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**Snowshoers On Way To Minaret Summit Photo by Donna Specht**

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**Travel Adventures: Destination~ Costa Rica**

**Check our website for complete Schedule:**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1-14, 2016 ANGELES CHAPTER, OC SIERRANS**

**SIERRA SAGE**

**O: Destination Costa Rica:** Fourteen day tour from the Pacific beaches to the wild Northern Caribbean with stops at Manuel Antonio, Monteverde/Santa Elena, Arenal, Tortuguero and San Jose. Why watch a National Geographic special when you can live it? On layover days, hike and explore why this country is known for its enlightened approach to conservation. Visit Volcanoes, rain forests, ecological reserves, wildlife refuges. Spend 3 special days in Tortuguero Village where the first awakening of sea turtle conservation began.

Sierra Club Member cost $1950, Non member cost $2050 includes mid range locally owned accommodations (double occupancy), private 22-passenger air-conditioned coach, all breakfasts, happy hours, round trip boat transportation to Tortuguero, driver gratuities and 3 eco tours.

Group airfare extra. For itinerary, application, cancellation policy contact Co Ldr:Donna Specht, donnaspecht@juno.com. Ldr: Mike Sappingfield.



**White-headed Capuchin Photo by Donna Specht**

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**LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR**

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

**Become a Qualified Sierra Club Leader**

**Eaton Canyon Nature Center**

**1750 N Altadena Drive, Pasadena, 91107**

Becoming a Sierra Club outings leader starts with curiosity and a love of the outdoors. What better way to step up and lead than by taking advantage of the training opportunities that the Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Committee provides each year. As home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet, the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's many groups, sections and committees sponsor thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues, Little Hikers and Local Hikes to world-wide travel and mountaineering expeditions.

You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending the seminar which covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will show you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone – including you – has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

If you're a Sierra Club member interested in the future of our local Outings Program, want to lead your own outings, keep the program healthy, strong, and ensure that participants are safe, happy and inspired, please sign up for leadership training. If you are already a leader, please encourage and mentor a candidate.

The requirements for becoming a leader at the basic "O" level are: Current Sierra Club membership, participation on five Sierra club trips/hikes, passing an open book pre-seminar exam from the Leader Reference Book, attendance at the all day Leadership Training seminar, completion of first aid and CPR training and satisfactory completion of a provisional outing.

Piece of cake! Start now on your list of five Sierra Club trips/hikes!

Call the OCSS Outings Chair for assistance.

To Register: Send name, address, phone number,  
 email and $25 (Ck payable Sierra Club) to:

Steve Botan, LTC Registrar

18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

714-321-1296 Email: ltcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org

LTC Website: https://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc\_

**Registration Deadline with Fee: APRIL 2, 2016**

Scholarships are available for those with financial need.

Apply to LTC Chair Anne Marie Richardson <annemariesc@yahoo.com>

MONDAY, MARCH 14,, 6:30 PM OCSS

**Program: African Photo Safari:** Angeles Chapter Sierra Club members Steve and Linda Velasco will share photos taken on their recent 6-week journey to Africa. Their adventure took them to Rwanda where they trekked for hours through the Parc National de Volcans to observe three mountain gorilla families. The next stop was South Africa where trackers and guides helped discover the indigenous and endangered African wildlife including wild dogs, Rhinoceros, Elephant and Leopards. Their journey ended in Namibia where they experienced the hot and desolate Namib Desert including the mountainous sand dunes of Sossuvlei, the red Kalahari Desert, a stand Quiver Trees, one of the ten most endangered trees on the planet. The journey continued on to Luederitz where there were wild horses living in the stark desert and the abandoned diamond rush town of Kolmanskuppe built during the turn of the last century. The local legend says the diamonds were literally lying on the ground. The town is now being consumed by the ever-shifting sand dunes. During their time in Namibia they discovered a surprisingly varied selection of wild inhabitants living in the unforgiving desert environment. Bring a friend and come and join us at REI Tustin, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92782. Hike on over to the Community Room.

WED, MARCH 16 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 Vice Chair Charles Geller . eduright@aol.com **Contact Donna Specht for location and directions to the meeting.**

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MONDAY, MAY 9, 6:30 PM ANGELES CHAPTER, OCSS

**Meet/Greet/ Newcomer/Member Special Event**: Come and discover the Sierra Club. Be a part of the largest grassroots environmental organization in the country. Sierra Club outings provide environmentally friendly outdoor adventures from Costa Mesa to Costa Rica for all ages. Come and meet representatives and leaders from beach walks to peak bagging. Table displays, exhibits, refreshments. Join Sierra Club $15 Special Offer, free gift. Meet at the Costa Mesa Community Center, 1845 Park Ave, Costa Mesa. Contact Chapter Membership Chair: Donna Specht

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 6:30 PM ANGELES CHAPTER, OCSS

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TUE & THU 6:30-8:00 PM IRVINE CONDITIONING HIKES

**MC900157205[1]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, Phil Weinreich, Joel Kenyon, Fran Penn, Fred Lamb, Jim Palmer, Donna Specht, Maura Van Strien, Karim Khoshab, Norman Montgomery, Shaune Hand, Michael Mavrovouniotis, and Christine Dickey.

**TUE 6:30 PM OCSS, RIO HONDO**

**O: Fullerton Beginners Hike:** Hike with our social group on this regular weekly beginner's 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. Optional dinner afterwards. Last Tue. of each month we have a potluck dinner. **Hike scheduled during daylight savings time, i.e. March through Oct.** 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

SAT 8:00 AM PETERS CANYON CONDITIONING HIKES

**O:** Fast paced conditioning hike, 6 mi RT, 700' gain. No beginners or Tigers! From 5 Fwy, N on Jamboree, or from 55 Fwy E on Chapman. Take Canyon View into parking area. Bring water, lugholes, $3 for parking or have permit. Rain cancels. (Important Note: If park is closed, meet in Taco Bell parking lot, corner Chapman/Jamboree). Leaders: Sharry Puraty, Fran Penn, Norman Montgomery, and Shilo Bartlett.



**Welcome Winter Photo by Donna Specht**

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

**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 Sierra Singles (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

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://angeles.sierraclub.org/sage**](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sage)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4-6, OCSS, WAS, PVSB**

**I: Winter Combo Getaway Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes**: Ski Downhill or Snowboard on Mammoth Mtn. Daily leader led guided backcountry ski tours and snowshoe tours XC Ski or Snowshoe on your own at Tamarack Nordic Center. Newcomers & Non skiers Welcome. Tons of stuff to do in Mammoth in Winter. Quality Inn lodging, two per room, 2 beds/private bath, microwave, fridge, indoor spa. Close to shopping, night life, casual and fine dining, free shuttles. Leave Orange County 2:00 pm. South Bay and Sylmar pick-up later. Return Orange County Sunday approx 10pm. Includes bus, lodging, full breakfasts, happy hour, bus refreshments, Sunday dinner. Send 1 large sase, OR E mail address, phone, cell phone, pick up location (Orange County, South Bay or San Fernando Valley), $310 with Sierra Club #/$325 non members (check payable to OCSS) to Asst/Reserv: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 (donnaspecht@juno.com) Ask about Transportation or Lodging only cost. Leader: Keith Martin (keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net). Asst: Donna Specht Staff: Beth Martin, Mark Mitchell, Snowshoe Leaders: Kent Schwitkis, Sherry Ross.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 8:00 AM SIERRA SAGE, OCSS

**O: Trail Maintenance in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness:** Maintain trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. Volunteers keep the trails open and safe. The specific work location is chosen each month based on current needs. Work involves lopping or sawing to clear the corridor and repairing tread as needed. Tools are provided. Bring work gloves, sturdy boots, water, lunch. Typically we meet at the south Orange County ride share at either 7:30 or 8:00 am depending on the trail head destination for that month. Rain or critical fire danger will cancel. To receive email announcements with details of each month's activity, send an email to Leader: John Kaiser (jkai39@gmail.com). Assistant: Rich Maxey

Wednesday, March 9, 8:30 AM OCG, OCSS

**O: Woods Cyn Spring Hike:** Moderately paced 7.5 mi, 600' gain loop with great views, spring flowers, oaks, sycamores and a stream. We will start up the Cholla Trail, then take West Ridge to Top-of-the-World. Return down Mathis Cyn to the Woods Cyn Trail. Bring water, snack, hiking boots, and sun protection. Poles recommended for steep Trail.

Bring water, snack, hiking boots, and sun protection. Poles recommended for steep Mathis descent. Meet 8:30 am at Canyon View Park. From El Toro Rd in Laguna Woods, turn S on Moulton about 1 mi, then R on Glenwood and up the hill, over the toll road, R on Canyon Vista Dr. Park at bottom of hill on street. Canyon View Park is on the L. Rain, 3 days after rain, cancels. Ldrs: Sherri Sisson 949-786-7681[sksisson@gmail.com](mailto:sksisson@gmail.com), Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net.

Saturday, March 12, 8:30 AM OCSS

**O: Santiago Oaks to Robbers Roost:** Climb a hill to lookout over the OC; about 7 mi, 900' gain from a neighborhood on the edge of Santiago Oaks park along a creek through the park then up to Robbers Roost to look out over part of the OC and loop back past a new and an old dam. Meet 8:30 am at the east end of E. Mabury Avenue where it curves into Orange Park Blvd. (across the street from 6503 E Mabury Ave). Bring 2 qts water, snack, hiking boots, Rain within 2 days cancels. Leader: Julie Garner 714-335-1579[avtrix@sbcglobal.net](mailto:avtrix@sbcglobal.net). Assts: Jay Matchett, Jay Schneider.

Saturday, March 12, 8:00 AM SAGE, OCSS

**O: Morgan Trail:** Join us as we hike from the San Juan Loop parking area to the south Main Divide for lunch in a scenic grove of oaks at upper Morrell Canyon. Round trip distance is 10 miles round trip and the elevation gain outbound is 1000'. Return same way. Meet 8:00 am at S OC ride share or 8:30 am at the FS San Juan Loop parking area across from the Candy Store. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain or critical fire level will cancel. Ldr: John Kaiser 714-968-4677 [jkai39@gmail.com](mailto:jkai39@gmail.com), Rich Maxey.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 9:00 AM OCSS

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve 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. Visit the Interpretive Center and rest rooms at PCH & Warner. Meet 9:00 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach turn south 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. Provisional Leader: Jerry Golding, 714-969-2251 [jagatbeach@aol.com,](mailto:jagatbeach@aol.com,)  Asst Leader: Donna Specht

Wednesday, March 16, 8:00 AM SAGE, SAMTF, OCSS

**O:Indian Potrero:** 10 mi rt. Join us for a rare opportunity to hike to this picturesque meadow in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. The out-and- back route follows a ridge at the western edge of the Santa Ana Mountains with outstanding views of OC and, on a clear day, the Pacific. Outbound is 900' gain and 1200' loss. Access to the trailhead is via a private road and attendance is limited. Registration is required; meeting time and location provided to those who register. Contact the leader for more information. Call leader to register for this hike. Rain or critical fire level will cancel. Leader: John Kaiser 714-968-4677 [jkai39@gmail.com](mailto:jkai39@gmail.com),   Assts: Rich Maxey, Linda Ledger.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18-20 OCSS**

**I: Rock Creek Lodge Backcountry Ski:** Spend two nights lodging in dorm-style cabin, complete with hot showers & two gourmet home-cooked meals a day. Many day trips possible from resort, either on groomed trails or deep into the surrounding backcountry; leaders will guide backcountry tours each day. Most likely will return to cars by skiing down 2 mi, 400 feet groomed road. Intermediate X-C skills required & metal-edged, backcountry skis & backcountry boots highly recommended. Avalanche beacon, shovel & probe required for backcountry trips along with knowledge on how to use them. All participants must bring sleeping bags. Cost: $330 – payable directly to Rock Creek Lodge and subject to deposit and variable cancellation charges, depending on date – ask leader for info. Cost includes snowmobile ride for participant and gear to lodge, but does not include lunches, Sno-Park fee, potential longer-distance transport to lodge. Reserve early to hold a spot by sending H&W phones, email, resume of recent backcountry xc experience, backcountry gear owned, rideshare info to Leader: Mark Alan Mitchell 818-753-9328 [markamitchell@att.net](mailto:markamitchell@att.net), Mark Fleming 626-712-3671 mflemi@earthlink.net.

Saturday, March 19 - 20, SAGE, OCSS

**I: Backpack, Joshua Tree NP, Eureka Peak (5513'):** Join us as we hike on trail/off trail, on this moderately difficult backpacking trip. From Black Rock Campground trailhead in JTNP, we will hike 4 miles to set up camp amongst desert vegetation, then hike to Eureka Peak another 4 miles round trip for possible views. Saturday night happy hour. Sunday, we will break camp and return same way, for a total of 13 miles, 1800' gain. Must carry a minimum of one gallon of water per person. Must pre-register for outing. Group size limited by permit. Send backpacking experience to leaders: Todd Clark 714-803-0195 [clarkta@hotmail.com](mailto:clarkta@hotmail.com), Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 clarkta@hotmail.com.

Wednesday, March 23, 9:00 AM   OCG, SAGE, OCSS

**O: Oso Creek Trail:** 6 mi, 500' gain, moderate hike on paved trails along the creek and up through the Jeronimo Open Space, then dirt trail to Naciente Ridge overlooking Trabuco Cyn. Meet 9:00 am (from I-5, E on La Paz, just past Marguerite Pkwy, turn L on Thomas R Potocki Conf Ctr Rd to lower parking lot). Bring water, snack/lunch, hiking boots. Newcomers welcome. Leader: Mike Sappingfield 949-633-6993, [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net). Asst: Linda Ledger.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 8:00 AM SIERRA SAGE, OCSS

**O: Whiting Ranch: Dreaded Hill - 4 Corners - Sleepy Hollow:** Moderate 6 miles, 1000' gain. We will start the hike along the flat Serrano Creek Trail. At mile 1, we will climb steeply (900' gain in less than a mile) along Dreaded Hill Trail, reaching the bench at the top of the hill (mile 2) with magnificent views of the entire Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. After a short break, we will descend to Four Corners (mile 2.5) where a water fountain will be accessible to refill water bottles. We will then continue our descent on Cactus Hill, Santiago Ranch, and Sleepy Hollow trails, to rejoin Serrano Creek trail at mile 5, and back to the parking lot (mile 6). Meet 8:00 AM at the parking lot near Wahoo Fish Taco, at 27412 Portola Parkway, Foothill Ranch, 92610. Bring 3 quarts water, snack, hiking boots, hat, and hiking poles. Leaders: Ronald Cheung, Sylvie Cote.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 8:00 AM SIERRA SAGE, OCSS

**O: Hike in the Santa Rosa Plateau:** 6.5 mile, 300' gain. Enjoy the glorious springtime in this ecological preserve, and a leisurely hike along streams, through rolling grasslands and 100-year-old Englemann oak woodlands. Lavish wildflowers should be in bloom, as spring runoff collects in vernal pools, which beckon wildlife. $3 entrance fee supports reserve upkeep. Meet 8:00 am at the South Orange County rideshare point, Ortega Plaza SE corner of Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo Rd in San Juan Capistrano, or 9:00 am at the Santa Rosa Ecological Preserve on Keith Clinton Road, west of Temecula. Bring water, lunch/snack, lugsoles, binocs, field guides. Newcomers welcome. Rain cancels. Leaders: Michael Sappingfield 949-633-6993 [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net), Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net

**COMPLETE LEADER CONTACT INFORMATION GO TO THE CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:** <http://angeles2.sierraclub.org>

FRIDAY, APRIL 8-10 OCSS

I: Spring Combo Getaway Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes: join us for an awesome weekend adventure!. Downhill ski or snowboard Mammoth Mountain, backcountry ski touring and snowshoe touring with leaders; XC ski on your own at Tamarack Nordic Ski Center. Hiking, biking and gondola rides, tons of stuff to do in Mammoth. Newcomers and non skiers welcome. Stay at Quality Inn (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 10pm. Includes bus, lodging, full breakfasts, Saturday night happy hour, Sunday dinner & bus refreshments. Send email address (or 2 sase), phone#, $310 with Sierra club # / $325 non-members (check payable OCSS) to leader/reservationist: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, ca 92646. (donnaspecht@juno.com) just need a ride or a room? Ask about transportation or lodging only cost. Asst leaders: Dave Black, Fran & George Denny, Mark Fleming, Lisa Buckley, Homer Tom, Scott And Julie Smith Meek

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 8:30 AM SIERRA SAGE, OCSS

**O: Wildflower Hike in O'Neill Regional Park:** Join us for a 6.5-mile hike in the north end of O'Neill Regional Park. At this time of year we can expect a lot of wildflowers in bloom. Meet at 8:30 am at the parking lot behind the main entrance to O' Neill Regional Park. We will explore the Live Oak Trail, the Vista Trail, the Hoffman Homestead Trail as we make a loop up to the Vista point and return to the parking lot. We will have some great views of the Saddleback Valley as well as looks up the Trabuco Canyon and the Santa Ana Mountains. Bring $5 for park entrance fee per car, munchies, water, hat, hiking boots, Leaders: Mike Sappingfield, Linda Ledger.

Wednesday, April 13, 8:30 AM OCG, OCSS

**O:Corral to Hot Springs: Caspers Park:** Corral to Hot Springs: Join us on an 8 mi, 1400' gain, grand tour of Caspers Wilderness Park. This moderately strenuous hike begins at the Corral Trailhead, meanders through the oak groves, and then makes a long, steep climb to the shade ramada for an early lunch/snack stop. The final section of the hike will take us to the Hot Springs area. This is an opportunity to visit the Hot Springs area, which is not open to the public on a daily basis. We have a car shuttle back to the Corral area. The shuttle requires extra time at the beginning and end of the hike; participants' patience is essential. Rain or critical fire levels will cancel. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County rideshare point with 2 liters water, snacks/lunch, hiking boots. Ldrs: Rich Maxey 949-310-5134[richmaxey@yahoo.com](mailto:richmaxey@yahoo.com), John Kaiser.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 8:00 AM OCSS

**O:20s30s40s** **THIRD ANNUAL SPRING DEEP CREEK HOT SPRINGS DAY**: Bathe in three different hot springs pools, swim in a cool stream, and kick back under the trees for hours. Join us on this moderate 4 mi R/T, 930ft loss/gain hike down to this Desert Oasis outside Apple Valley. We will descend down a ridge and cross a stream to get to the springs area, where we will spend the entire afternoon, returning back up after the heat of the day. Deep Creek is a clothing optional area and there will be nudity there. Bring 3qts water (no drinkable water at the springs), 2 lunches, snacks, hat, sunscreen, boots or trail

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shoes, swimsuit, and towel. Admittance fee is $ 5 per person. Last six driving miles are on a rough dirt road, carefully driven sedans can make it. Depart 8:00 am from North OC Carpool Point, or meet at 9:45 at Apple Valley Plaza (directions provided). Arrive at Hot Springs at noon, depart hot springs at 6:00pm, return to carpool point around 9:00pm. Leader: Charles G. Geller (eduright@aol.com). Co-leader: David Kuhn (mtndave@cox.net).

Sunday, April 17, 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). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel. Ldrs: Houria Hall, Donna Specht, Shaune Hand, Karen Belville.

Saturday, April 23, 8:00 PM OCSS

**La Mirada Symphony:** Join us for a free classical concert at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, 14900 La Mirada Blvd. La Mirada Ca. 90638, corner of Rosecrans and La Mirada Blvd. The Concert is Free, but donations are welcome. Meet the host 7:30 pm in the West Lobby. Optional dinner later. Host: Fred Lazzelle 1-657-217-7321.

Wednesday, April 27, 9:00 AM OCG, OCSS

**O: Bear Springs:** **Bear Spring via Holy Jim Trail:** 9 mi, 2245' gain/loss. We may see early wildflowers as we make a steady but moderate ascent to the shady trees at Bear Spring. Please notify leaders if you wish to join this hike, if you can drive, and how much room you have for additional passengers, as we will carpool over a bumpy dirt road. Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Ldrs:  Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 [linda.ledger@cox.net](mailto:linda.ledger@cox.net), Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com.

**ADVANCE ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday, May 4, 8:30 AM OCG, OCSS

**O: Laurel Lizard Loop:** Moderate, 6 mi loop, 800' gain. Join us as we explore the newest official trail in the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. We'll hike up Lower Laurel Canyon trail, join the new Lizard trail and continue up to meet Bommer Ridge. We will then take Bommer Ridge to Willow Canyon and hike down to our starting point. Meet 8:30 am, Willow Canyon parking lot (gate 6, $3) on Laguna Canyon Rd 1/4 mi S of El Toro Rd junction. Bring water, hat, snack, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: Linda Ledger 949-496-8029[linda.ledger@cox.net](mailto:linda.ledger@cox.net), Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 8:30 AM OCG, OCSS

**O: Black Star Canyon/Hidden Ranch: 10**.2 mi, 1200' gain/loss. We will follow the stream to begin, with deposits of low-grade coal in the banks which was used to smelt the silver ore in Silverado Cyn. Then we climb into the Hidden Valley, now the Mariposa Preserve, and downhill the last half mile to Hidden Ranch, a Native American village, protected as a California Historical landmark. We'll visit the morteros, and have a lunch break before returning the way we came. Meet 8:30 am on Black Star Cyn Rd, (from Santiago Cyn Rd turn E on Silverado Cyn Rd, immediate L on Black Star, follow it to the gate & park). Bring 2-3 liters water, sun protection, lunch/snacks, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Linda Ledger, Helen Maurer

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 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). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel. Ldrs: Houria Hall, Donna Specht

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 8:30 AM OCG, OCSS

**O: Whiting Ranch/Billy Goat Loop Hike:** Join us for a strenuous, moderately-paced 7 mi rt 1400' gain/loss hike up Serrano Canyon and Dreaded Hill to Four Corners and the Billy Goat Trail, returning through Sleepy Hollow with possible deer sighting. Bring 2 liters water, snacks, hiking boots, sun protection, $3 for parking or annual pass. Meet 8:30 am at the Glenn Ranch Rd entrance in Lake Forest. Exit I-5/405 at Bake Pkwy, go E 5 mi, R on Portola, L at Glenn Ranch Rd ½ mi and L into parking lot. Rain cancels. Ldr: Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 [linda.ledger@cox.net](mailto:linda.ledger@cox.net), Asst: Jan Nemmert

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 9:00 AM OCG, OCSS

**O: Laguna Coast Wilderness Hike:** Moderate 8-10 mi, 1000-1200' gain hike. The leader will choose the route to the Nix Center with time to visit the Center and have a leisurely break. Meet 9:00 am at the Willow parking lot, just S of the El Toro Rd & Laguna Cyn Rd junction. $3 parking. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, money for parking & snacks. Ldr: Audrey Tomovich. Asst: Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 [sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com](mailto:sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com)

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 9:30 AM OCSS

**O: Little Hikers/Easy Hikers at Fairview Park**: Join us for a 1 mile hike on the bluffs where our Native Americans used to roam. After hike, walk over the bridge for a free train ride courtesy OC Model Engineers. Newcomers, supervised children welcome. Meet 9:30 a.m, Fairview Park, Costa Mesa on Placentia between Adams and Victoria (405 Fwy to Harbor-south, right on Adams, left on Placentia, right after approximately 1/4 mile into the Fairview Park free parking lot). Bring water, snack, hat, jacket, sturdy shoes. Ldrs: Donna Specht, Ana Juarez, Houria Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 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). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel. Ldrs: Houria Hall, Donna Specht, Karen Belville.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 9:00 AM OCG, OCSS

**O: Salt Creek, aka "The Bagel Hike":** 7.5 mi, 200' gain, moderate. Scenic walk from Chapparosa Park to the beach, up over the Headlands to Dana Point Harbor. Return by bus after lunch (optional) at the bagel place. Meet 9:00 am at Chapparosa Park. From I-5 go W on Crown Valley, L on Golden Lantern, R on Chapparosa and through park to the very end. Those arriving by 8:45 may wish to take the first R after turning onto Chapparosa and park there. Bring water, walking shoes, bus fare ($0.75 seniors, $2 others). Newcomers welcome. Ldrs: Linda Ledger, [linda.ledger@cox.net](mailto:linda.ledger@cox.net), Sherri Sisson

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