Outings and Activities



Pecho Coast - B.K. Richard

All our hikes and activities are open to all Club members and the general public. Please bring drinking water to all outings and optionally a lunch. Sturdy footwear is recommended. All phone numbers listed are within area code 805 unless otherwise noted. **Pets are generally not allowed**. A parent or responsible adult must accompany children under the age of 18. If you have any suggestions for hikes or outdoor activities, questions about the Chapter's outing policies, or would like to be an outings leader, call Outings Chair Lisa Ludovici at 310-864-4679, ludovici@outlook.com. For information on a specific outing, please call the listed outing leader. Environmentally friendly outdoor adventures farther afield are available to people of all ages and abilities, whether you're seeking lodge-based explorations or supported treks, backpack journeys or vacations nearly anywhere in the world. Go to sierraclub.org/outings, or call 415-977-5522, or contact national.outings@sierraclub.org.

Join our Meetup Group to see all our Sierra Club Outings! Membership is free and members are automatically notified as soon as hikes are posted. You will also be able to receive up-to-the-minute information about weather and route changes from hike leaders. Go to Meetup and search for San Luis Obispo Sierra Club Meetup Group or follow this link:

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Saturday, Jan 21, 3:00pm. 4-5 miles round trip to Avila Lighthouse. Moderate but muddy! Explore tide pools and the lighthouse grounds at minus tide. Wear layers and sturdy non-slip soles. Expect to get your feet wet. Rain or windy conditions cancel. Call Andrea at 805 934-2792 for more details.

Sunday, Jan. 22nd, 2-3:30 p.m. Sierra Club Historic Walk: SLO's Secret Past. Guided exploratory stroll to discover the original site of the Mission, the 1860s stagecoach stop, home of the city's first millionaire, and other hidden landmarks in downtown SLO. Meet at corner of Nipomo and Dana Sts. Leader: Joe Morris, 805-549-0355.

Sat. Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m. Hike Adobe Springs Trail off of Hwy 166. A 5-mile round trip hike with views down the Cuyama Valley and a chance for beautiful wildflowers. Bring a hat, sunscreen, plenty of water, long-sleeve shirt, long pants, and sturdy walking shoes. Carpool – meet at 8:30 am at the intersection of Hwy 101 and Hwy 166 (west on Hutton Rd., parking by Cuyama Lane). If meeting at trailhead, arrive by 9:00 am, go to the Adobe Spring trailhead off Hwy 166, about 21 miles east of Hwy 101, on the left (north side of Hwy 166). Polite dogs on leash allowed. Contact Andrea, 805-934-2792. Rain or threat of rain cancels the outing.

Sun., Feb. 12th, 2-3:30 p.m. Sierra Club Historic Walk of Arroyo Grande. Guided stroll through village area of Arroyo Grande to see century-old storefronts, one-room schoolhouse, swinging bridge, and Victorian homes of town's pioneers. Meet at corner of Branch and Bridge Sts. Leader: Joe Morris, 805-549-0355.

Sunday, February 19, 8:30 a.m. Lollipop Loop hike in Montana de Oro State Park with a side trip to Hazard Peak. Join the leader on this strenuous 10.2 mile hike in the backcountry of Montana de Oro State Park. There is about 1600 ft of elevation gain. This is a great hike to explore the backcountry on the East Boundary and Barranca trails. We will enjoy coastline views from Hazard Peak. Poison oak and ticks are risks. Bring plenty of water, snacks or lunch and dress for the weather. Meet at the beginning of the road to Horse Camp. This road is a short distance on the left just inside the park boundary. There is additional parking just down the road on the right. Rain cancels. Montana de Oro prohibits dogs on the trails. For info call or text Chuck @ 805-441-7597.

Sunday, February 19, 9:30 a.m. Willow Springs Trail. 6-10 mile up and back moderate trail thru some beautiful blue oak and (rare) Redshank in Los Padres National Forest. The trail head is about a 20-minute drive East from Hwy 101 on 166. The hike is mainly a slow steady climb with switchbacks and shade. There is an optional "lollipop" loop at the top. The "spring" on the loop is really nothing special to see. But this trail is a real beauty and has little traffic. Bring water & lunch/snacks. Poles are always nice to have. Meet at 166 & 101 at 9:30am to caravan to the trailhead. Rain or muddy conditions will cancel. Contact Bonnie Ernst, 805-801-6148.