You are Invited to Join us at Our Bi-monthly Meeting!

South Dakota’s Black Hills

THE SIERRA SAGE GROUP has led five (5) previous trips to South Dakota’s Black Hills and has a new one taking off next month to tour the same wonderful areas. This presentation will be provided by Patty Sappingfield, leader of all five of the previous trips and Duana Miller, who was on the first one. Photos of the highlights of this area were taken on the five earlier trips.

Questions and answers will be encouraged throughout the presentation.

WHERE: Norman Murray Community & Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA
WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 28, 2019
ROOM: Juniper

DIRECTIONS:
Northbound on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn right onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway and proceed over Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking Lot.

Southbound on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn left onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway & Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking Lot.
Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club
Sierra Sage of South Orange County Group
Family-Oriented Outings

**THE FOLLOWING OUTINGS ARE DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES** who wish to get into the outdoors. Children 5 years of age and older with a parent, are welcome. The outings will involve some hiking in the Orange County Wilderness Parks and the Cleveland National Forest. Hikes will be led by **Mike Sappingfield**, and **Audrey Tomovich**, Sierra Club trained hike leaders. Tell your family and friends!

**Sunday, May 19, 2019, 2:00 PM**
**WHITING RANCH, SERRANO COW TRAIL**
Join us for a 3-mile easy hike from the Glenn Ranch Parking Lot, Whiting Ranch County Wilderness Park. We expect to see wild flowers, birds, perhaps deer and other wild critters and lots of stately Oak Trees. We can expect to see some mountain bikers so we need to step off the trail to allow them to go on by. This is one of the most beautiful walks in Orange County, in our opinion so don’t miss it.

**Directions.** From I-5, exit El Toro heading east approx. 4 miles to Portola. Left on Portola past the Toll Road overpass to Glenn Ranch Road, turn right (East) on Glenn Ranch Road for about one half mile or so to the Glenn Ranch Parking lot on the left. Parking fee is $3 per car and a machine will take currency, credit cards, and OC Parks passes. Recommend bring at least a quart of water per person, snacks, and a hat per person.

**Sunday, June 16, 2019, 2:00 PM**
**O’NEILL PARK, ARROYO TRABUCO**
Join us for a 3-mile easy hike from the Arroyo Vista Trail Head down the Arroyo Trabuco to the stream crossing and return. We will enjoy the massive sycamore and oak trees, and a tropical forest as well as a running stream. We will see numerous birds, possible some deer, and wildflowers.

**Directions.** From I-5 exit East on Alicia Parkway all the way to its end at Santa Margarita Parkway, right on Santa Margarita to Empresa, right on Empresa to Banderas, right of Banderas to Arroyo Vista, right of Arroyo Vista to the trailhead on the right just past the last houses on the right. Park on the side of the road. No parking fee required. Recommend a quart of water, snacks and a hat for each person.

**Sunday, July 21, 2019, 2:00 PM**
**JAMES DILLEY NATURE PRESERVE**
Join us for a 3-mile level walk from the James Dilley Parking Area to Barbara’s Lake, the Nix Nature Center and return. We expect to see wild flowers, birds, and the only natural lake in Orange County. We will stop frequently to enjoy the area and will take a longer break at the Nix Nature Center to use the restrooms and view the exhibits.

**Directions.** James Dilley Preserve is just north of the Toll Road crossing of Laguna Canyon Hwy (CA-133) on the right-hand side of Laguna Canyon Hwy heading north. Parking fee is $3 per car and a machine will take currency, credit cards and OC Parks passes. Recommend bringing at least a quart of water per person, snacks, and a hat for each person.

*For additional information and for future family hikes, contact Mike Sappingfield*

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Katie Porter  
4th District, California

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

March 4, 2019

Mr. Michael Sappingfield  
Mission Viejo, CA 92691-1952

Dear Mr. Sappingfield:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. I agree with you on the importance of this law.

In 1965, Congress established the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LCWF). Its purpose was to ensure access to public lands for present and future generations and to provide money to federal, state, and local governments to purchase land and water for the benefit of all Americans. The fund designates national parks, heritage, and wilderness areas to protect threatened animal and plant habitats in national forests and rivers, wildlife refuges, and urban areas. The fund creates no taxpayer expense and receives contributions from oil and gas companies to assist with environmental protection. In September 2018, the previous Congress allowed the LCWF to expire.

I was proud to join my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pass a permanent reauthorization of the LWCF on February 26, 2019 as part of the Natural Resources Management Act. This legislation secures one of our nation’s most successful conservation programs.

In our region, we are fortunate to enjoy access to water, beaches, and several lands protected by the LCWF. The permanent reauthorization of the fund protects over 328,000 hundred acres of land in the California desert, including Joshua Tree, Death Valley National Park, and the Mojave National Preserve. These protections only add to the wonders of our great state and encourage tourism that grows our economy.

I will continue to work to preserve our natural resources and wildlife. I have joined the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition Caucus, which advocates for innovative policies in Congress. I look forward to working with my Congressional colleagues to advance necessary protections for the environment.

To learn more about my work in Congress, please follow me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RepKatiePorter, Twitter at www.twitter.com/RepKatiePorter, and Instagram at www.instagram.com/repkatieporter. You may also visit my website at www.porter.house.gov.

Thank you for contacting me with your concerns. I am honored to serve you and the people of California’s 45th District.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Member of Congress

https://porter.house.gov
OUTINGS...

□ WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019, 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County /Sierra Sage Group Outing
O: Casper Mesa Loop/Juaneño Trail 5 mi, 200’ gain. A leisurely-paced Mike’s Hike into the east part of Caspers Park. Bring a friend and join us in exploring an area of the park which has long been closed to hikers. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County rideshare point. (1 Blk east of I-5 on Ortega Hwy in San Juan Capistrano—Meet in front of Ball Park Pizza in Ortega Plaza.) Bring water, munchies, hiking shoes/ lugsoles. Rain Cancels.

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□ SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 7:30 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Maintenance on the Fisherman Camp Trail Volunteers, male and female, from the OC Group, Sierra Sage Group, and the Gorgonio Chapter maintain trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness on a monthly basis. In May we will work on the Fisherman Camp Trail. Work will be mostly brushing over the 1.6-mile length of the trail. No experience is needed, only a willingness to work. Tools and instructions are provided.

John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com
Rich Maxey (949) 310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com

□ WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019, 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County /Sierra Sage | O: Bedford Peak:
7 mi, 2200’ gain/loss on a steady climb to the peak with rewarding views of the surrounding canyons and peaks. Meet 8:30 am in the small parking lot at the end of Silverado Cyn. Rd, off Santiago Cyn. Rd. Bring Forest Service Pass or park nearby along the road. Bring 2 liters water, snack, hiking boots/lugsoles, optional poles.

Linda Ledger (949) 496-8029 linda.ledger@me.com
Sharon Kirk (714) 376-3197 sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net

□ SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 TO SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O2: Backpack to San Mateo Canyon 3.5 miles and 500’ elevation loss to camp. The canyon features a rocky creek, sandy pools, oak forests, and abundant springtime flowers. From the Fisherman’s Camp trail head, we will hike to Castle Rock on the San Mateo Trail and set up camp. After lunch, we will hike down canyon to an area the Cleveland National Forest calls “very remote and rugged”—about 3 miles round trip back to camp, 200’ elevation loss. Hike out Sunday morning. Easy backpack for beginners. Meet at 7:30 at the south Orange County ride share. Register with leader.

Leader: Daniel Donovan, (562) 596-1225
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Co-Leader: Sylvie Cote (949) 547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com

□ WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019, 8:30 AM
0407 Orange County/Sierra Sage | O: Serrano Creek Trail
4.7 mi ow, 590’ gain for short hike; 11 mi r/t, 690’ gain for long hike. Starting at Heritage Park in Lake Forest, we meander on the trail in Serrano Creek Park, cross Trabuco Rd and continue along a shady suburban trail, climbing gently toward Foothill Ranch. The short hike ends before we cross Rancho Pkwy, and participants return to the starting point by public transportation (OCTA Bus #177). The longer hike continues into Whiting Ranch following Live Oak Trail and returning on Serrano Creek Trail all the way back to Trabuco Rd with a stop for lunch (picnic or eatery) in Foothill Ranch en route. Meet 8:30 am at the Heritage Hill parking lot on Serrano Rd, less than a block north from Lake Forest Dr. (west of the intersection of Lake Forest Dr. & Trabuco Rd). Bring water, snack, lunch or lunch money (long hike), water, snack, bus fare (75¢ seniors, $2 adults) for the short hike. Walking shoes ok for these hikes.

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□ SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 8:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing | O: Sitton Peak
10 mi, 1600’ gain/loss moderate paced hike from the Forest Service Parking lot across from the Candy Store to Sitton Peak via Bear Ridge out and Bear Canyon back. Bring hat, at least 2 qts/ltrs water, lunch, and parking pass in the FS lot. Rain Cancels. Meet at the SOC Rideshare point, 1 blk east of I-5 in the parking lot in SE corner of Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo Rd, in front of Ball Park Pizza. We will then carpool up to the FS lot across the Ortega HWY from the Candy Store. People can also meet us at the FS lot at 8:35 am.

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□ SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019, 9:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Aliso Peak (683’) and Badlands
Join us as we hike the Valido Trail to Aliso Peak (683’), continuing up to the overlook (936’). We will then proceed down the Seaview Trail to Badlands Park and the Badlands Trail to the overlook and return same way, for a total of 7 miles, 1000’ gain/loss. Somewhat strenuous hike with potential spectacular views of the ocean. Stop for snacks in Badland Park. Bring hat, light jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen, hiking poles, snacks, 2 qts. water. Rain cancels. Meet at 9:00 AM at the trailhead. From PCH in South Laguna Beach, turn on West St., drive up to Via Valido and turn left to the trailhead. Contact leaders for more information:

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Sierra Sage of South Orange County, a Group of the Sierra Club

□ SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019, 2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Whiting Ranch, Serrano Cow Trail Family Hike
27901 Glenn Ranch Rd, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679, USA
O: Join us for a 3-mile easy hike from the Glenn Ranch Parking Lot, Whiting Ranch County Wilderness Park. We expect to see wild flowers, birds, perhaps deer and other wild critters and lots of stately Oak Trees. We can expect to see some mountain bikers so we need to step off the trail to allow them to go on by. This is one of the most beautiful walks in Orange County, in our opinion so don’t miss it. Directions: From I-5, exit El Toro heading east approx. 4 miles to Portola. Left on Portola past the Toll Road overpass to Glenn Ranch Road, turn right (north-east) on Glenn Ranch Road for about a mile or so to the Glenn Ranch Parking lot on the left. Parking fee is $3 per car and a machine will take currency, credit cards, and OC Parks passes. Recommend bring at least a quart of water per person, comfortable walking shoes, snacks, and a hat for each person.

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□ WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019, 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Group Outing
O: Caspers Park East Ridge 7 mi, 700’ gain.
Our route starts at the Parking lot just uphill from the main road, on the road to the Nature Center. We will take the East Flats Trail to the East Ridge north, then down the Oso Trail to Cougar Pass then down Bell Canyon to Quail Run, then back up Quail Run to the East Flat Trail, then back to the parking lot. Meet 8:30 am at S OC rideshare point (1 block east of I-5 at the Ortega Plaza off Rancho Viejo Rd), Park near Ball Park Pizza. Bring 2 qts water, hat, lunch/snack, hiking boots/lugsoles.

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□ WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019, 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Group Outing
O: Top of the World
Join us for this 8 to 10-mile, 800’ gain, moderate loop hike. The hike begins at Aliso and Wood Cyn Wilderness Park, then we will hike to the Top of the World Park via the Mathis Trail. (On a clear day we will be able to get an ocean view.) From Top of the World we will descend via the Cholla Trail and head back to Aliso and Wood Canyon by way of Wood Canyon Trail or possibly other trails. Meet 9am at the Aliso and Wood Canyon Park (S. on Alicia Parkway past Aliso Creek Road to first right onto AWMA Road then into the parking lot) $3 for parking. Bring hiking boots/ lugsoles, 2 quarts water, snack, sunscreen and money for an optional lunch after the hike.

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□ SATURDAY, JUNE 01, 2019, 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Trail Maintenance in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness
Volunteers, male and female, from the OC Group, Sierra Sage Group, and the Gorgonio Chapter maintain trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness on a monthly basis. The location is selected each month based on current needs. No experience is needed, only a willingness to work. Tools and instructions are provided. To receive announcements with details of each month's activities contact Leader

John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com
Rich Maxey (949) 310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com

□ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019, 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Group | O: Riley Park
Loop 4-5 mile easy hike w/ several 300 foot gains and losses. Chance of late spring wildflowers in bloom. From I-5 South, take Oso Parkway east 6-7 miles until the end. Turn right into Thomas F, Riley Park (OC Park) and follow dirt road for a short distance to parking lot. Restrooms in parking lot.

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□ SUNDAY, JUNE 09, 2019, 6:15 PM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Signal Hill Sunset Hike
Join us on a moderate 4-mile, 750’ gain loop hike exploring the Signal Hill Trail System. The route makes 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. Afterward those interested can join us for refreshments at Mothers Market Cafe and outdoor patio. Meet near the entrance of Mothers Market on Cherry Avenue in Signal Hill. Contact leaders for more information:

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□ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019, 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
O: Crystal Cove Beach Walk
7 mi, 200’ gain. An easy walk along the beach & bluff top in this beautiful State Park in Newport Beach. Optional stop at Ruby’s Date Shack for lunch. Meet 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.

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Saturday, June 29, 2019, 9:00 AM
0417 - Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Doheny Beach to Trestles Beach Hike
Join us for a cool walk on the beach, where you will enjoy scenery, fresh air, and sea breeze, from Dana Point to Trestles beach in San Clemente, for a total of 8 miles, no gain. We will stop over at the San Clemente pier for lunch for about an hour. We will return by bus. The path will lead us on various uneven terrain, from beach to paved path, and everything in-between (some difficult hiking surfaces). Meet 9:00 AM at Doheny State Park Road and Dana Harbor Drive, 1 block west of PCH in Dana Point. Park 1 block uphill from meeting location. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, sturdy walking shoes (may get wet; no flip-flop or sandals), lunch or $5 to buy lunch at pier, $ for bus.
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Sunday, July 14, 2019, 7:00 AM
0417 - Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: San Jacinto Loops
Enjoy the cool 75º temperatures in mid-summer, walking through pine forests on the upper slopes of Mt. San Jacinto. Two hikes from the top of the Palm Spring Tramway (8420') to Round Valley (9060') will be offered concurrently. Both hikes include the Round Valley loop. Longer route (8 miles round trip, 1750' gain) will include a hike to Wellmans’ Divide (9720') and back. Shorter route will be a more casual pace (6 miles round trip, 950' gain). Meet 7:00 AM at the south entrance of parking garage of the Irvine Transportation Center (Irvine Train Station, 15215 Barranca Pkwy, Irvine,) in order to carpool to the tramway, or 9:00 AM at the tramway lobby in Palm Springs. Bring money for tramway fee, lunch, 2 quarts water, hat, light jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen, lug-sole boots. Rain cancels.
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May/June Events

Executive Committee meetings are open to all members of the Sierra Club who reside in South Orange County. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Contact Mike Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net for date, time and directions.

Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County? Contact Penny Elia at greenp1@cox.net

Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into local offices? Contact Sharon Koch, 949-717-7745 at slkoch@ix.netcom.com

Want to keep the Santa Ana Mountains wild? Or even want to help maintain the trails in the San Mateo Wilderness Area? Contact John Kaiser at jkai39@gmail.com

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HIKE OF THE MONTH

Sunday, June 16, 2019 @ 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
0417-Orange County Group Outing
O: O’Neill Regional Park, Arroyo Trabuco Walk

O: Join us for a 3-mile easy hike from the Arroyo Vista Trail Head down the Arroyo Trabuco to the stream crossing and return. We will enjoy the massive sycamore and oak trees, and a tropical forest as well as a running stream. We will see numerous birds, possibly some deer, and wildflowers.

Directions: From I-5 exit East on Alicia Parkway all the way to its end at Santa Margarita Parkway, right on Santa Margarita to Empresa, right on Empresa to Banderas, right of Banderas to Arroyo Vista, right of Arroyo Vista to the trailhead on the right just past the last houses on the right. Park on the side of the road. No parking fee required. Recommend a quart of water, comfortable walking shoes, snacks and a hat for each person.

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Yes, I want to join! I want to help safeguard our nation’s precious natural heritage. My check is enclosed.

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