8:00 AM at Rocky Peak Rd trailhead. From westbound 118 Fwy take Rocky Peak Rd exit, street parking just beyond end of off ramp or park over bridge. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Reaven Gately, Asst: Richard Shamban

May 9, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Serrania Ridge Trail: Moderately paced 8 mile 1200 gain hike from Woodland Hills to

Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. We will hike up the Serrania ridge trail to dirt Mulholland, and then east on Mulholland to the park. Meet 8 AM at Serrania Park parking lot. Exit from 101 Ventura Fwy at De Soto/Serrania, exit 26, and go south on Serrania Ave to where it ends at Wells Dr and Serrania Park, and park in Serrania Park lot on south side of Wells Dr. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain or excessive mud cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

May 14, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Valley to the Sea (almost): Moderately paced 8 mile 800 ft gain 2300 ft loss hike across Topanga State Park from Tarzana to Temescal Canyon at Sunset Blvd in Pacific Palisades. Ride 3 buses and car shuttle back to start. This is an all day adventure, lots of fun. Meet 8:00 AM at top of Reseda Blvd in Tarzana. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd exit, turn south and go 3 miles to Mulholland Gateway Park. Choice to park along street below the white line at beginning of fee area or pay fee and park above. Meet at trailhead at the top. Bring money for bus, 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Richard Shamban, Asst: Mirit Rabinovitz

May 16, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / East Canyon to Mission

Point: Moderately paced 9 mile 1400 gain hike, first going up East Canyon Mtwy of Santa Clarita Woodlands Park to ridge, then across Corral Sunshine Mtwy to Mission Point, with great views of San Fernando Valley. Return same way. Meet 8 AM at East Canyon trailhead of Santa Susana Mtns. (take Calgrove Blvd, exit 166, from Interstate 5, turn west under the freeway and take the Old Road south about 1 mile to parking entrance after church on right, and continue past trailhead sign to parking area). Bring \$5 for parking, 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mimi Knights, Reaven Gately

May 21, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Newton Canyon (W) / Backbone Trail: Moderately paced 5 mile, 800 ft

gain, hike into Zuma Canyon on a scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. See how the recovery is coming after the Woolsey Fire. Meet 8:00 AM Newton Canyon Trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd exit, go south on Kanan Rd appx. 8 mi. to paved trailhead parking area on west side just north of Tunnel 1 (3rd tunnel from 101 about 1 miles past Mulholland Hwy; 4 mi. north of PCH). Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Rita Okowitz, Asst: Richard Shamban

May 23, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Cheeseboro Cyn: Moderately paced 9-10 mile hike in Agoura Hills to Shepherds Flat, over grasslands and along an old ranch road following a streambed. Meet 8 AM at trailhead (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Cheseboro Rd, exit 35, turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Cheseboro Rd, and go north 1 mile to park entrance, turn right and follow road to dirt parking area at end). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Ted Mattock, Diane DeMarco

May 28, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Solstice Canyon: Moderately paced 4 mile 600 ft gain hike on Rising Sun Trail to Tropical Terrace (Roberts Ranch) and Solstice Canyon Falls, then back along the canyon through oak and walnut groves by the stream. See how its recovery is coming after the Woolsey Fire. Meet 8:30 AM at parking lot kiosk. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon exit, go south to Pacific Coast Hwy. From Malibu Canyon Rd intersection, go west on Pacific Coast Hwy 2 miles, turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd (at 76 Station), drive mile to park entrance, and continue on paved park road to parking lot at end. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Pixie Klemic

May 30, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Nike Missile Radar Site:

Moderately paced 8 mile 1100 gain hike with great mountain and valley views. Meet 8 AM at Caballero Canyon trailhead in Tarzana (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, south 2 miles to east side of street across from entrance to Braemar Country Club). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Diane DeMarco, Reaven Gately

June 4, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Las Virgenes Canyon: Moderately paced 6 mile 800 ft gain hike on picturesque trail and along a seasonal stream among the beautiful grasslands of Simi Hills which are recovering from the Woolsey Fire. Meet 8:00 AM at trailhead kiosk. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd exit north 1.75 miles to end; street parking. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Richard Shamban, Asst: Rita Okowitz

June 6, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Northern Malibu Creek State
Park: Hike on some less familiar trails on this moderately
paced 8 mile 1500 gain hike including Phantom Trail,
Cistern Trail, Lookout Trail, Grassland Trail and Liberty
Canyon Trail. Meet 8 AM at Liberty Canyon trailhead. From

101 Ventura Fwy take Liberty Canyon Rd, exit 34, south 0.8 mile to end, and park on west side of street. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

June 11 Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita Woodlands: Second Parking lot at Ed Davis Park Towsley Canyon Rd, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381 Moderately paced 5 mile 1000 ft gain with great vistas, a chilly narrows, diverse plant life, tar seeps and a fumarole. Meet 8:00 AM Ed Davis Park, Newhall. Take the Calgrove exit from Interstate 5, turn west under the freeway and take the Old Road south mile to Ed Davis Park entrance on right, park in second dirt parking area on the right near kiosk, about 50 yds past entrance gate, before fee area. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Reaven Gately, Asst: Sherry Rendel

June 13 Thursday,

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Upper Zuma Canyon Backbone Trail, Zuma Ridge Rd, 1689 Kanan Dume Rd, Malibu, CA 90265, USA: Moderately paced 8 mile 1400 gain hike on scenic trail through lovely canyon, then on fire road with great mountain and ocean views, to Buzzards Roost. Meet 8 AM Newton Canyon Trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd exit, go south on Kanan Rd to paved trailhead parking area on west side just north of Tunnel 1 (3rd tunnel from 101 about 1 miles past Mulholland Hwy). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

June 18, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Malibu Creek SP - Tapia to Century Lake / Bac: Moderately paced 500 ft gain, 6.5 mile route from Tapia entrance of Malibu Creek SP. Visit the Rock Pool and Century Lake and return. See how the recovery is coming after the Woolsey Fire. Meet 8:00 AM at Tapia (south) Entrance to MCSP Park parking lot. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd exit and go approximately 4 1/4 miles south, passing Malibu Creek State Park main entrance. Enter Tapia Park just before Piuma Rd, and park in first parking area in fee lot. Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Rita Okowitz

June 20, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Stunt High Trail to Saddle Peak: Moderately paced 8 mile 2000 gain hike to Saddle Peak from Stunt Road in Calabassas. Meet 8 AM at Stunt High trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr, exit 29, go south, turn right on Valmar Rd (becomes Old Topanga Cyn Rd), then right on Mulholland

Hwy for 3 miles, left on Stunt Rd for 1 mile, and park on dirt shoulder on right. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

June 25, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Paramount Ranch: Moderately paced 5 mile, 400 ft gain hike around the old (and still active) movie set and environs of oak savannas, Medea Creek, chaparral canyons, including a side trip to the old Reagan Ranch. See whats being done after the Woolsey Fire. Meet 8:00 AM at Paramount Ranch parking lot. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd exit, go south on Kanan Rd mile, turn left on Cornell Way and veer to right continuing south 2 miles to Paramount Ranch entrance on right. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Pixie Klemic, Asst: Dottie Sandford

June 27, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Doubletree to China Flat: Moderately paced 8 mile 1200 gain hike in scenic Simi Hills, through chaparral, grasslands and oaks. Meet 8 AM at Doubletree trailhead in Oak Park (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd north 2.1 miles to Sunnycrest Dr, turn right and go 0.8 mile to signed trailhead on right and park along street). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

July 2, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Westridge to Nike: Moderately paced 6 mi., 1100 ft gain hike following the west ridge of the SMMs overlooking the 405, then into Mandeville Canyon to cross back up to reach the cold war Nike Site. Chaparral and a great 360 view from the lookout tower. Meet 8:30 AM at trailhead: From Ventura Blvd in Encino take Hayvenhurst Ave south about 1.8 miles, turn right (west) on Encino Hills Drive and continue about 1 more mile to beginning of dirt Mulholland Dr, or from 405 Fwy in Sepulveda pass, take Mulholland Dr, exit 61, west about 2 miles to end of pavement at Encino Hills Drive. On dirt Mulholland go about 100 yards west and park facing white posts. . Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Richard Shamban, Asst: Pixie Klemic

July 9, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Malibu Variety Walk: 3 mile, no gain walk beginning at Legacy Park in Malibus Civic Center. Walk thru the Parks native plants to the Malibu Lagoon, Surfrider Beach, the Adamson House Gardens, and the Historic Malibu Pier. Lots of birds, too. Meet 7:30 AM at NE corner of Legacy Park: Webb Way and Civic Center Drive, Malibu. Lots of street parking on Civic Center Drive. From the valley- Malibu Cyn/Las

Virgenes to Pacific Coast Hwy, left 1/2 mile to Webb Way, left one block to corner of Civic Center Drive. From Santa Monica drive north on PCH over Lagoon bridge to Webb Way, turn right 1 block. Bring water, snack; binoculars and camera optional. Walking shoes or sandals. Leaders: Rita Okowitz, Asst: Pixie Klemic

July 11, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / La Jolla Valley: Moderately paced 8-9 mile hike with ocean views, open grasslands and wildflowers. We'll observe how this gorgeous location in the Santa Monica Mts. has recovered from fire damage. Meet 7:30 AM near the Ray Miller Trailhead kiosk (in parking lot), which is used to access La Jolla Valley. From Pacific Coast Hwy and Malibu Canyon Road go northwest on PCH about 20.8 mi. to La Jolla Valley / Pt. Mugu State Park Campground entrance (about 1 miles northwest of Big Sycamore Canyon entrance). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen, windbreaker, \$ for parking lot or park on PCH & walk in. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

July 18, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Summer Schedule – Paradise Cove Beach Walk: Moderately paced 7 mile walk on the beach & the bluff to Paradise Cove and back. Meet 7:30 AM at entrance to Westward Beach Rd parking lot in Malibu (from Kanan Dume Rd intersection go west on Pacific Coast Hwy 3/4 mile, turn left on Westward Beach Rd (just before Zuma Beach), go about a mile and park on side of road or pay to park in lot at end of road). Bring water, snacks, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Mimi Knights Asst: Nancy Krupa

July 23, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Point Dume to Paradise Cove Beach Walk: Moderately paced 5-6 mile, 400 ft gain, low tide beach walk over the bluff at Pt. Dume to Paradise Cove. Beautiful cliffs, sparkling surf, soft sands and tide pools. Meet 7:30 AM at entrance to Westward Beach parking lot. From PCH and Kanan Rd., go north appx. mile and turn left into Westward Beach Rd (just before Zuma Beach), go mile and park on side of road or pay to park in lot at end of road. Bring water, snack, sandals or tennis shoes OK, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Pixie Klemic, Asst: TBD ■



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