



**SIERRA CLUB**  
ANGELES CHAPTER  
*The Orange Peel* Newsletter  
Orange County Sierrans Section  
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**<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ocss>**

## TRAVEL ADVENTURES

**Saturday to Sunday , September 29 - 30, 2018**

### **O: Harwood Lodge Fall Festival**

Enjoy clear mountain air, hiking, music, relaxation, blue skies and beautiful mountain views and celebrate the beginning of Fall at Harwood Lodge. Musicians bring your instruments.

Newcomers welcome.

Includes hikes to the Waterfall and a special Geology hike with Jay Schneider. Includes Saturday and Sunday hikes, Happy Hour, lodge fees, Saturday night dinner. Sunday breakfast, hike, shared chores and check out by 3pm. [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/harwood\\_lodge](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/harwood_lodge).

Send 1 self addressed stamped envelope OR e mail address, phones, address, carpool info, \$60 with Sierra Club# or \$75 non-member (check payable OCSS to Reservationist/

Leader: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. [donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com)

Co Leaders: Richard Boothe, Jay Schneider, Karen Belville, Joel Kenyon, Julie Garner



Photo: Donna Specht

## TRAVEL ADVENTURES

Orange County Sierrans (formerly Orange County Sierra Singles) first began ski trips to Mammoth Mountain way back in the 1970's. People keep signing up for these trips so we just keep scheduling. We have fantastic leaders and have a whole lot of fun.

### **Friday, January 25--27 2019**

#### **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 or snowshoe 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 rm, 2 beds, priv.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, breakfast bagels, happy hour, Sunday dinner, bus refreshments and driver gratuity.

Send email address (or 2 SASE), phone#, \$315 with Sierra Club number or \$330 non-members (check payable OCSS). To Reservationist/Asst Leader: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

Leader: Mark Fleming, Ski Leaders: Homer Tom. Backcountry Ski Instructors: Julie Smith-Meek & Scott Meek. Snowshoe Leaders: Todd Clark and Sylvie Cote.

### **Friday, March 15 - 17, 2019**

#### **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. XC Ski or Snowshoe on your own at Tamarack Nordic Center. Past Beginner Backcountry ski lesson students, 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, breakfast bagels, happy hour, bus refreshments, Sunday dinner.

Send 2 large sase, OR E mail address, phone, cell phone, pick up location (Orange County or San Fernando Valley), \$315 with Sierra Club #or \$330 for non members (check payable to OCSS) to Asst Leader/Reserv: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 (donnaspecht@juno.com) Leader: Mark Mitchell. Staff: Mark Fleming, Dave Black, Fran Penn

**Just need a ride or a room? Ask the reservationist about Transportation or Lodging only cost.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you ever had some wild idea you wanted to become a Sierra Club Angeles Chapter leader, but just didn't know exactly what was involved? Well, come on over and see us. We know how to help you all the way from your wild idea to stepping out in front of your very own hike--leading a bunch of excited hikers. We can help, we know how to do this. The Orange County Group, Sierra Sage and Orange County Sierrans have joined forces to recruit provisional leaders and assist through all the leadership processes.

**Saturday, September 8, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM OCSS, OCG, SIERRA SAGE**

**Leader Training Day and Hike:** Leadership Training candidates come and join experienced leaders on this easy pace 4-5 mile, 500' gain hike in the hills of Irvine. Prior to the hike, we will have an introduction about Angeles Chapter Leadership Training. When the hike begins, we'll discuss trailhead talk, group management issues, Leave No Trace, safety, ten essentials, etc. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions: How to pick your provisional hike, assistant leader, participants. If you have already attended Leadership Training and just don't know how to complete the requirements, come join us, we can help. You can also sign up for the October 6, Leadership Training Seminar at this event. Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar registration is September 22. Meet 11am at Turtle Rock Community Park picnic tables, Not at the Tennis Courts. Directions: 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffrey, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park. Bring snacks or lunch, hiking boots, water, hat for the hike. **Leaders: Todd Clark, Sylvie Cote, Dennis Loya, Donna Specht, Sherri Sisson.**

**Saturday, October 6, 7:30 AM LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR**

**DARE TO LEAD!!** What better way to step up and lead your favorite outing than by taking advantage of the training opportunities that the Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Committee (LTC) provides each year. The Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's many groups, sections and committees sponsor thousands of trips ranging from easy hikes to backpacks to world wide travel and mountaineering expeditions. From experienced volunteer leaders you will learn how to plan a trip, handle problems on the trail and make sure that everyone has a great time. You'll gain knowledge about good conservation and safety practices, along with tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings. The application is available online at: [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc\\_leadership\\_seminar](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc_leadership_seminar).

You can also pore over more of LTC's upcoming offerings and leadership information on this site, including the brand new Paypal option!

Cost: \$30, check payable to Sierra Club

mail to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar,

18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646.

email: [ltpseminarregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:ltpseminarregistrar@gmail.com)

## GENERAL AND NEWCOMER MEETINGS

**Friday, September 14, 7:00 PM**

**OCSS**

**Program: Kilimanjaro!** Come join us for this exciting adventure of "Babu" and his friends who climbed the 19,300 foot Mt. Kilimanjaro located in Tanzania, Africa. "Babu" is Swahili for grandfather. Dr. Jim, our presenter, was the oldest person (68) to complete this trek on this trip. He earned this name from the Tanzanian porters. Come and learn about the experiences of four other Sierra Club Wilderness Travel Course Graduates as they trekked from the hot and dry jungles to the ice peaks of this vast terrain all within 8 days. You will be inspired! Pick up your Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities and let your Adventure Begin! Meet at 7:00 pm at the REI Tustin Community Room, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA. Newcomers Welcome! Bring a Friend. You can also join the Sierra Club at Special \$15. Contact Program Chair, Pamela Barton Erdahl, [barton2erdahl@gmail.com](mailto:barton2erdahl@gmail.com)

**Saturday, September 15, 5:30 PM**

**OCSS**

**Outings Planning Happy Hour and Potluck:** Calling all leaders and volunteers, everyone welcome, we love to co sponsor events with other Chapter entities. 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 the the Chapter website and navigate online scheduling and post your event. How cool is that? Potluck, bring something to share and your favorite beverage. RSVP to Donna Specht 714-963-6345 ([donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com)) Location and directions provided. Hosted by OCSS Management Committee

**Wednesday, September 19, 7:00 PM**

**OCSS**

**OCSS Management Committee Meetings:** 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 stay for general section business. For directions to the meeting, Contact Donna Specht ([donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com)).

**Friday October 5, 7 PM YES!!! FRIDAY NIGHT**

**Program: TBD STAY TUNED FOR SOMETHING FUN, We just got a last** minute reservation. REI Tustin Marketplace, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA

**Wednesday, No Meeting in October, Be back in November**

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## 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. Bring water, light hiking boots. 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffrey, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park. Ldrs: John La Rue, Fran Penn, Jim Palmer, Donna Specht, Norman Montgomery, Shaune Hand

### **TUE 6:30 PM FULLERTON CONDITIONING HIKE, OCSS, RIO HONDO**

**O: Fullerton Conditioning Hike:** Hike with our social group on this regular weekly easy conditioning hike of 4-5 miles in the gentle hills of Fullerton. Slow to medium pace is great for beginners. Each week we rotate through numerous trails in the area to provide new experiences. Last Tuesday of each month, we have a potluck dinner. **Hike scheduled during daylight savings time, i.e. March through October.** Meet at the east end of Laguna Lake in Fullerton (from Harbor Blvd, W on Hermosa Dr, L on Lakeside Dr for ½ block and park on the street). Look for hikers on east side of Lakeside Dr. Wear sturdy boots, bring water, flashlight. Leaders: Martin Kluck, Joel Ortmann, Margee Hills, Houria Hall, Alan Daniels, Ed Khatch. Host: Sanford Opperman

### **WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM RIO HONDO, OCSS**

**O: STEVE FELD Puente Hills Conditioning Hike** This weekly Wednesday evening conditioning hike has been going on for more than 20 years, come out and be part of the continuing tradition. Moderately paced 5-6-mile hike in the lush canyons of the Puente/Whittier Hills. Enjoy this Emerald City Hike as the sun sets in the 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.

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

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**For more information about our entity neighbor to the north, check out the Rio Hondo Group:**

**Thursday, September 13, 2018, 7:30 PM**

#### **Rio Hondo Group Executive Committee meeting**

Gary Sjogren 562-941-8485, Margee Hills (714) 356-4031 [margeehills@gmail.com](mailto:margeehills@gmail.com)  
Executive committee meeting. All are welcome to attend. Join us for conversation and dinner or snack at 7:00 followed by meeting at 7:30. Meeting location: CoCo's, 1250 East Imperial Highway, Brea, CA, near the Imperial Hwy and the 57 freeway.

## ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, September 16, 8:30 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike:** Easy paced, reasonably flat, 5 mile hike, approx 3 hrs. Newcomers Welcome. Enjoy the natural beauty of Bolsa Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern California. Meet 8:30 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach turn south on Bolsa Chica Street to the end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater Road). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel Leaders: Donna Specht, Joel Kenyon, Dorothy Gutierrez, Richard Boothe.

**Wednesday, September 19, 9:30 AM**

**OCG, OCSS**

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Hike:** Easy paced, reasonably flat 5 mi hike, approx. 3 hrs. Newcomers welcome. Enjoy the natural beauty of Bolsa Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern California. Meet 9:30 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach, turn S on Bolsa Chica Street to the end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots; rain does not cancel . No Bathrooms at the trailhead. Ldr: Donna Specht, Asst: Kathy Fisher.

**Wednesday, September 26, 9:00 AM**

**OCG, OCSS**

**O: Dana Point Harbor to Strands Beach:** Moderately-paced 6.7 mi partial loop walk with 600' gain/loss. Walk begins up stairs to the Bluff Trail where we have views of beautiful Dana Point Harbor and beyond. Meet 9:00 am at the parking lot at the NW corner of Golden Lantern and Dana Point Harbor Drive. Bring 1 qt water, snacks, good walking shoes. Water refills and bathrooms available along the way. Lunch in harbor following walk for those interested. Linda Ledger (949) 444-1285 [linda.ledger@me.com](mailto:linda.ledger@me.com), Kathleen Fisher.

**Wednesday, October 3, 9:00 AM**

**OCG, OCSS**

**O:Laurel, Camarillo, South Stagecoach Loop:** 5.5 mi, 500 gain. Route includes a moderate climb up Lower Laurel Cyn Trail, then continuing on an easy Upper Laurel Cyn Trail under the Toll Rd , then descending on Camarillo Trail to S Stagecoach Trail, under the Toll Rd & back to the Willow Staging Area. Meet 9:00 AM, so give yourself time to park & pay \$3 parking fee (or OC Park Pass). From I-5 Fwy, W on El Toro Rd to the junction of Laguna Cyn Rd, turn L . Entrance is about 100 yds on your R into the Willow parking area. Bring 1 qt water, Leaders: Michael Sappingfield (949) 633-6993 mikesapp@cox.net, Sharon Kirk.

**Wednesday, October 10, 9:00 AM**

**OCG, OCSS**

**O: Peters Canyon Loop Hike:** Easy-paced 6 mi rt, 700' gain/loss loop hike around the reservoir and over rolling hills. On the return we'll enjoy the shady canyon beneath the willow, black cottonwood, and sycamore. Meet 9:00 am at the corner of Jamboree and Canyon View (from I-5 Fwy, N on Jamboree, or from 55 fwy, E on Chapman, S on Jamboree. Then take Canyon View into parking area.) Bring water, snacks, light hiking boots, \$3 for parking or have permit. Rain, park closure ([www.ocparks.com](http://www.ocparks.com)), cancels. Ldr: Sharon Kirk. Asst: Linda Ledger.

We add new events all the time. Go to our website Activities to look for new events. <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ocss>

## ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, October 13, 8:30 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Red Rock Canyon of Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park:** Join us on a 4.0 mi, approximately 2.5 hour hike up the Borrego Canyon Trail and Red Rock Canyon Trail to see the remarkable Red Rock Canyon of Orange County. California Professional Geologist Jay Schneider will lead us on an easy-pace tour with multiple stops to learn about the Cenozoic geology of Orange County. Total elevation gain is 500 feet. Bring 2 liters water, snacks, and wear hiking boots. Park at trailhead, 26701 Portola Parkway, Foothill Ranch, CA 92610 (\$3 cash or credit card). Trailhead parking lot is small; if no more parking is available, you can either 1) travel northwest one block on Portola Parkway, turn right on Alton Parkway, and make first right on to Odessa and park in residential neighborhood, or 2) park in the adjacent Ralphs parking lot. Walk from residential neighborhood back to trailhead is about 10 minutes. Therefore, carpooling is recommended. Carpool information: Meet at 8:00 am at Tustin Rideshare at north side of Stater Brothers Market, 14171 Red Hill Avenue in Tustin. Rain in the previous 72 hours may cancel. Leaders: Jay Schneider (626) 841-2667 [rtntnj@aol.com](mailto:rtntnj@aol.com), and Julie Garner (714) 335-1579 [avtrix@sbcglobal.net](mailto:avtrix@sbcglobal.net).

Saturday, October 13

8:30 AM

Sierra Sage, OCSS

**O: Ancestor's Trail Hike:** 5.5 mile, 450' gain/loss hike in the backcountry of San Onofre State Beach. The Ancestors Trail is a single track hiking/biking trail from the ridge winding its way down to a creek bed and then downstream for a couple of miles before working up to the ridge line and following high tension line access roads back to the start. Meet at 8:30 am at the southeast end of La Pata in San Clemente at the dog park. Lots of parking available on the side of the road. Bring at least a quart (liter) of water and munchies. Hat is desirable as trail is open to the sun. Michael Sappingfield [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net), John Kaiser, Linda Ledger

**Sunday, October 14, 4:45 PM**

**SierraSage,OCSS**

**O: Signal Hill Sunset Hike:** Join us on a moderate 4 mile, 750 gain loop hike exploring the Signal Hill Trail System. Our hike will make maximum use of the walking trails inside the private residential areas before they close to the public at Sunset. Enjoy 360-degree views to the ocean, San Pedro, Downtown LA and Long Beach, and learn a little about the history of Signal Hill. After our hike, those interested can join us for refreshments at Mothers Market Cafe and outdoor patio.

Karen Deweese (562) 270-3487 [kldeweese@me.com](mailto:kldeweese@me.com), Sylvie Cote

**Saturday, October 20 - 21, 8:00 AM**

**Sierra Sage. OCSS**

**O: Cedar Springs backpack - San Jacinto:** Come join us on this on-trail backpacking trip to a pristine section of the desert divide overlooking the Coachella valley. This is a moderately difficult backpack of 6 miles round trip and 2000' gain/loss... Interested participants must have backpacking experience, must be self-sufficient and are expected to carry all their food, 2 quarts water, and camping gear. Submit a hiking resume to the leaders for consideration. More information will follow, pending acceptance to the outing. Todd Clark (714) 803-0195 [clarkta@hotmail.com](mailto:clarkta@hotmail.com), Sylvie Cote (949) 547-2998 [mlsylvie@hotmail.com](mailto:mlsylvie@hotmail.com).



## ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, October 21, 8:30 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike:** Easy paced, reasonably flat, 5 mile hike, approx 3 hrs. Newcomers Welcome. Enjoy the natural beauty of Bolsa Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern California. Meet 8:30 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach turn south on Bolsa Chica Street to the end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater Road). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel Leaders: Joel Kenyon, Dorothy Gutierrez, Julie Garner, Steve Bradford.

**Saturday, November 3 8:00 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Hike and Geology Tour - Santiago Oaks Regional Park:** Join us on a 3.5 mile round trip, 700 gain to historic Robbers Peak. Moderate terrain at an easy pace. One 0.5-mile difficult section along the Mountain Goat Trail. California Professional Geologist Jay Schneider will lead us through the regional park and maybe teach us about Orange County geology along the way. Bring water and hiking boots. Meet 8:00 am outside the Taco Bell at 8548 E Chapman Ave, in Orange. Its located in the southeast corner of the shopping center at the corner of Chapman Ave and Jamboree Road. Well carpool from there. Or, meet at 8:15 at the Park, located at 2145 Windes Drive in Orange. Parking is \$5 per vehicle so carpooling is recommended. Newcomers welcome. Rain cancels. Leaders: Jay Schneider (626) 841-2667 [rtntnj@aol.com](mailto:rtntnj@aol.com). Asst Leader: Julie Garner (714) 625-2839 [avtrix@sbcglobal.net](mailto:avtrix@sbcglobal.net).

**Sunday, November 4, 9:00 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Colinas Bluffs Trail:** Join us for a 6.5 mile hike, about 1300 ft of gain, moderate difficulty. Meet on the Starbucks patio at the corner of Golden Lantern and Marina Hills in Laguna Niguel. We will then hike south along the Colinas Bluffs dirt trail, up and down in roller coaster fashion. At the top of the biggest hill, we have great views overlooking San Juan Capistrano down to the Pacific Ocean. We continue along the ridge with the beautiful homes of Bear Brand on the west side and huge, jaw-dropping mansions on the East side, for a total of 3.25 miles, where we turn around. Bring water, hat, snack, light hiking boots. Well-behaved dogs are okay. Rain cancels. Leaders: Bart and Shilo Bartlett, [shilo@shilomail.com](mailto:shilo@shilomail.com), and Harry and Jan Forry.

**Wednesday, November 7, , 8:45 AM**

**OCG, OCSS**

**O: Icehouse Canyon Hike:** Join us for an 8 mi, 2600 gain hike in the San Gabriel Mtns along an inviting creek, past private cabins and through beautiful forests. We'll have a snack at Columbine Spring, lunch at the saddle and return the way we came. Meet 7:15 am in the lot at the corner of Nissan & Redhill behind the businesses south of I-5. Also, some may want to meet in the Icehouse parking lot at 8:45 am. Anyone interested in ride sharing from Huntington Beach please contact Kathy Fisher. Non-aggressive dogs are welcomed on this hike. Bring 2+ liters water, lunch/snacks, hiking boots/lugsoles, poles, rain jacket, non-cotton layers. There are restrooms at the trailhead. Kathleen Fisher (714) 812-5708 [fisher.k@mac.com](mailto:fisher.k@mac.com), Linda Ledger.

## ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, November 11, 2:00 PM**

**OCSS**

**O: Urban 2 Parks Afternoon Delight Hike**, Costa Mesa: Join us for a lovely easy-to-moderate hike in Costa Mesa parks; note: this is not a stroll with frequent stops. In shape beginners welcome. We will first hike to Fairview Park then across to Canyon Park. Both are lovely parks, especially Canyon Park that is an oasis hidden in the city. Views of the ocean and Santa Ana River. Some not too tough hills to traverse. Those who wish to terminate the hike after Fairview Park can do so; the remaining hikers will proceed onto Canyon Park. Total distance about 5 miles for both parks. Short bathroom and water stop first quarter of hike. Total time for both parks to hike about 2 hours. We are there to burn some calories so there will be no snack breaks! Well behaved dogs welcome. Running or trailrunning shoes OK. Bring water as there is no water or bathrooms in Canyon Park. Park and meet in Chase Bank parking lot on Brookhurst and Hamilton in Huntington Beach. Rain cancels. Leaders: Jan Nemmert [janmargaret007@gmail.com](mailto:janmargaret007@gmail.com), Harry Forry, Richard Boothe

**Wednesday, November 14, 8:30 AM**

**OCG, OCSS**

**O: Caspers West Ridge Loop**: 5 mi, 400' of gain hike up the Dick Loskorn trail to the West Ridge and back down the Star Rise trail and back via the Bell Canyon Trail. Great views into the park from the ridge line. Michael Sappingfield (949) 633-6993 [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net), Sharon Kirk (714) 376-3197 [sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net)

**Sunday, November 18, , 8:30 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike**: Easy paced, reasonably flat, 5 mile hike, approx 3 hrs. Newcomers Welcome. Enjoy the natural beauty of Bolsa Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern California. Meet 8:30 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach turn south on Bolsa Chica Street to the end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater Road). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel Leaders: Joel Kenyon, Dorothy Gutierrez, Karen Belville, Donna Specht.

**Wednesday, November 28, , 9:00 AM**

**OCG, OCSS**

**O- Pectan Reef - Gentle walk**: 3 miles 100 foot gain, short easy flat paved walk along the stream to Pectan Reef fossil outcropping. Pectan are scallop shells and these are worth seeing once. Very gentle walk bring an umbrella as lots of sunshine. Sherri Sisson (949) 282-7207 [sksisson@gmail.com](mailto:sksisson@gmail.com), Linda Ledger (

**Wednesday, November 21, 8:30 AM**

**OCG, OCSS**

**O: Laguna Canyon Big Bend**: A Hard Short up and over and down Hike 4 miles 900 foot gain. No shade. We hike to a part of the park we have not hiked. Park at Big Bend parking lot (\$3) Bring sturdy Boots, Hiking Poles 2 liter of Water, snack. Start the hike walking south along Stagecoach, Up Laguna Ridge past Mountain Mahogany and a burn area then flat along Bommer Ridge and down Big Bend. Great ocean views and lots of sun bring an umbrella even. (there is nothing more dorky than an umbrella on a hike). Sherri Sisson (949) 282-7207 [sksisson@gmail.com](mailto:sksisson@gmail.com), Linda Ledger

## ACTIVITIES

linda.ledger@me.com

### **Saturday, December 1 - 2, 8:00 AM**

### **Sierra Sage, OCSS**

**I/O: Lost Horse Mine Loop backpack - Joshua Tree NP:** Come join us on this epic 10 miles 1000' gain/loss backpacking trip, back in time to the days of the 1890s' gold miners. On day one, we will backpack and camp amongst the Joshua trees and pinyon pines and then explore some mining sites. The next day, we will break camp and hike up to the Lost Horse mine for possible spectacular views and then return to the trailhead. Total distance for the weekend will be around 10 miles (5 miles per day) and 1000' gain. Must have backpacking experience. This is a moderately difficult trip. Participants must be self-sufficient and are expected to carry their own food, water, and camping equipment. For consideration, interested participants should submit a hiking resume to the leaders or must have leaders' approval to participate. Trip letter to follow, once approved by the leaders. Space limited by permit. For more information, please contact the leaders. Todd Clark (714) 803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com, Sylvie Cote (949) 547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com.

### **Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 PM**

### **Sierra Sage, OCSS, OCG**

**Winter Skills Class:** Come join us for this evening class in which Sierra Club leaders will discuss the subject of winter sports (hiking and camping in the snow). Topics will include sleeping systems, sleeping bags, ground pads, four-season tents, apparel (layering), insulated boots, stoves/cooking, training for winter hiking, and more. This class is an introduction and will impart some of the knowledge to be prepared to participate in several upcoming Sierra Club winter outings, and to make good decisions about what gear to rent, to buy, and to bring. This one time class will be held at the Norman P. Murray Center at 24932 Veterans Way in Mission Viejo 92692. From 5 freeway in Mission Viejo, exit La Paz, head northeast on La Paz for 2 miles, pass Marguerite Parkway, turn left on Veterans Way. The center is at the end of the street.

Leaders: Todd Clark (clarkta@hotmail.com), Sylvie Cote (mlsylvie@hotmail.com). Other guest speakers to be announced. Todd Clark (714) 803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com, Sylvie Cote (949) 547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com.

### **Wednesday, December 5, , 8:30 AM**

### **OCG, OCSS**

**O: Stagecoach Loop:** 7.5 mile, 1000+ ft of gain. The hike begins at the Nix Visitor Center, west of the Laguna Canyon Hwy (CA-133) at 8:30 am. Loop begins with taking the North Stagecoach Trail north to the West Canyon, then up to the Serreno Ridge Trail, then turn south and west until the Camerillo trail, then down it to the South Stagecoach Trail to return to the Nix Center. Michael Sappingfield (949) 633-6993 [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net), Linda Ledger

Thank you so much for your Sierra Club membership and especially your Orange County Sierrans membership Not a member? Go to our website for the membership form. If you would just like to receive the monthly e newsletter, just let us know. Reduced membership rate, but you still get to vote for OCSS Management Committee.

## ACTIVITIES

**Friday, December 7 - 9,**

**Natural Science, OCSS**

**O: Red Rock Canyon State Park Car Camp:** Join us in exploring the magnificent Red Rock Canyon north of Mojave in the high desert. The Natural Science Section and the Orange County Sierra Section are sponsoring a car camping and day hiking extravaganza to Red Rock Canyon State Park, which features the spectacular red cliffs, spires, and canyons of the Ricardo Formation, made of volcanic and sedimentary rocks deposited between approximately 19 and 6 million years ago. We will camp beneath these cliffs in the Ricardo Campground and hike through the amazing Nightmare Gulch, a canyon so unearthly it has been used to film horror movies. The hike is 9 miles with a 500-foot elevation gain. We'll be hiking through dry, rocky washes. California Professional Geologist Jay Schneider will describe the processes that made this canyon so incredible. Short hikes and a tour through the park's visitor center on Sunday morning. If you need Environmental Awareness credits for your advanced leadership rating, this trip will qualify. Space is limited to 24 participants including the co-leaders so RSVP required. Camping overnight with the group is required; you cannot leave the group to stay in a hotel (nothing's really close, anyway) and rejoin the group the next day. Carpool with one of the leaders early on Friday or form carpools to arrive later on Friday. Friday evening we will have an orientation talk and happy hour. Saturday is our all-day hike through Nightmare Gulch, followed by a potluck dinner Saturday night. Finally, on Sunday morning, we will visit the park nature center, and have two short but informative hikes. We'll even see the famous Turks Turban!

Rain date: January 25-27, 2019.

**Cost:** Cost of trip is \$35 per person for Sierra Club members, \$40 per person for non-members. payable to Sierra Club Natural Science Section. Contact Leader Jay Schneider ([nttnj@aol.com](mailto:nttnj@aol.com)) for registration information. AsstLeaders: James Hagar, Sharon Moore.

**Sunday, December 16, 8:30 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike:** Easy paced, reasonably flat, 5 mile hike, approx 3 hrs. Newcomers Welcome. Enjoy the natural beauty of Bolsa Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern California. Meet 8:30 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach turn south on Bolsa Chica Street to the end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater Road). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel Leaders: Joel Kenyon, Dorothy Gutierrez, Karen Belville, Donna Specht .

I wanted to add a photo, but haven't figured that out yet. Taking applications for Orange Peel Editor at any time. The sooner the better. Happy Trails, DS

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