

**SIERRA CLUB ANGELES CHAPTER**

*The ORANGE PEAL*

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*Orange County Sierrans Section*

**JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2018**

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Members: +600



**Back Country Ski Lessons Students on Break**

**Photo by Donna Specht**

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**<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ocss>**

## TRAVEL ADVENTURES

Monday, July 9 -22, 2018

Angeles Chapter, OCSS

### **O: Hike Across England Including Hadrian's Wall**

Join Sierra Club in a fantastic hiking adventure combining two of the best of England's great walks - The Hike Across England or England's Coast to Coast and Hadrian's Wall. This adventure provides the opportunity to experience the variety and beauty of the English countryside, from quaint villages to lush, undulating terrain; from the spectacular Lake District recently awarded UNESCO World Heritage Site status to the rugged beauty of the Pennines - "the backbone of England", through the emerald green Yorkshire Dales onto the desolate North York Moors to the waves of the North sea. Hadrian's Wall is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site preserving Europe's largest remaining Roman fortification marking the northernmost limit of the Roman Empire. We will follow along part of its path, contemplating the stones, artifacts, a mile-castle or turret, and the history and humanity that have passed along the way.

We stay in small B&B's and country hotels with our luggage being transferred onward to our next lodging so we only carry a light day pack, the better to enjoy the hike and scenery. This trip is fairly strenuous with an average daily mileage and elevation gain of ~ 9 miles (maximum 15 miles) and ~1,400 feet (maximum ~3,100 feet). Join us for a classic journey that will delight your hiking inclinations and also feed your soul with natural beauty and friendliness of the local people. Cost \$3,200 if you sign-up before December 31, 2017, and \$3,400 starting January 1, 2018. Includes all lodging (double-occupancy), on trip transportation, luggage transfers, most meals, gratuities, all hikes and guides. International airfare, pre and post trip in-country transportation are extra. Non-members of Sierra Club add \$200 to the prices stated. Join Sierra Club today for \$15! SIGN-UP EARLY. LIMITED TO 14-16 PARTICIPANTS. Reserve this trip by requesting an application package from leader, Deirdre Butler, deirdrebutler2@gmail.com 303-823-8649 MST Assistant Leader: Kath Giel.

### **Sunday, August 12 - 26, 2018 ANGELES CHAPTER, OCSS**

#### **O: Hiking England's South West Coast Path Section Two**

After our successful completion of the first Angeles hiking trip in June of 2017, please join us for another 100+ miles of England's stunning South West Coast Path National Trail and discover its beauty and hidden treasures on this 15 day adventure. Each section of this trail is unique and special. On this trip we travel from north Devon into Cornwall passing through the village of "Portwenn" film location of the Doc Martin TV series. We end at St Ives, a French Riviera lookalike which has attracted some of the world's greatest artists. Changing accommodations just once on the trip allows us to get settled and established. It also means we travel light and conclude our day with a hot shower, scrumptious dinner and snugly bed. The South West Coast Path National Trail represents 630 miles of stunning coastal scenery. Described in the Lonely Planet Great Adventures Guide (2012) as "walking at its most diverse, most spectacular and most delicious" this multi award winning trail is one of the world's greatest walks and is regularly used to provide backdrop to TV and film productions. This trip is strenuous with an average daily mileage and elevation gain of 11 miles (maximum 14 miles) and ~3,000 feet (maximum ~3,500 feet) with plenty of views and photo opportunities. This trip is the second in a series of six, with the goal of covering all 630 miles in total. But each section has its own beauty and character, so you can pick and choose which ones to hike! Cost \$3,200 if you sign-up before December 31, 2017, and \$3,400 starting January 1, 2018. Includes all lodging (double-occupancy), on trip transportation, luggage transfers, most meals, gratuities, all hikes and guides. International airfare, pre and post trip in-country transportation are extra. Non-members of Sierra Club add \$200 to the prices stated. SIGN-UP EARLY. LIMITED TO 14 PARTICIPANTS. Reserve this trip by requesting an application package from leader, Deirdre Butler, deirdrebutler2@gmail.com 303-823-8649 MST Assistant Leader: Becky Wong.

## TRAVEL ADVENTURES

**Saturday, October 13 - 19, 2018**

**ANGELES CHAPTER, OCSS**

**C: Expedition: The Coast and Fjords of Norway:** Angeles Chapter members have followed us from Alaska to Iceland and now we are following 66° N. to Norway. Our journey begins in Bergen northbound along the rugged coastline, through pristine and dramatic landscapes, world famous fjords, the start of the Northern Light season, numerous UNESCO sites, and cross the Arctic Circle to the far frontier of Kirkenes.

Our 590 passenger expedition ship offers an intimate experience focused on Norway's specific history, culture, and natural wonders. She is actually a working ship the coast of Norway depends on for moving people, freight, cars and post. This will definitely be a departure from your mainstream luxury ocean liners. Our vessels can fit through the fjords where you can get up close and personal with the extraordinary surroundings. The sailing from Bergen begins on October 13, 2018 and ends on October 19, 2018. Our Select Inside cabins begin at \$1,461 double occupancy, with Polar Outside and Superior Outside cabins available. Cabin cost includes full board (3 meals a day), port fees and taxes and onboard expedition teams will teach and lecture on all things Norway. Tipping is not customary on our ship, but tip box is available. We will assist in matching roommates.

For the land portion, you can choose the Sierra Club exclusive contracted package or custom arrangements can be made. Our tour agent is ready to help. Our land package is \$1,735 double occupancy. It wraps around the sail dates, October 10-13 and October 19-20, and includes transfers, hotels, Norway in a Nutshell Train Ride, Kirkenes flight to Oslo.

All Cabins go fast, Book Soon. Cabins not under deposit guaranteed until December 1, 2017. Afterward, new bookings are on request. For itinerary, deposit info, cancel policy, port excursions, contact

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Co Leader: Sridhar Gullapalli



Norway Fjord Native

Photo by Dick Clement

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Many thanks to all members voting in our Orange County Sierrans Section Elections for Management Committee 2018!

Thanks to Jan Nemmert and Harry Forry for collecting the mail in ballots and  
To Virgil Talbott for counting and certifying the ballots for probably the  
Past 10 years, maybe more.

More thanks to Houria Hall and Annie Simjee who served on OCSS Management  
Committee for two years providing all kinds of support with Bolsa Chica  
Hikes, membership, Monthly Meetings and more.

We had a full on Turkey Dinner November 11, at Turtle Rock Community Park  
Where more votes were turned in. What a blast! Two turkeys provided by  
Annie Simjee and Donna Specht with guests bringing loads of fixins.  
Jan, Harry, Keith Bohl and Neda led a group on hike prior  
To the turkey feast to work up an appetito.

Now to Introduce the OCSS 2018 Management Committee

JAY SCHNEIDER

KAREN BELVILLE

SCOTT CLOSSON

CHARLES GELLER

JULIE GARNER

DONNA SPECHT

JOEL KENYON

## GENERAL AND NEWCOMER MEETINGS

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 6:30**

**OCSS**

**Program:** Tired of carrying a heavy backpack? Come and find out about the Angeles Chapter Mule Pack Section trips. Join Trailblazer John Kaiser as he thrills us with exploring the nature of the trips and provides a photo advance look at the mule pack trips scheduled for the summer of 2018.

Pick up Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities and Newsletters. Newcomers Welcome, Bring a Friend!

Free Drawing. Join the Sierra Club Special Rate \$15, plus a gift. Meet at REI in the Tustin Marketplace, Community Room, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA . Contact Donna Specht and Charles Geller for information.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 6:00 PM**

**OCSS**

**Outings Planning Happy Hour and BBQ:** It's Saturday Night! Join Orange County Leaders and Volunteers, everyone welcome. Get the scoop on the new Waiver! Come help plan, schedule an event, find a co-leader and coordinate events for the coming months. Bring your ideas. Meet the leaders. Learn how to plan your own event or how to become a leader. Remember you don't have to be a leader to host a social event. Volunteers welcome, lots of opportunities. Bring your laptops, we can sign on to the Chapter website and navigate online scheduling and post your event. How cool is that? We will provide the BBQ . Bring a side dish and your favorite drink. RSVP to Donna Specht Specht 714-963-6345 ([donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com)) Location and directions provided. Leaders: Karen Belville, Joel Kenyon, Jay Schneider, Julie Garner, Charles Geller.

**WED JANUARY 17 7-9:30 PM MGMNT COMMITTEE MTG**

Open to all members. Meeting starts at 7PM. Guests must request to be on the agenda if they wish to make a presentation. Guest Agenda items must be submitted one week in advance to Donna. **Contact Donna Specht for location and directions to the meeting.**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 6:30**

**OCSS**

**Newcomer/Member Meet, Greet Get Outdoors:** Come and meet new people, find out all about the Sierra Club and our many events: Hiking, Conservation, 203040's, BBQ's, Adventure Travel the World. Hike and travel safe with the Sierra Club. Leaders welcome to come and promote your events. Be a part of the largest grassroots environmental organization in the US and join Sierra Club \$15 Special Offer, free gift. Free Drawing. Everyone welcome, bring a friend! Pick up Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities and Newsletters. Meet at REI in the Tustin Marketplace, Community Room, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA . Contact any of the leaders for information Donna Specht , [donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com), Scott Closson

**WED FEBRUARY 21 7-9:30 PM MGMNT COMMITTEE MTG**

Open to all members. Meeting starts at 7PM. Guests must request to be on the agenda if they wish to make a presentation. Guest Agenda items must be submitted one week in advance to Donna. **Contact Donna Specht for location and directions to the meeting.**

## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**TUE & THU 6:30-8:00 PM**

**IRVINE CONDITIONING HIKES**

**O: Easy/Moderate/Tiger paced hikes, 4-7 mi rt on hilly trails.** Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Winfield, Norman Montgomery, Jim Palmer, Fran Penn and Donna



Bring water, light hiking boots. 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffrey, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Park. Arrive about 15 minutes early to get a parking spot and sign in. Leaders: John LaRue, Mike Specht.

**WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM**

**RIO HONDO,**

**O: STEVE FELD Puente Hills Conditioning Hike** This weekly part of the continuing tradition. Moderately paced 5-6-mile hike in west. You will get a spectacular 360 view of LA and Orange County lights. 700' gain up along switchbacks and trails with varying routes. Wear hiking boots and bring water. Meet at south end of 7th Avenue where street ends and turn right on Orange Grove to park on street. Use 7th Ave. exit off (60 Fwy) Pomona Fwy, go south to Orange Grove. Leaders: Marty Kluck, Sandy Viernes, Jerry Johnson (hiker626@hotmail.com), Tom Mitchell. Rain cancels.

**OCSS**

Wednesday evening conditioning hike has been going on for more than 20 years, come out and be the lush canyons of the Puente/Whittier Hills. Enjoy this Emerald City Hike as the sun sets in the lush canyons of the Puente/Whittier Hills. Enjoy this Emerald City Hike as the sun sets in the lush canyons of the Puente/Whittier Hills. Enjoy this Emerald City Hike as the sun sets in the lush canyons of the Puente/Whittier Hills. Leaders: Marty Kluck, Sandy Viernes, Jerry Johnson (hiker626@hotmail.com), Tom Mitchell. Rain cancels.

**THURSDAYS 5:30 PM**

**RIO HONDO, OCSS**

**O: Fullerton East Coyote Hills Hike:** Join us for a cool evening 3-4 mile hike in the gentle East Coyote Hills in Fullerton. We alternate a couple routes. One is the Panorama Trail through Panorama Nature Preserve with great views of San Gabriel Mtns. Once we reach Brea Blvd, we follow the East Coyote Hills Trail back to Vista Park. Or we cross State College and hike at Craig Park, making a loop up to Brea Dam and enjoy the lake, ducks, egrets, squirrels, and more. Slow to medium pace is great for beginners. Meet at the lower Vista Park / Summit House parking lot (entrance on west side of State College Blvd. just south of intersection with Bastanchury Rd. in Fullerton). Wear sturdy shoes; bring water, flashlight. Rain cancels. Leaders: Alan Daniels, Sandy Viernes, Margee Hills 714-356-4031 [margeehills@gmail.com](mailto:margeehills@gmail.com), Houria Hall.

**For complete up to date listings of Orange County Sierra Sierrans events  
goto:<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ocss>**

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## **Before you go, be prepared: Some General Information**

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### Liability Waivers

In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you must sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver before attending the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>

### California Seller of Travel

CST #2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

### Trip Reservation And Refund Policy

When two costs are shown for a trip, the lower cost is for Sierra Club members who must include their SC membership number (SC#) with the reservation. Make checks payable to Orange County Sierrans Section (OCSS) unless otherwise indicated. On OCSS events, if cancellation is received 35 days prior to event (some exceptions), there is no charge. Thereafter, refunds (less 10%) will be made if trip is full and space is resold to suitable replacement. Some trips have unique cancellation policies, please refer to trip write-up. Other groups may have a different policy.

### Rideshare Meeting Points:

Orange County, North: Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Ave just S of Lincoln Av, Orange off SR55.

Orange County, South: Ortega Business Center parking lot, 1/4 mi E of 5 Fwy on SE corner of Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo in San Juan Capistrano.

Go to the chapter website for additional rideshare points:

[http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/get\\_outdoors/know\\_you\\_go/rideshare\\_meeting\\_places](http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/get_outdoors/know_you_go/rideshare_meeting_places)

In the interest of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make voluntary 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 participants. Participants assume the risks of this travel. Please share the cost of gas.

### **Get Involved, Get Outdoors:**

#### **The Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities Now Online**

**Whether you're looking for an outdoor adventure, an opportunity to meet people, a chance to influence elected officials or just something to do on a Saturday afternoon, the Online Schedule of Activities is your guide to hundreds of events sponsored by Regional Groups, Activity Sections, Committees and Conservation Task Forces throughout the Angeles Chapter. Check it out at:**

**<https://angeles2.sierraclub.org/activities>**

**For events in South Orange County check out the website for**

**Sierra Sage Group <http://sierrasage.org>**

## JANUARY - FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 - 7, 2018

**I: San Jacinto Winter Camp:** Join us as we celebrate the New Year in the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway station in Palm Springs, ascending to set up camp. In the afternoon we will explore Round Valley and way. Participants must have either snow camping experience or have the Springs tramway is approximately \$25 per person; they offer AAA leaders by December 15; it is refundable if resold. Participation is (clarkta@hotmail.com), Sylvie Cote (mlylvie@hotmail.com).



### SAGE, OCSS

the San Jacinto Wilderness. This moderately difficult overnight backpacking trip will start on Saturday at the mountain station at 8600' where we will snowshoe (or hike) with full packs to Round Valley (9100') to Tamarack Valley for approximately 3 miles, followed by Happy Hour. On Sunday, we will return same approval of leaders to participate. The cost to participate is as follows: (1) round-trip ticket up the Palm discount. (2) A \$5 camping fee per person is charged by San Jacinto wilderness. The \$5 is to be prepaid to limited by permit. Contact leaders to register or for more information. Leaders: Todd Clark

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 9:00 AM

**O: Quail Hill:** Moderately strenuous 10 mi, 1900' gain/loss. Starting at Quail Hill, we'll follow the Shady Cyn Trail into Bommer Cyn and climb the nicely-switchbacked Turtle Ridge Trail. Enjoy good views before looping back into Shady Cyn and returning to our starting point. Meet 9:00 am in the parking area at the Quail Hill trailhead in Irvine. (from I-405 exit Sand Cyn & go S on Shady Cyn Dr to traffic circle, continue S---trailhead is ~ 100yds past traffic circle & fire station on R). Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Ldr: Linda Ledger (linda.ledger@me.com). Asst: Sylvia Stevenson.

### OCG, OCSS, SAGE

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 8:30 AM

**O: Bear Canyon Loop:** 7 miles, 1300' gain from the Candy Store through chaparral and oaks, via the Bear Canyon Trail to 4 corners, then down to Pidgeon Springs for lunch, then back to the Candy Store. Meet 8:30 am at South OC Rideshare (1 Block east of I-5 on Ortega Highway and Rancho Viejo Road in front of Ball Park Pizza, in San Juan Capistrano). Bring 2 Qts water, lunch, hat, hiking shoes or boots. We will carpool to the FS Parking Lot and Trailhead at the Candy Store. Forest Service Passes required for those driving to the Trailhead. Rain cancels. Mike Sappingfield, Linda Ledger.

### SAGE, OCSS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 6:00 PM

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### OCSS



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 8:00 AM**

**OCSS, WILDERNESS ADV.**

**I: Mt. San Jacinto Backcountry Ski Tour:** Moderately strenuous 5+ mile, 800' gain from top of Palm Springs Tram. No need to worry about tire chains! Ski from ranger station to Round Valley. Possible additional skiing up nearby slopes or just playing may add a few miles + a few 100 feet elevation loss & gain. Part of route may be in pre-existing tracks, but recent snowfall, rutted trail, or aesthetics may require breaking new trail. Given steep sections and potential icy conditions, intermediate X-C skills required & metal-edged, backcountry skis & backcountry boots highly recommended. Bring winter clothing, water, lunch. No snow or likely blizzard cancel trip. Tram ticket \$25.95 and parking is \$5/car as of trip publishing date. Send e-mail or phone leader w/ experience level/conditioning/ski gear for trip details in the 2 weeks before outing. Leaders: Mark Mitchell 818-753-9328 [markamitchell@att.ne](mailto:markamitchell@att.ne), and Mark Fleming 626-712-3671 [mfleml@earthlink.net](mailto:mfleml@earthlink.net)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 3:00 PM**

**SAGE**

**O: Crystal Cove Sunset Hike:** A "Mike's Hike" of 4 miles round trip, 100' gain. Enjoy a late afternoon beach walk down to the cottages, then back along the beach, pausing at Pelican Point to watch the sunset behind Catalina Island. Meet 3:00 pm on Cameo Shores Road at the PCH just North of Crystal Cove State Park and we will walk into the Park. We will return to the cars after sunset. This hike is suitable for beginners. Rain cancels. Michael Sappingfield 949-633-6993 [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net), John Kaiser.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 8:30 AM**

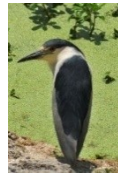
**SAGE. PCSS**

**O: Morgan trail hike:** Meet at the south Orange County ride share point ( Rancho Viejo and Ortega road, in San Juan Capistrano). We will hike about 6 miles with 1000 foot gain on the Morgan trail and into Morrell canyon. Lunch will be in an oak and sycamore grove. Bring 2quarts water, hiking boots and lunch. Rain cancels. Contact leaders for more information. Russ Brown 949-481-5295 [russbrown3@cox.net](mailto:russbrown3@cox.net), Linda Ledger

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 8:30 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike:** Easy paced, Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern to the end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater). Park on the street. Bring Garner.



reasonably flat, 5 mile hike, approx 3 hrs. Newcomers Welcome. Enjoy the natural beauty of Bolsa California. Meet 8:30 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach turn south on Bolsa Chica Street camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel. Ldrs: Karen Belville, Julie

## **JANUARY - FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 9:00 AM**

**OCG, SAGE, OCSS**

**O: Oso Creek trail:** 6 mi, 500' gain, moderate hike on paved trails along the creek and up the Jeronimo Open Space, then dirt trail to Naciente Ridge overlooking Trabuco Cyn, return down alternate trails and along the dirt trail west of Oso Creek past the Maze and Obelisk before returning to the cars. Meet 9:00 am in the North Parking lot of the Norman Murray Community and Senior Center, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo. Bring water, snack, comfortable shoes. Newcomers welcome. Ldr: Mike Sappingfield, Asst: Sharon Kirk.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 - 28, 2018**

**OCSS, SIERRA SAGE**

**I: Winter Combo Getaway Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes:** Join OCSS for an awesome weekend adventure!. This trip has it all: Learn to cross-country ski in the backcountry with our instructors; enjoy backcountry ski touring and snowshoe touring with leaders; XC ski on your own at Tamarack Nordic Ski Center; Downhill ski or snowboard on Mammoth Mtn. Newcomers and Non skiers Welcome, tons of stuff to do in Mammoth! Stay at Sierra Nevada Resort (2 per room, 2 beds, private bath) close to shopping, night life, free shuttles. Leave O.C. 2 PM with pickup in San Fernando Valley. Return O.C. Sunday 10PM. Includes. bus, lodging, happy hour, Sunday dinner, bus refreshments and gratuity. Send email address (or 2 SASE), phone#, \$310 with Sierra Club number or \$325 non-members (check payable OCSS) To Reservationist/Asst Leader: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Indicate Pick up point and if you wish to take the Back Country Lessons. Just need a ride or a room? Ask about Transportation or Lodging only cost. Leader: Mark Fleming, Ski Leaders: Homer Tom. Backcountry Ski Instructors: Julie Smith-Meek & Scott Meek. Snowshoe Leaders: Todd Clark and Sylvie Cote.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 9:00 AM**

**OCG, OCSS**

**O: Crystal Cove Beach Walk:** 7 mi, 200' gain. An easy walk along the beach & bluff top in this beautiful State Park . Newport Beach. Optional stop at Ruby's Date Shack for lunch. Meet 9:00 am at the SW corner of PCH & Cameo Shores, in Corona del Mar. Park along frontage road just inside entrance to Cameo Shores, or park on Cameo Highlands. Bring water, snack, walking shoes. Ldr: Pete Height Asst: Linda Ledger.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10-11,**

**SAGE, OCSS**

**O/I: Cottonwood - Joshua Tree National Park backpack:** Join us on this moderately difficult overnight backpacking trip from the Cottonwood backcountry board. We will backpack 7 miles to camp at the site of former Native American settlement (and later an old mining camp). On Saturday, we will set up camp, explore the area, and have happy hour. The next day, return same way. Must have backpacking experience to participate. Number of participants is limited by permit. Cost to participate is \$25 per car to enter the park. Must carry a minimum of 1 gallon of water per person. Contact leaders for more information and to register. Leaders: Todd Clark (clarkta@hotmail.com), Sylvie Cote (mlsylvie@hotmail.com).

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 8:30 AM OCG, OCSS**

**O: Morgan Trail hike:** 10 mi, 1550' gain/loss. We'll Start from the Candy Store and follow the Bear Canyon Trail to its junction with the Morgan Trail, which will take us up to the South Main Divide Rd through a mix of chaparral and woodland. Return by the same route. Meet 8:30 am at South Orange County rideshare point. From I-5, take the Ortega Hwy east to Rancho Viejo, turn R, then immediate L into parking lot. Meeting point is on your L. Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: Ed Maurer 949-768-0417 [balois@cox.net](mailto:balois@cox.net), Linda Ledger .

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - 19, 2018**

**WILDERNESS ADV, OCSS**

**President's Day Weekend in Yosemite at Wawona:** Rideshare Friday to stay in a cabin in the Wawona area near Yosemite's south entrance. Join leaders for low intermediate cross-country ski and snowshoe each day at Badger Pass and other areas. On your own you can downhill or track ski, ice skate or simply explore Yosemite Valley in the winter. Cost includes 3 nights lodging in modern cabin with all amenities. Bedroom arrangements vary from private queen beds for couples to rooms with multiple twin beds for singles (a couple of queen beds for late sign ups willing to share). All single's bedrooms will be same gender. Shared bathrooms and kitchen. 3 continental breakfasts, 3 lunch fixings, Saturday and Sunday group dinner. Send \$280 (Payable to Wilderness Adventures - \$40 cancel penalty, no refund of balance after Jan 14 unless trip is full and suitable replacement found), 2 sase (or 1 sase and email), H&W phones, recent ski experience (if joining Xctry skiing) to Ldr: Keith Martin at P.O. Box 336, Groveland CA 95321 ([keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net)/phone 310-683-9224). Asst: Beth Powis Martin, Snow Shoe Leaders: Sharon Moore and Jim Hagar.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 8:30 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike:** Easy Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater). Park on the street. Steve Bradford, Dorothy Gutierrez, Donna Specht.



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**Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 PM**

**OCSS**

**OCSS Management Committee Meeting:** Open to all Orange County Sierrans or new members. Come and find out all about Volunteer Opportunities, Leader Candidate/outings information. We want to hear your ideas! Welcome! Then then stay for general section business. For directions to the meeting, Contact Donna Specht ([donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com))

**Sunday, February 25, 8:00 AM**

**SAGE, OCSS**

**I: San Jacinto Winter Hike: Come join us for a day hike in the San Jacinto Wilderness.** Hike may be done on snowshoes or with micro-spikes, yak-tracks, or equivalent, depending on snow conditions. From the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, we will ascent to the mountain station at 8600' where will hike up to 6 miles and up to 1000' of gain/loss, depending on weather conditions and on the group. We will stop for lunch half way. In the afternoon, we will return to the mountain station. Cost to participate is \$25 for tram round trip ticket. AAA discount available. Must have prior experience snowshoeing or leaders approval. Number of participants limited by permit. Contact leaders to register or for more information. Leaders: Todd Clark ([clarkta@hotmail.com](mailto:clarkta@hotmail.com)), Sylvie Cote ([milsylvie@hotmail.com](mailto:milsylvie@hotmail.com)).

**Wednesday, February 28, 8:30 AM**

**OCG, OCSS**

**O: Laguna Coast Wilderness from the Top:** Join us for an 8 mi, 1400' gain/loss hike starting at the end of Ridge Park Rd in Corona del Mar. We'll have great views along Bommer Ridge, Emerald Cyn Rd, Old Emerald Trail, then returning on Bommer ridge. Meet 8:30 am at the trailhead at the end of Ridge Park Rd. Bring 1-2 liters water, snack, hiking boots. sun protection. From PCH drive up Newport Coast Dr 2.4 mi to Ridge Park Rd and turn R. Drive 1.5 mi to end of road. Park on street. Restrooms at Coastal Peak Park on R. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Sharon Kirk, Linda Ledger

## **ADVANCE ACTIVITIES**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9 - 11,**

**OCSS, WILDERNESS ADV**

**I: Winter Combo Getaway Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes:** Ski Downhill or Snowboard on Mammoth Mtn. Daily backcountry ski tours and snowshoe tours with the leaders. Saturday's BC ski activity will be devoted to honing technique with tips from experienced ski instructors. Special guest Mountaineer and author, Doug Robinson. XC Ski or Snowshoe on your own at Tamarack Nordic Center. Newcomers & Non skiers Welcome. Tons of stuff to do in Mammoth in Winter. Sierra Nevada Resort Lodging, two per room, 2 beds/private bath, Close to shopping, night life, casual and fine dining, free shuttles. Leave Orange County 2:00 pm, Sylmar pick-up later. Return Orange County Sunday approx 10pm. Includes bus, lodging, happy hour, bus refreshments, Sunday dinner, driver gratuity. Send 1 large sase, OR E mail address, phone, cell phone, pick up location (Orange County or San Fernando Valley), \$310 with Sierra Club #or \$325 for members (check payable to OCSS) to Asst Leader/Reserv: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 ([donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com)) Ask about Transportation or Lodging only cost. Leader: Mark Mitchell. Staff: Dave Black, Fran Penn, Eva Eilenberg.

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