



# SIERRA CLUB

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## Membership Meetings

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# Palm and Pine

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**Watch your mailbox - your annual letter from San Gorgonio Chapter will arrive in early March!**

**This is our only opportunity to mail every member with updates on 2020 plans, challenges and an appeal for your investment in our chapter! Watch for it, open it, read it and return the tear off slip with your donation. Thank you for all you do!**



## SIERRA CLUB AND TEAMSTERS JOIN TO FIGHT AIRPORT LOGISTICS TERMINAL

**O**n January 29, Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter joined Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, and the Teamsters Union, in the fight against the San Bernardino airport expansion for a massive logistics center. Earthjustice is representing Sierra Club and CCAEJ in this action. The lawsuit names the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) and the San Bernardino County Airport Authority as defendants. The FAA approved the project, citing "no significant impact" on the environment. This project

will dump one ton – 2000 lbs – of air pollution into our air every day of operation. The rumored tenant of this massive logistics center is Amazon.

As part of the San Bernardino Airport Communities Coalition, our Chapter's organizers have been instrumental in



*Photo: San Bernardino Airport Communities Coalition*

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## Chapter's March Meeting: "What is Heritage Wild Trout... and how do I fit into this fishy situation?"

**D**id you know we have native wild trout in our local streams and rivers?

There are also populations of planted trout for fishing that are not native but live in our local waterways. These populations are under threat from drought, habitat loss and water pollution. Our speaker for March is Jen Hemmert, current California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wild Trout Biologist for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. She works under the Heritage and Wild Trout Program (HWTP) based out of Fisheries Branch in Sacramento. Jen works on projects to assess and manage the trout populations of forested streams within Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Prior to this assignment, she worked for the six previous years of her CDFW career managing reservoir and lake fisheries in these same two counties plus Imperial County, which included projects on the Colorado River.

Come to our meeting on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the San Bernardino County Museum to learn about projects that our California Department of Fish and Wildlife have in place locally to understand and protect our wild trout. Populations are monitored in interesting ways – can you imagine snorkeling in one of our local streams? Jen will explain the various ways in which fish population are counted. She will also let us know how we can help. Outings leaders should attend this meeting, as there are opportunities to turn an outing into a wild trout discovery

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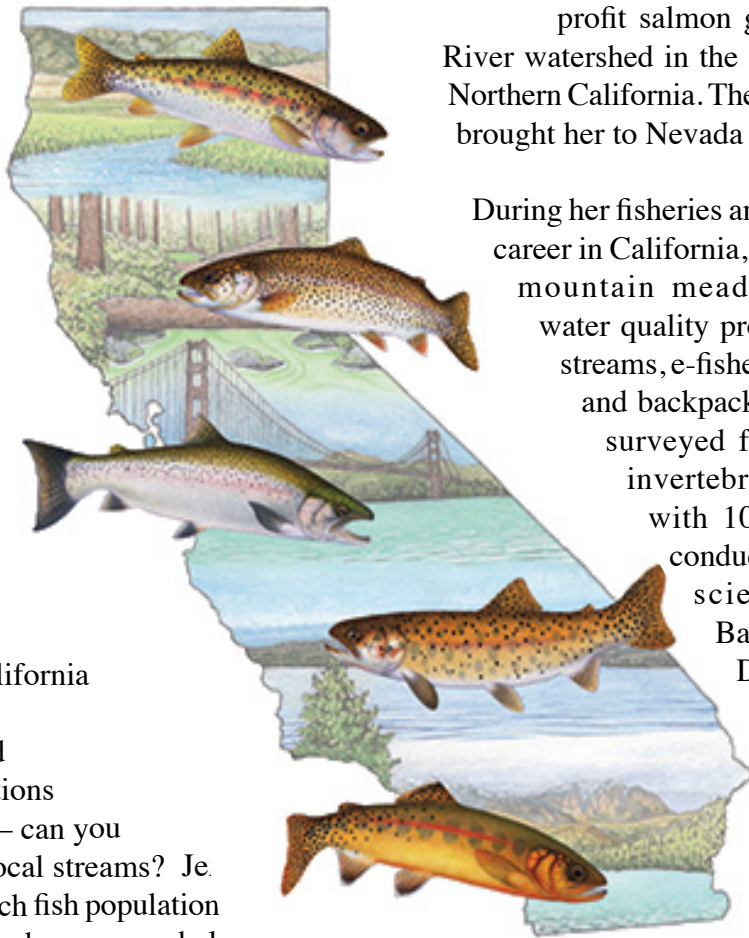
Program held at the  
**San Bernardino County Museum,**  
**2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands**  
*(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)*  
**Meetings are FREE**  
**and the public is welcome!**

and monitoring trip. If you aren't interested in hiking and wading around in mountain streams, there are additional ways to get involved as a "citizen scientist."

Jen will also fill us in on the problem of an aquatic invasive species that is now in this watershed.

For a little more about Jen, before joining CDFW she worked for UC Davis as an associate researcher. Before working at UCD, she had an AmeriCorps National Service position serving under a non-profit salmon group in the Yuba River watershed in the Sierra Foothills in Northern California. The last non-profit job brought her to Nevada City, California.

During her fisheries and natural resource career in California, she has monitored mountain meadows, conducted water quality programs, snorkeled streams, e-fished lakes from boats and backpack e-fished streams, surveyed for macro benthic invertebrates, and worked with 100s of volunteers conducting citizen-based science. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology with a focus on Freshwater Ichthyology ("the study of fish") from the Ohio State University.



Artwork by Tim Gunther,  
Gunther Graphics

*Airport Logistics... from Page 1*

working with CCAEJ and the Teamsters to organize, mobilize and inform community members of this impending project. This coalition has held numerous public meetings and actions including a rally at an Amazon warehouse on Cyber Monday. This action called out the damage to our communities from diesel pollution and poor working conditions for Amazon workers.

The rallying cry in this effort is aimed at forcing a community benefits agreement from Amazon. Good jobs for local residents, zero emission trucks, and other measures to address the already bad air quality would be part of this agreement.

Sierra Club's My Generation Organizer Yassi Kavezade has been involved in this fight since the beginning. She commented "We believe that our communities deserve robust analysis, and solutions that can be formalized in a community benefits agreement." "We continue to set records for smog alerts in San Bernardino — if we passively let business as usual continue in the Inland Empire, this project will cost residents their health for generations to come."

This project would bring 500 diesel truck trips per day into the communities near the airport. Requiring a binding, enforceable community benefits agreement to address these issues is the goal of this litigation. Your support with donations and volunteer time helps Sierra Club San Geronio Chapter fight for this community and all of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

## California's Green New Deal

On the first day of the 2020 California Legislative session, The California Green New Deal was introduced. We are not waiting for Washington DC to move; California is on the forefront of addressing climate change and social and environmental justice. AB1839 was



*Sierra Club California Director Kathryn Phillips speaking at the press conference introducing AB1839, with Assemblymembers Bonta, Eloise Reyes and other legislators.*

authored by assemblymembers Rob Bonta, David Chiu, Ash Kalra, Eloise Reyes and Shirley Weber, and co-authors include assemblymembers Todd Gloria, Marc Berman, Richard Bloom, Kansen Chu, Robert Rivas, Mark Stone, and Buffy Wicks.

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## Big Bear Group

*By Ellen Kesler, Chair*

With the Discovery Center being renovated until, possibly, June, we are searching for a place to hold our General Meetings. Quite possibly, we will be in the Bear Valley Center for Spiritual Enrichment, 578 Bonanza Trail, Big Bear Lake (across from the Bowling Barn), but I advise members to watch for articles in the local paper, the "Big Bear Grizzly," starting in March. We will still be meeting the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Our ExCom officer positions remain the same:

Chairwoman – Ellen Kesler

Conservation Chair – Ed Wallace

Vice Chairman – Ed Wallace

Outings Chair – David Melton

Secretary – Sherry Noone

Treasurer – Marv Cira

We welcome Randy Carroll-Bradd as a new member-at-large to our "team," joining Monique Phillips and Peter Michaelson.

Our Xeriscape

Committee is taking a "bye" this year so there will NOT be a Xeriscape Tour in the summer. We are still looking forward to a busy 2020 with boothing opportunities throughout the Bear Valley. Hope to see you at one of our tables this Spring and Summer!



# Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Although the U.S. Forest Service is no longer holding bald eagle counts at Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA), the LPSRA are holding a Bald Eagle Count Experience at Lake Perris on March 14. Please check out their Facebook link



for more information on the Bald Eagle Count Experience: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2552891351400977/> Please call (951) 940-5657 to verify all information.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area has a variety of events scheduled for the next few months. One is a Raptor Institute Live Animal Show on Saturday, March 14, 11:00 a.m. Please check the following link for more information and to see more scheduled events: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/Lakeperris/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Lakeperris/events/?ref=page_internal)

The Moreno Valley Group will have an outing to the Oak Glen Preserve on Thursday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. It will be an easy stroll around the ponds and garden as the larger loop is currently closed. We'll attempt to walk about 3 miles. Then to top it off we might go get apple cider donuts afterwards. Please check out the complete information on this and other hikes at: [https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\\_valley](https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley)

The city of Riverside and the UC Riverside Entomology Graduate Student Association will have its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverside Insect Fair, April 25 - 10:00 to 4:00 p.m., downtown Riverside. It is a great place to learn more about insects and

how they affect our lives. For more information please see: <https://riversideca.gov/arts/insectfair.asp>

Lake Perris State Recreation: The early months of the year are the best times to buy your Limited Use Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) which is good during much of the entire year (except between Memorial Day and Labor Day) for most state parks for those 62 years or older. It can be purchased at Lake Perris and is good for everyone in your car. The park offers many opportunities for hiking, nature walks and more; for more information on their events and yearly passes: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris> [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651)

The results of Moreno Valley Group's fall election are in. Christina Torres and Ann McKibben were elected to the Group Executive Committee. Our excom members for 2020 are: Tom Thornsley, Group Chair; George Hague, Conservation Chair;

Manya Jiannino, Treasurer; Christina Torres, Outings Chair, Ann McKibben, Secretary. Please contact us at: [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about conservation and/or planning issues in our Moreno Valley area.

Here is some updated information on projects we are following:



2019 December 30 Whitewater Preserve DSC02424R.jpg  
Whitewater Preserve Hike, December 30, 2019

**Gilman Springs Road (GSR):** This roadway, on our city's eastern edge, connects Moreno Valley to the San Jacinto/Hemet area and Riverside County is currently spending major money to upgrade GSR and make it safer. While traveling GSR you can enjoy driving through portions of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA), along Mystic Lake (the 10,000 acre Davis Unit) and further east is the disjointed 9,500 acre Potrero Unit. They both have threatened/endangered species as well as other species of concern. The wildlife needs to access both units and to be able to safely cross GSR.

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The Sierra Club and other environmental groups met with the Riverside County Transportation Agency to discuss concerns about the piecemeal environmental assessments. It was pointed out that they know of all the likely improvements they could make if funding was readily available and it appears they are trying to avoid the cumulative impacts of the total project and instead only analyzing each segment separately.

Discussions also focused on the need to install and maintain wildlife corridors from the north to the south and to limit open crossings of the roadway which are deadly. It is the hope of the environmental groups that the County will review all of the possible improvements as a whole and prepare a comprehensive environmental assessment that analyzes all impacts and assigns mitigation measures to protect the traveling public and wildlife.

### **World Logistics Center (WLC):**

The 40.6 million square foot World Logistic Center (WLC) warehouses project would cover 2,610 acres, an area larger than 26 Disneylands. The Superior Court ruled in the environmental community's favor in June 2018 on several issues, but we lost on the very important Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions issue. On May 20, 2019, Earthjustice who is representing the Sierra Club and four other groups filed an appeal on the faulty GHG analysis. The city and the project developer, Highland Fairview, have filed a cross-appeal. Recently, the state Attorney General's Office and the California Air Resources Board wrote a letter to the courts supporting our position saying the city ignored environmental law when it approved the project. For *Press-Enterprise* subscribers: <https://www.pe.com/2020/01/10/moreno-valley-ignored-environmental-law-when-it-okd-world-logistics-center-california-attorney-general-says/>

**Villages of Lakeview (VOL):** This master planned community with its 8,725 dwelling units development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, was approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors this past spring. A coalition of environmental groups represented by the Center for Biological Diversity has challenged this project and its environmental findings. The judge ruled against us in December.

**Moreno Valley General Plan Update (MVGPU)- Changing Land Uses & Policies:** Our city has begun the process of updating its current general plan and land use map. The last update, approved in 2006, took five years to complete. Soon after it was approved the City Council started making changes (approving Sketchers) then the economy and development tanked. Since about 2008 the entire Inland Empire, went wild for warehouses as Moreno Valley did when it approved the World Logistic Center.

The City's new MVGPU update, MoVal 2040, is being fast-tracked for approval by the spring of 2021, and will very likely dramatically change the current land uses and policies decisions of the city. There are seven members on General Plan Advisory Committee, three of which are planning commissioners and two are developers (Iddo Benzeevi & Nelson Chung) each with large land holdings/interests in the city. These are the same two who have contributed heavily to the campaigns for a majority of our current council members. If this is not a conflict, then what is it?



We would like to encourage everyone in the community to pay attention and get involved with the General Plan Update. It is extremely likely that the city council will be changing the land uses for a large portion of the vacant land on the east end and elsewhere in the city that will make way for more warehouses and high density housing. If you care about the future direction of development in Moreno Valley, please take time to follow the progress of the GPU. Attend meetings. Speak up about what you want for our future. This is a 20-year plan so don't miss your chance to comment. For details about meetings and workshops, subscribe to the 2040 General Plan interest list by emailing [chriso@moval.org](mailto:chriso@moval.org) or call (951) 413-3229. Follow the short notice posts of Pop-Up Events at <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/cdd/documents/general-plan-updates.html>

Moreno Valley Mayor and Council Election this November: It is never too late to be thinking about who holds office in Moreno Valley. This year two council members and the mayor will be up for re-election. Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez and Council Member Victory Baca (District 1) received heavy

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financial backing from developers during all of their elections into office and have supported anything the developers desire, most prominently the World Logistics Center. Council Member David Marquez (District 3) has secured his support from his constituents and does not support warehouses where they don't belong. He is not beholding to any developers.

All too often we have seen multiple individuals run campaigns to try and eliminate the strangle hold of those supported by special interests. When multiple candidates run they divide up all the votes and the special interest candidates prevail. Please follow this election cycle, which should begin by March, and let us know who would make a good candidate or who is worthy of our support.

**Donations Needed:** Your donations are essential to our litigation against the World Logistics Center as well as providing professional input into Moreno Valley's general

plan update process. Please make checks payable to "Sierra Club" with a notation for WLC and/or undesignated. Please send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. We sincerely appreciate and thank all of you who have taken time to donate to the litigation fund! We appreciate your generous donations.

Eastern Municipal Water District offers bird walks at their San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility this fall through April 2020. See their link for more information: <https://www.emwd.org/bird-walks>

The Moreno Valley Group attends a variety of public events throughout the year handing out information about our local conservation work. If you would like to help us host an information table at one of these events, please take time to contact us at [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com)



## Santa Margarita Group

By Margaret Meyncke

**W**e enter the new year of 2020 with excitement and enthusiasm. This is a time when people are beginning to wake up to the climate crisis and ... Take ACTION! Let's take a moment to look back over the last decade and celebrate our three greatest achievements. Then, take a look forward to target three new opportunities.

### Looking Back

1. Our very existence was instigated by the need to fight back against Liberty Quarry in 2008. We rallied the troops but fought a losing battle until 2012, when the Pechanga Indians finally purchased the property. That was our first major event in the environmental arena. It gave us a reason to care about our local area, learn to work with our local government, and begin to put down roots for developing a strung club in the Temecula / Murrieta Valley.
2. The second major victory was the development of the Murrieta Creek Regional Trail. This 16-mile stretch of trail connects the four cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar, and Lake Elsinore. Each city sent representatives to the planning meetings to

discuss and make decisions together. We got a grant which provided help from the National Park Service for technical assistance. Next, we held a competition to select a logo. Then, we won an award from the California Trails Association. After three years of consistent work, we had a ribbon-cutting ceremony in 2015 with city officials and opened the trail. There is still work to be done with signage and maintenance. But we are proud of our accomplishment!

3. The third major victory for our club was the ongoing Meadowview Restoration Project. This has been a learning experience in using government resources to partner with private citizens to create a holistic approach to solving the problems of erosion and creek maintenance. This partnership has produced an ongoing team to oversee the restoration work. They have used sheep and goats to graze the meadow. They have planted native plants. They used the California Conservation Corps and local student volunteers. Every year we see improvement. Very often, the value happens behind the scenes with networking and education. We are proud of the restoration being done at Meadowview.

## Looking Ahead

1. Our first target of opportunity is a new committee called "Climate Committee." This committee was formed in response to the global emergency we are facing regarding climate change. It will provide focus areas such as Birds, Energy, Forests, and Ocean so that people can connect with issues that interest them. We will develop a coalition of local environmental groups and begin to work together. We will offer workshops, climate rallies, conferences, seminars, and government interaction. By getting students and youth involved, we will engage the next generation in environmental activism. By partnering with other organizations, we will build a strong network. By interacting with government and agencies, we will participate in our democracy as responsible citizens.
2. The second target of opportunity is restructuring our Education and Outreach Committee. It will now include tabling, outreach, special events, networking, and the student internship program. By streamlining and consolidating, we hope to make this committee more effective and more strategic with our use of resources. By working with other groups in the area, such as the Santa Rosa Plateau, and the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, we can share information and support one another. This effort includes our teacher network called "Stewards of Environmental Education and

Discovery" (SEED). This list of local educators is an information channel for workshops, programs, and projects. We currently have a middle school teacher that gives extra credit to her students for attending our monthly Sierra Club meetings. This one school has doubled our attendance and added youthful energy to our meetings. Also, new this year is our connection to the local libraries and working with librarians to provide STEM programs.

3. The third target is our Wildlife Connectivity. We have had a focus on mountain lions and connectivity for years. We hosted a large seminar about possible solutions and partnered with other groups such as The Nature Conservancy, the Center for Biological Diversity, and the Mountain Lion Foundation. We continue to move forward with awareness seminars for local educators and strategic agency meetings to discuss solutions.

## Special Opportunity

Fourth ANNUAL Earth Day Fair 2020

April 4, Saturday, Vail Headquarters Temecula  
11 am to 4 pm

## Closing

The new year is ripe with possibilities. Let's keep active and alert to all the opportunities that present themselves. The life and health of the planet are at stake.



## OUTINGS LEADER TRAINING JUNE 6-7

*By Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair*

**D**o you enjoy Sierra Club outings? Becoming an outings leader has many rewards including the ability to always participate in your favorite outings along with a bunch of like-minded adventurers. Request an application now for the June 6-7 training held at our Sierra Club-owned ski cabin near Running Springs.

The 2-day class is designed to cover all the leadership skills required by the Sierra Club to lead outings. Saturday will include outdoor leadership, Club outings administration, map and compass, environmental considerations and the Psychology of Leadership. Sunday includes a field exercise.

There is a \$25 fee to include facility fees, materials, the course manual and some food and beverage. You will be asked to provide an item for the dinner feast Saturday night. The Chapter Groups may sponsor participants so consider discussing your participation with your Group Outings Chair.

Early enrollment is encouraged and will allow you plenty of time to review materials which will be mailed to you. For an application form or general questions please email Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair at [ralphsalisbury@att.net](mailto:ralphsalisbury@att.net). Alternately you may use U.S. mail to Ralph Salisbury, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.



# Chapter's April Meeting: Regenerate California Down with Dirty Gas – Up with Clean Energy!



## Protect Working Families Now!

*Why California should retire and replace its gas plants*

**T**he **Regenerate California** Campaign was launched on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento by Sierra Club's My Generation Campaign, in partnership with Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ), California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA), Community for a Better Environment (CBE), and Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE). Join us at our meeting on Tuesday April 7 to learn more about this campaign to move away from fossil gas.

**Regenerate California** is a campaign dedicated to powering up clean energy and powering down dirty gas to protect working families around the state. This campaign is calling on Governor Newsom to take executive action and direct state agencies, like the California Public Utilities Commission, to lay out a strategy to transition California away from the use of gas powered plants, particularly in environmental justice communities.

Here in the Inland Empire, which already suffers from high levels of poverty and the worst air pollution in the nation, we have three of the dirtiest gas plants in the state – all in the

city of Colton. The majority of California's polluting gas-fired power plants are near working families and communities of color.

In addition to the dirty emissions from

power plants, transmission of gas and operation of gas plants put families in danger. From 2010 to 2016, gas companies reported 35 explosions and 32 ignitions at their transmission pipelines. We all remember the Aliso Canyon gas leak disaster in 2015, releasing 111,000 pounds of methane every hour, and pumping cancer-causing benzene into the air. Gas is explosive by nature, with the tragic reminder of the San Bruno explosion in 2010 which killed 8 and wounded many others.

It is time to move away from fossil gas in our power mix. Come learn how we can move away from dirty gas to a clean energy economy. In 2018 with SB100, California committed to moving 100% away from fossil fuels by 2045. Fossil gas stands in the way of reaching this mark.

*Join us for a panel discussion with My Generation Campaign Organizers Yassi Kavezade and Luis Amezcua, and a Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee member, as well as Executive Director of CCAEJ, Allen Hernandez. They will provide answers to some prepared questions on this transition and how it will work, as well as taking questions from the audience.*

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*California's Green New Deal... from Page 3*

Assemblymember Rob Bonta described the California Green New Deal as a “bold transformation bill that addresses the existential threat of climate change while prioritizing equity throughout.”

The Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN) is sponsoring the bill, a coalition of environmental justice, environmental, social justice, labor and other groups have worked on its development, and Sierra Club California has a support position on it.

This is just the first line of what the bill is asking the legislature to enact:

“it is the intent of the Legislature that the state adopt a policy framework to implement, through principles and goals, a commitment to reduce severe climate change impacts while protecting the public health and the environment, to overcome systemic racial injustice, and to ensure all California residents enjoy a 21st century standard of living without regard to their wealth or income.”

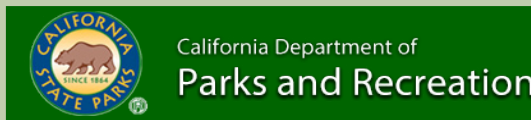
Make sure you are receiving updates on this bill as it passes through committees. Your help may

be needed – sign up here to receive updates and let us know you are interested. <https://www.sierraclub.org/california>

We will be calling on you to contact your legislators to be sure this bill is passed and implemented. Let’s lead the way in California to an equitable response to climate change that provides basic human right to all our residents.



**Check this out . . .**



**Receive a \$20 CA State Park Pass if you or a relative are at least 62!**

The 2020 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31, 2020, for those 62 years or older and their spouse. Please tell your older relatives/friends. It can be purchased at Lake Perris as well as most other state parks that you must pay a car entrance fee. Whenever you buy it in 2020 it will be valid until December 31<sup>st</sup> and then you will need another for 2021. Since many day use passes cost \$10, it will pay for itself very quickly. It is good for everyone in your car and at most state parks. They can refuse you if the park is busy or expected to be busy. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass (\$3.50 Lifetime) and Distinguished Veteran Pass (\$0 Lifetime). The following link provides more information [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1049](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049).

# OUTINGS & ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY-MARCH-APRIL 2020

*This Calendar is available at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org>*



**Sierra Club**  
**San Gorgonio Chapter**  
*(Riverside & San Bernardino Counties)*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS**

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, and experience for the Outings they lead. Leaders may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should **CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP**. Many Outings specify items to be carried by EACH participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the **TEN ESSENTIALS** are required. They are: 1) Map 2) Compass 3) Flashlight 4) Knife 5) Windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case 6) Fire starter 7) First aid kit 8) Extra food and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/ sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but at the sole risk of the participants. The Sierra Club assumes no responsibility for carpools. For safety reasons the Club recommends that drivers have adequate insurance coverage, their vehicles have no safety defects and drivers not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings and Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

**\*\*ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE** - Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests may require a Forest Service "Adventure Pass" for each vehicle. The Forest Service designates where the passes are required. Generally, areas that have developed parking and may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs and trash cans require passes and unimproved areas do not require passes. Outings that require passes usually will be preceded by \*\* in the listings that follow and/or the leader may indicate the need for Adventure Passes. While leaders try to provide accurate information, ultimately it is the vehicle's driver that assumes responsibility to adhere to all rules, regulations, and laws - not the Sierra Club. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however, they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. As a passenger, you are expected to share some of the cost of the daily passes along with a mileage contribution along with the others in the vehicle. America The Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

**CARPOOLING POLICY** - In the interests of facilitating some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

**LIABILITY WAIVER** - To participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Geronimo Chapter website at [sangoronio2.sierraclub.org](http://sangoronio2.sierraclub.org) and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

### **FEB 1 – FEB 9**

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)*

**FEB 1 (SAT) 9:00 AM**

**MITSUBISHI CEMENT PLANT**

**TOUR**

We offer an **easy** tour of the Mitsubishi Cement Plant at Cushenbury Springs which is always recommended. The complicated process together with the efforts in relation to conservation makes this tour of great interest. Please note that we meet at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley

Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 9 am for the carpool. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**FEB 2 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK**  
Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328.  
CHAPTER

**FEB 4 (TUE) 8:00 AM STODDARD PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a moderate hike up Barrett Canyon to the top of Stoddard Peak (elevation 4624 ft), 6 miles round trip with 1100 ft. elevation gain. The hike in Barrett Canyon is easy and goes past some charming cabins. The last half mile up Stoddard Peak is a steep scramble. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact leader for carpooling from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FEB 6 (THU) 7:45 AM JOSHUA TREE, SAMUELSON ROCKS HIKE**  
Hike to unique and well-preserved artifacts within a side of the park that visitors typically don't see. In 1927, Swedish immigrant John Samuelson carved his thoughts on a number of rocks. RATED: MODERATE. About a 6-mile loop hike from the Quail Springs Parking lot on sandy trails. MEET: Be ready to hike at 7:45 AM at Joshua Tree VC, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. We'll carpool and take as few cars as possible. BRING: 2+ liters water, snacks, hiking poles, wind/sun protection (hat, sunscreen) and 10 essentials. Weather: Desert winter days can be warm or cold; check forecast prior to the hike. Rain or snow cancels. CONTACT: Joe Amador 909-856-5760 (Text OK) or jamador2000@yahoo.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 6 (THU) 9:30 AM PIPES CANYON PIONEERTOWN PRESERVE HIKE**  
We will hike a 9.5 mile strenuous loop through Pipes Canyon in the lovely Pioneertown Mountains Preserve. This trail offers a bit of history, fascinating geology, wetlands, & desert vistas! We plan to summit Chaparrosa Peak(elevation 5541') before continuing on the loop. BRING: 10 essentials including lunch. Inclement weather cancels. MEET: Parking lot of PIONEERTOWN MOUNTAINS PRESERVE at 9:30am. Call leader for possible carpooling. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FEB 7-10 (FRI-MON) TECOPA / SHOSHONE CAR CAMP**  
Camping, hiking, and conservation, this rewarding car camp has it all! Attend the CA/NV Desert Committee meetings with the Wilderness Committee to discuss conservation concerns affecting our deserts and wilderness. Additional outings will include; soaking in the Tecopa Hot Springs, tour the China Date farm, hike Salt Creek and the Armargosa river, and walk around the Shoshone cave dwellings and Ash Meadows. Camping will be primitive and transient. No cell service. LEADER Karla Kellems, text 760-405-4311 or call 909-939-5790 <karlakellems@gmail.com>. RSVP required.  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM MOJAVE RIVER FROM HESPERIA LAKES HIKE**  
This is a five mile hike along the Mojave River from Hesperia Lakes towards the Dam. Much of the hike is on sand and is moderate. There is no elevation gain or loss. The area has an interesting history and a brief commentary will be given. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat, BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: VictorValley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM, 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

## **FEB 10 – FEB 16**

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)*

### **FEB 12 (WED) 9:00 AM**

### **BONITA FALLS**

### **HIKE**

This will be a short hike up the rocky wash to the 90 foot Bonita Falls in Lytle Creek Canyon. About 3 miles round trip, slight elevation gain. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: water and a snack; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. Contact John St. Clair for the meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us or 909-983-8501 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

### **FEB 13 (THU) 7:30 AM**

### **MECCA HILLS CANYON EXPLORATION**

### **HIKE**

Hike 4-5 miles up one of the gorgeous canyons in Mecca Hills, north of Salton Sea. Bring your willingness to "wing it" as we explore the canyon, and maybe find a slot canyon to explore. This is an exposed, **moderate** hike without a trail, with uneven sandy & rocky footing. MEET: Contact hike leader for meeting place in Beaumont (7:30AM) or Coachella (8:15AM). BRING: Water & snacks for 4-5 hours' hiking, wind/sun/chill protection, personal first aid, No Trace toilet supplies; trekking poles & camera. WEATHER: Please check forecast; remember that desert winter days can be warm or cold. Rain, excessive wind, or snow cancels. CONTACT: LJ Foster by email at eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com and include your name. BIG BEAR GROUP

### **FEB 14 (FRI) 10:00 AM**

### **HEART ROCK**

### **WALK**

Start Valentine's Day off right with an **easy** 1.5 mile family and dog friendly walk to Heart Rock. Follow the beautiful Seeley Creek to the waterfall. MEET Forest Service Rd. 2N03 at trail head 4W07. WEAR hat, pants, layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING water, snacks, trekking poles, and jacket. LEADER Karla Kellems, text 760-405-4311 or call 909-939-5790 <karlakellems@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

### **FEB 15 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC A PEDRO FAGES MONUMENT TO SCISSORS CROSSING HIKE**

Hike 16 miles, generally downhill, on our longest dayhike segment of Section A. Start at the 4600 ft. highpoint and finish at 2300 ft. RATED: **Strenuous** due to length. MEET: At the Pedro Fages monument on the S1 Sunrise Hwy 1.6 miles south of the intersection with Hwy 79. BRING: Ten essentials including a flashlight, layered clothing, lunch and snacks, and 3 liters water. RESERVATIONS: Contact Darlene Taylor at dtaylorncrew@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

### **FEB 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM**

### **SILVERWOOD LAKE RANGER STATION**

### **HIKE**

This five mile hike has a **moderate** elevation gain of 400'. The elevation gain is in the first half of the hike. The reward is the stunning views of the Mountains and Lake. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

### **FEB 16 (SUN) 6:30 AM**

### **MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK**

### **WALK**

Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328. CHAPTER

### **FEB 16 (SUN) 8:30 AM**

### **JOSHUA TREE MALAPAI HILL**

### **HIKE**

This off-trail hike climbs from the Geology Tour backcountry road to the summit of Malapai Hill

(1,300m). Malapai Hill is a basalt plug, thought to be of recent geologic origin. We ascend the steep and rocky eastern slope to gain beautiful views of Queen and Pleasant Valleys after passing the famous balanced rock. This 2 mile off-trail hike with a 500' gain is a pleasant 2-3 hour hike in a little used area of the park. Hikers need good footwear, balance, and the ability to hike up and downhill over rocky terrain. **RATED: Moderate.** **MEET:** At the Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms. We will carpool to the trailhead. Park entry fee required. **BRING:** Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 2L water. **RESERVATIONS:** Contact Hike Leader Dave Neumann at 208-892-3001 or idmtman@gmail.com. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

### **FEB 17 – FEB 23**

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**FEB 19 (WED) 8:00 AM** **SUNSET PEAK** **HIKE**  
This will be a moderate 7 mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 ft), with 1300 ft. elevation gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak. Rain cancels. **BRING:** sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead and carpooling meeting place. **LEADER:** John St. Clair at 909-983-8501 or john@stclairs.us. **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**FEB 21 (FRI) 8:30 AM** **CHINO HILLS STATE PARK** **HIKE**  
Chino Hills State Park is a gem in the center of suburbia. Join us for a hike among rolling green hills, wildflowers, oak woodlands and mountain views. We will hike 4-5 miles with 500-800 ft of elevation gain. We will start at Rolling M Ranch and have a couple of trail options depending trail accessibility. Wear sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen, and layered clothing. Bring your camera or you birding binocs, 2 liters of water and snacks. Rain within 48 hours cancels **MEET** in Chino at 8:30 am: contact leader for meeting place. **LEADER:** MARY ANN RUIZ ruizmaryann@gmail.com or 909-815-9379 **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**FEB 21 (FRI) 10:00 AM** **GREEN VALLEY LAKE** **SNOWSHOE SEASON**  
Our snowshoe excursions this year are scheduled on Fridays, but based on snow conditions, could happen any day or time. Therefore, RSVP's are required. You will be notified via e-mail at least 24 hours in advanced when conditions are just right to schedule a snowshoe excursion. We have 3 snowshoe leaders, and hope to have a snowshoe excursion every week for the months of January and February. Join us on a 1-2 mile **easy** snowshoe excursion, experience is not necessary – it's not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who don't have any, let us know. **MEET** Green Valley Lake Campground, (33680 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). **WEAR** layered snow clothing and boots. **BRING** snacks and water. **LEADER** Sandy Ellis, call 909-867-7115, <fsellis67@gmail.com>. **LEADER** Karla Kellems text 760-405-4311 or call 909-939-5790, <karlakellems@gmail.com>. **LEADER** Jean Konhoff, text of call 562-400-4004, <meanjeano@yahoo.com>. **RSVP's** required, because poor snow conditions or inclement weather will alter the schedule. **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**FEB 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM** **RYAN MOUNTAIN JTNP** **HIKE**  
Moderate 4-mile hike to highest point in park. Spectacular views. Saw bighorn sheep last year. **BRING:** 10 essentials, water, snack, layers, hiking shoes or boots. Weather cancels. **MEET:** JTNP Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree 92256. We will caravan to trailhead. **RSVP:** by Feb 21 to 951-833-1328. Text or phone OK. **LEADER:** JULIANN ANDERSON ((951) 833-1328

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**FEB 23 (SUN) 9:00 AM**

**LAKE SILVERWOOD**

**HIKE**

Join us for a 6-7 mile R/T **moderate** 500' elevation gain hike on the Pacific Crest Trail from the Silverwood Park office toward Cedar Spring Dam. There are beautiful views of the lake from the trail, and possible distant sightings of snow-capped peaks. WEAR hat, pants, hiking boots. BRING trekking poles, jacket, lunch, and 2 liters of water. No dogs. LEADER: Heather Sargeant 909-336-2836 (no text) <heathercsoo@aol.com> CALL for meeting place and details. Inclement weather will cancel.

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**FEB 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM**

**RESIDENTS OF BELL MOUNTAIN**

**HIKE/TOUR**

This is a great opportunity to visit the remains for properties which belonged to the residents of the Bell Mountain area. Local historian Marcy Taylor will be with us to assist with historic commentary and photographs of the area in 'bygone days'. It is a driving tour but there will be some hiking required. This will be **easy**. As always, bring water; wear layered clothing and a hat. The tour will require carpooling on graded roads. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308.

MOJAVE GROUP

**FEB 24 – FEB 29**

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**FEB 28 (FRI) 10:00 AM**

**GREEN VALLEY LAKE**

**SNOWSHOE SEASON**

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**FEB 29-MAR 1 (SAT-SUN) 6:30 AM PCT SCISSORS XING - BARREL SPRING BACKPACK**

As part of our PCT Section A patch program, we will backpack 24 miles over two days. We will probably have to carry some water depending on the status of surface water and a cache at the 14-mile point. Starting elevation is 2200 ft. with a climb of 3600 ft. and a 2400 ft. descent. 4300 ft. high point. RATED: **Strenuous**. Participants must be able to maintain 1.5 mph pace with pack. MEET: TBA. BRING: Packing List will be provided RESERVATIONS: Contact Darlene Taylor at dtaylorncrow@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM**

**HORSETHIEF CANYON PCT TO I-15**

**HIKE**

This is a **moderate** 5 mile hike from Horsethief Canyon along the Pacific Crest Trail to the I-15 (at MacDonald's). This hike will be one way and require a shuttle. This hike has several areas of elevation loss and gain but is not too difficult. The area has many historic features which will be shown during the hike. Wear Layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com

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**FEB 29 (SAT) 9:30 AM**

**LA QUINTA COVE**

**TRAIL**

**Moderate** 6.5 mile RT hike along a wash and hills along desert mountains to Lake Cahuilla and back. 548' elevation gain. **BRING:** water, sunscreen, hat, snack, sturdy shoes, camera. **MEET:** 10 Fwy east to La Quinta, exit Washington St. turn R on Eisenhower, R on Avenida Bermudas until it becomes Calle Tecate to dirt parking lot or call for carpool arrangements from Moreno Valley. Opportunity for lunch afterward. **RSVP** by 8 p.m. Feb 23 to **LEADER:** Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

**MAR 1 – MAR 8**

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**MAR 1 (SUN) 6:30 AM**

**MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK**

**WALK**

Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. **MEET:** Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. **WEAR:** Layered clothing and walking shoes. **BRING:** Snacks and water. **DOGS:** Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. **LEADER:** JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328. **CHAPTER**

**MAR 3-4 (TUE-WED)**

**EAST MOJAVE PRESERVE**

**CAR CAMP**

This two day car camping and hiking trip will explore the geology and ecology of a few of the special highlights of the East Mojave Preserve. We will hike along a lava flow and up to the summit of a cinder cone, explore a lava tube, hike in the Granite Mountains, and to the top of the Kelso Dunes. We will dry camp in the open desert. Rain MAY cancel. **BRING:** Email trip leader for more detailed trip information including recommended camping supplies. **MEET:** 9:00 AM Tuesday, March 3. Contact trip leader for additional trip information, to confirm your participation, and for directions to the Tuesday morning meeting place. Carpooling is suggested. **LEADER:** Brian Elliott at 909-241-8036 or brianelli@aol.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**MAR 5 (THU) 9:00 AM**

**OAK GLEN PRESERVE**

**HIKE**

This will be an **easy** stroll around the ponds and garden as the larger loop is currently closed. We'll attempt to walk about 3 miles. Then to top it off we might go get apple cider donuts afterwards. **BRING:** water, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, snack. **MEET:** take the Oak Glen exit off the 10 Fwy in Yucaipa north until you reach Los Rios Rancho Apple Ranch. Park near the main entrance of the Montane Botanic Garden. Rain cancels. **RSVP** by 8 pm Mar 4. **INFO** and **LEADER:** Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

**MAR 6 (FRI) 8:00 AM**

**FRANKISH PEAK**

**HIKE**

This will be a **strenuous** 14 mile round trip hike to the top of Frankish Peak (elevation 4200 ft), with 1700 ft. elevation gain. We will hike up Barrett Canyon to the Stoddard Peak saddle, then down the Cucamonga Truck Trail to a beautiful valley on the north side of Frankish Peak. Then we will make our way up to the peak on an abandoned and overgrown road. This will require some bushwhacking, so wear long pants and shirt. Rain cancels. **BRING:** sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead. **LEADER:** John St. Clair at 909-983-8501 or john@stclairs.us. **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**MAR 6 (FRI) 10:00 AM**

**STRAWBERRY PEAK AREA**

**HIKE**

Join us for a **moderate** 2-3 mile hike 600' elevation gain meandering around Strawberry Peak in the San Bernardino Mountains. Well behaved dog's welcome. **WEAR** hat, long pants, hiking shoes, and layered clothing. **BRING** Trekking poles, snacks, and water. **MEET** (25978 Mile Pine Rd. Twin



Peaks, CA 92391) LEADER Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311  
<karlakellems@gmail.com> Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAR 7 (SAT) 8:00 AM INDIAN CANYONS: WEST FORK LOOP HIKE**

Typically we have done this hike in the Indian Lands south of Palm Springs as shuttle hike, but we are going to try it as a 9-mile loop hike from the trading post. Starting there, we head southwest, climbing 2000 ft. alongside a canyon on the trail that goes to Cedar Spring. We turn north to drop into a green area in the canyon, lateral across the slope, descend to the canyon bottom, cross to the other side, and return north. Entrance fee \$9 per person, \$7 for 62+. RATED: **Strenuous**. Occasionally rocky and rugged trail. MEET: Prior to 08:00, be in the line of cars at the entrance gate near 38520 S Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92264 BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 7 (SAT) 8:00 AM RODMAN MOUNTAIN PETROGLYPHS HIKE**

By popular demand (and not to be confused with the outing on 18 January 2020, they are in the same area but different locations) we will go to the Rodman Mountain wilderness for a **moderate** four mile hike which will take in the petroglyphs in the area. There are literally 100's of ancient Native American petroglyphs. We will car pool from the meeting point along a graded road suitable for any vehicle. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. BRING: Water, a camera, a hat and a snack. Wear strong shoes and layered clothing. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com

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**MAR 8 (SUN) 9:00 AM JOSHUA TREE LUCKY BOY LOOP HIKE**

This on-trail loop hike winds through a beautiful sandy wash, past Scrub Oak, Pinyon Pine, Joshua Trees, Mojave Yuccas, Nolinias, and Junipers sandwiched between tall monzanite plutons before climbing up to an expansive plateau with views in all directions. A short spur off the loop takes us past several old mines to Lucky Boy Vista which looks east toward Pinto Basin and the Cockscomb Mountains; a perfect location for lunch. Heading back to the loop trail and descending an old road we pass several interesting geologic features. This 4-mile loop gains 220' and we may have it all to ourselves. RATED: **Moderate**. MEET: At the Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms. We will carpool to the trailhead. Park entry fee required. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 2L water. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader Dave Neumann at 208-892-3001 or idmtman@gmail.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 8 (SUN) 11:00 AM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE**

**Moderate** 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen on this hike. Opportunity for lunch afterwards. BRING: water, wear sturdy shoes, sunscreen, hat, hiking poles if you use them. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. RSVP by 8 pm on Mar. 7. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.

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## **MAR 9 – MAR 15**

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**MAR 10 (TUE) 8:00 AM                      SPRINGS SOUTH LYKKEN TRAIL                      HIKE**  
This is a very pretty trail with some beautiful views, mostly single track with a few rugged spots and a bit of elevation, mainly in the first mile. Don't be surprised if you catch sight of a few bighorn sheep along the way. **RATED: Moderate** with continuous climb at beginning of hike. Round-trip distance 7-8 miles with about 1100 ft. elevation gain. We will hike at a moderate pace, stopping periodically so everyone can catch up, and you will be able to enjoy the beautiful scenery. **MEET:** South Lykken Trailhead sign, S. Palm Canyon Dr. Palm Springs. **BRING:** 3 liters of water, snacks/lunch, boots, trekking poles, 10 essentials, sunglasses, sun protection. Inclement weather cancels. It can be very warm this time of year, so plan accordingly. **RESERVATIONS:** Joe Amador (909) 856-5760 text ok, or jamador2000@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**MAR 11 (WED) 7:30 AM                      GLENDORA TO CROSS ABOVE AZUSA                      HIKE**  
We will hike on a service road, starting at Glendora Mountain Rd for 4 **moderate** miles to reach our destination at the cross & bench overlooking the entire valley! This was previously known as the Garcia Trail prior to the wildfire which closed the access from Azusa. Return the same way making this 8 miles round trip with 600' elevation gain. Inclement weather cancels. **BRING:** 10 essentials **MEET:** Call leader for carpool from Upland or meet at Glendora trailhead. **LEADER KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 kviola826@gmail.com                      LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**MAR 12 (THU) 8:00 AM                      SIERRA MADRE LOOP                      HIKE**  
We will begin hiking 3 **strenuous** miles up Bailey Canyon gaining 2300 feet to Jones Peak (elevation 3400'). After a lunch break, we'll take Lost Canyon trail down 1 mile to connect with the Mt. Wilson Trail, stopping at First Water, then continuing 4.5 miles down, ending at Mt. Wilson Trail Park. This will complete a moderately strenuous 8.5 mile loop, requiring a short car shuttle. Rain cancels, **BRING:** water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. **MEET:** Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. **LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com                      LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**MAR 13 (FRI) 9:00 AM                      GREEN VALLEY LAKE                      HIKE**  
Join us for a 3-5 miles R/T **moderate**, 600' elevation gain hike in the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains. Well behaved dogs are welcome. **MEET** at the entrance to the Green Valley Lake camp ground at the end of Green Valley Lake Rd. **WEAR** layered clothing, hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. **BRING** trekking poles, snacks, and water. **LEADER** Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), <fsellis67@gmail.com>. **LEADER** Jean Knnoff, 562-400-4004 (text OK), <meanjeanoh@yahoo.com>. Inclement weather will cancel. **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**MAR 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM                      HORSETHIEF CANYON                      HIKE**  
This outing is rearranged having previously been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. This 5 mile, **moderate** hike through the beautiful and historic area does have some elevation gain and loss and is rated as moderate. **BRING:** Water, a camera, a hat and a snack. Wear strong shoes. **MEET:** Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. **LEADER:** Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

**MAR 14 (SAT) 8:30 AM                      PCT LAKE MORENA TO KITCHEN CREEK RD                      HIKE**  
This is a repeat of PCT Section A, Segment 2 Lake Morena to Kitchen Creek Rd for those who missed it last year and need it for our patch program, or just want to do it again. Distance is 10.1

miles with a total climb of 1700 ft. and 700 ft. descent. Starting elevation is 3000 ft. **RATED: Moderate** due to distance. **MEET:** Lake Morena County Park, near 2500 Lake Shore Drive, Campo, CA 91906. You may wish to camp here Friday night. Car shuttle is on paved roads. **BRING:** Tents, essentials, warm layered clothing, 2 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and gloves. **RESERVATIONS:** Contact Darlene Taylor at dtaylorncrew@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**MAR 14 (SAT) 9:00 AM MAIDEN HAIR FALLS HIKE**  
Join me on a 5.5-6 mile **moderately difficult** hike with 900' of elevation gain/loss. From the desert landscape at the trailhead we will travel past Sycamores, cottonwoods then Palms to Maidenhair Falls a true oasis in the desert. At the falls there is a shallow pool surrounded by layers of Maidenhair fern along with mosses. The Falls are seasonal. On my visit it was only dripping, but still worth the effort to get there. Hikers will have to scramble over or around some large boulders and thorned cacti abound. **BRING:** 3 liters of water, lunch and snacks. **WEAR:** Comfortable hiking shoes with soles that don't slip and dress in layers, wear a hat, long pants are a good idea and do not forget the sunscreen. **DIRECTIONS:** From Temecula take 79 south (Temecula Pkwy) to Warner Springs. Turn left onto San Felipe Rd/S2. Travel about 4 or 5 miles then turn left on S22 (Montezuma Valley Rd.) heading to Borrego Springs. Continue on S22 for about 17 miles. The trail head is on the left .7 miles from the stop sign at Palm Canyon Rd. If you missed the trail head turn around at the stop sign. The trail head is on the right .7 miles up the hill. **REGISTER:** Gary Marsalone email hikesie@gmail.com; rain cancels. No passes or permits are required.  
**SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**

**MAR 15 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK**  
Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. **MEET:** Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. **WEAR:** Layered clothing and walking shoes. **BRING:** Snacks and water. **DOGS:** Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. **LEADER:** JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328.  
**CHAPTER**

**MAR 15 (SUN) 8:00 AM PCT SG PASS TO WHITEWATER CANYON HIKE**  
We will be doing 132-mile **Section C Segment 1 of the PCT** this year for those who are up for the challenge, and they will receive our PCT Patch. This hike series is also for fellow hikers that are missing sections. This 9-mile segment will be a scenic shuttle hike with only 1500' elev. gain because we will hike southbound and primarily downhill. **MEET:** At PCT trail crossing on Tamarack Rd. north of I-10 west of Haugen-Lehmann Rd, then carpool to Whitewater Preserve Visitor Center. **RATED: Moderate**, 2600 ft. descent. **BRING:** 10 essentials, 3 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun protection including hat, and poles. **RESERVATIONS:** David Holtegaard 909-881-1329 d10olie@aol.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**MAR 15 (SUN) 8:30 AM CRAFTON HILL, YUCAIPA HIKE**  
Crafton Hills has its own Conservancy with trails crisscrossing each other above the cities of Yucaipa, Redlands, Highland and beyond. There are views out to the mountain ranges and up the Mill Creek River area. This will be a hike of 5 - 6 miles along one of those trails with some elevation gain. If the rain keeps up the hills should be green with a few early mountain wildflowers. **RATED: Moderate.** **MEET:** Trailhead is located off Campus Dr near the Crafton Hill Campus. **BRING:** 2 Liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. **RESERVATION:** Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932 (text ok), judy5723@gmail.com. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**MAR 15 (SUN) 10:00 AM LAKE GREGORY WALK**  
This is an **easy** 2.5 mile walk. Great for the whole family including well behaved dogs. MEET at the Lake Gregory Education Center (24740 San Moritz Way, Crestline, CA 92325). WEAR Pants, hat, layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING water, snack, trekking poles, and jacket. LEADER Karla Kellems, text 760-405-4311 or call 909-939-5790, <karlakellems@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel.  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

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SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

### **MAR 16 – MAR 22**

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**MAR 17 (TUE) 8:30 AM REDLANDS SAN TIMOTEO NATURE SANCTUARY HIKE**  
Located on the north side of San Timoteo Creek between Alessandro Road and San Timoteo Canyon Road, the sanctuary includes the only year-round stream in the area. We will hike on the Cocomaricopa Trail and loop back on the historic Carriage Trail. BRING: water, snacks, hat, sunscreen. RATED: **Easy to Moderate**. There is little shade on this 5.6 mile hike with about 300 ft. elevation gain to the overlook. MEET: Trailhead at 1988 Alessandro Rd, Redlands. Rain cancels. RSVP by 8 pm on Mar. 16. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAR 18 (WED) 8:00 AM BEAR RIDGE TO SITTON PEAK HIKE**  
This is a **strenuous** 10 mile round trip loop hike, gaining 2100' elevation in the Lake Elsinore area, accessed from Ortega Hwy. We will enjoy scenic vistas all along the trail! The last half mile up to Sitton Peak, elevation 3273', is a rock scramble. Inclement weather cancels. Bring 10 essentials including lunch. Contact leader for carpooling from Upland LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAR 19 (THU) 7:45 AM DESERT QUEEN/EAGLE CLIFFS MINES HIKE**  
This Joshua Tree National Park hike is about 4.5 miles out-and-back (plus off-trail exploring) past Desert Queen Mine and Eagle Cliff Mine & through interesting terrain. Good photos along the way as well as from Eagle Cliff Mine. RATED: Mostly **moderate**, with some steep sections; ascents/descents; at times on a faint trail with sketchy footing; about 500 feet elevation gain/loss overall. MEET: Be prepared to depart at 7:45 AM from the Joshua Tree Visitor Center parking lot, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. Extremely limited trailhead parking; we'll take as few



on Tuesday. For those wanting a **moderate** hike on Tuesday, we'll leave from our campsite at 1 p.m. sharp, returning in time to share happy hour and cook our dinner. Bring an appetizer, wine or beer to share plus all your own food. Wednesday morning, we'll summit nearby Mt. Ryan, returning to camp to fix lunch and relax a bit, then hike a second **Moderate** hike, completing that hike in time to enjoy a stunning sunset from a panoramic viewpoint. After breaking camp Thursday morning, those with time and interest can join us for one final moderately strenuous hike in the park on the way home, finishing by mid-afternoon. Please register online ASAP as space is limited to 20 occupants and 10 vehicles. If you don't want to camp, you can still join us for day hikes, meals and drinks around the campfire. Telescopes and cords of wood are always welcome. Our group campsite is reserved--\$10/night/camper, with any extra going to Los Serranos group. Park entrance fee is \$30 per carload but any vehicle with a rider having a National Parks pass enters for free. Contact leader for more info and to sign up. LEADER: Marty Wynne 214-957-3827 (text) or scots2012mom@yahoo.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAR 27 (FRI) 9:00 AM COYOTE ROCK/MILL PEAK HIKE**

Join us for a 4 mile round trip **moderate** hike with a 600' elevation gain. Explore the Jim & Cathy Sims Trail on the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust Coyote Rock Preserve. Mill Peak is one of Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot (2929 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382) WEAR layered clothing, hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING trekking poles, snacks, and water. LEADER Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 <karlakellems@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel. If canceled will reschedule.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAR 28 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEEP CREEK NORTH HIKE**

This is a continuation of the previous week's hike. The northern section is historic and offers views over the Mojave River and surrounding area. This section is historic, has artifacts and a short commentary will be given. Towards the end of this **moderate** 5 mile outing there is every possibility that you will get your feet wet - all part of the adventure. BRING: Water, a camera, a small towel and a snack. Wear strong shoes. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

**MAR 29 (SUN) 7:30 AM PCT CLEGHORN RD TO CAJON PASS HIKE**

We will be doing **Section C Segment 9 of the PCT** for whoever is up for the challenge this year. Upon completion of Section C, hikers will receive our PCT patch. This will be a shuttle hike. MEET: McDonald's at the 15 Freeway and Hwy 138, 3230 Wagon Train Rd, Phelan, CA 92371. Then carpool to trailhead near Silverwood Lake Park office. RATED: **Strenuous**, 13 miles up and down hills, ± 2500 ft. There is very little shade. BRING: 10 essentials, 3 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun protection including hat, and poles. RESERVATIONS: David Holtegaard 909-881-1329 e-mail d10olie@aol.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 29 (SUN) 9:00 AM ARROWHEAD RIDGE HIKE**

In honor of Vietnam War Veteran's Day, come join us on a moderate 2.5 mile family friendly/dog friendly hike. Learn more about the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust efforts in restoring this beautiful area. We will end the hike at the Veterans Monument. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. MEET at Arrowhead Ridge on Grass Valley Rd. across the street from the Lake Arrowhead Country Club. Look for the boulder with a carved Arrowhead. LEADER Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 <karlakellems@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

## **MAR 30 – APR 5**

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**MAR 31 (TUE) 7:30 AM                      SUNSET RIDGE TRAVERSE                      HIKE**  
This is a **moderate** but very LONG hike totaling 16 miles. We will start with Sunset Peak, then continue westward on the service road all along the ridge, past antennas, all the way down, ending in La Verne. After reaching the peak, the rest is along the ridge line and mostly downhill. Our reward is solitude and amazing panoramic views over the entire valley! This is a 1-way hike requiring a car shuttle, so registration is required no later than 3-28-20. RAIN CANCELS BRING: 10 essentials including lunch. Contact leader for carpooling from Upland LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*APR 1 (WED) 2:00 PM                      SWITZER PARK PICNIC AREA                      WALK**  
In honor of National Walking Day, let's take a walk! No fooling, they actually have a day for that! Join us for a .5 mile **easy** walk on a paved ADA compliant path around Switzer Park. This walk is ideal for young kids and those with limited mobility. After, we will share healthy snacks around the picnic table. Adventure Pass recommended, and amenities include restrooms and picnic tables. MEET At the Switzer Park Picnic area (28527 Hwy 18, Skyforest, CA 92385). WEAR walking shoes. BRING trekking poles/walking stick, water, and a health snack to share. LEADER Karla Kellems Call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 <karlakellems@gmail.com>. LEADER Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), <fsellis67@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

**APR 2 (THU) 8:30 AM                      PCT AT SILVERWOOD LAKE                      HIKE**  
We will hike a segment of the PCT that follows along the lake and then up to a vista point & beyond, 5 miles out and back, making this a 10 mile round trip, **moderate** hike, with 500 elevation gain. Bring lunch to enjoy at the lakeside cove. Trailhead is in Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area. Rain cancels. BRING: 10 essentials, lunch, water, sun protection, layered clothing appropriate for the weather. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 kviola826@gmail.com    LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**APR 2-3 (THU-FRI)                      WIND WOLVES PRESERVE TRIP                      HIKES**  
We will carpool up Thursday morning, leaving meeting place at 9:00 am. Meet at the preserve trailhead at 11:30 am for a hike 7-8 miles. Friday meet at 8:30 am at the trailhead parking and for a different hike, also in the approximate 8 miles range. Hikes will be **moderate** with less than 1000 feet gain, and highest altitude at 2800 ft. One day will be a steep start to the hike up to Tule Elk Overlook. Weather and the group will determine what hikes we take each day. Wind Wolves Preserve is approximately 2 hr and 20 minute drive, so we will be staying at a motel in the Tejon Ranch area Thursday night. Accommodations are up to participants to choose and reserve. You will need to bring snacks and lunch for each day's hiking, 3 liters of water for each day. Dinner Thursday and breakfast Friday are up to participants. Contact leader for meeting place. Equipment and clothing needed will be advised depending on weather. LEADER: Mary Ann Ruiz, 909-815-9379 ruizmaryan@gmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**APR 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM                      ROUND MOUNTAIN                      HIKE**  
This hike is in the Juniper Flats area of the San Bernardino Mountains It is a five mile round trip. Participants will be given the opportunity to hike to the top of the Mountain, a 250' elevation gain which is fairly **strenuous**. This will be cancelled if the wind is too strong. This is a beautiful area with stunning views and little elevation gain apart from the Mountain. BRING: Water, a camera and a snack. Wear strong shoes. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com    MOJAVE GRP

**APR 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM**

**MORTON PEAK LOOKOUT TOWER**

**HIKE**

This is a much enjoyed 5.6-mile hike even though most of it is on the road. The views are spectacular 360 degrees around, the Mill Creek Valley, out to the desert, the lakes in the distance and much more. There is a nice spot at the tower to enjoy our break before coming back down. **RATED: Moderate** with 1400 ft. of elevation gain. **MEET:** Mill Creek Ranger Station, carpool to trailhead. **BRING:** 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. **RESERVATION:** Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932 (text ok), judy5723@gmail.com. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**APR 5 (SUN) 6:30 AM**

**MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK**

**WALK**

Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. **MEET:** Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. **WEAR:** Layered clothing and walking shoes. **BRING:** Snacks and water. **DOGS:** Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. **LEADER:** JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328. **CHAPTER**

**APR 6 – APR 12**

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**APR 7 (TUE) 9:00 AM**

**SANTA ROSA PLATEAU**

**HIKE**

Come enjoy **moderate** hiking through the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve in all of its glory, while grasslands are still green, temperatures mild, and wildflowers bloom prolifically during the spring! We will hike several trails, encompassing Vernal Pool, Adobe Loop, Poppy Hill, and Monument Hill. Be prepared to hike 10 miles in rolling terrain while enjoying vistas & wildflowers! \$4 fee to enter park. Rain cancels. **BRING:** water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather, & you will want your camera for this hike! We will be carpooling from Upland with previous arrangements. **LEADER:** Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**APR 7 (TUE) 5:00 PM**

**OLIVE MOUNTAIN EVENING**

**HIKE**

Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to **difficult** 4-mile round trip hike which we will take a more leisurely pace. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. **BRING:** water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. **MEET:** from 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. **INFO and LEADER:** Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

**APR 9 (THU) 7:30 AM**

**MT LOWE VIA INSPIRATION POINT**

**HIKE**

**RATED: Strenuous.** We will hike from the top of Lake Av in Pasadena, up 2.6 miles up to Echo Mountain, continuing on Castle Canyon Trail to Inspiration Point another 2.3 miles, then continue another 2 miles to Mt Lowe Summit (elevation 5603'). We will return via Sam Merrill Trail making this a **KILLER** 15 mile round trip with 4000' elevation gain/loss! If you have not hiked with this leader previously, you must call for acceptance to participate. Inclement weather cancels. **BRING:** 10 essentials including lunch **MEET:** Call leader for carpooling from Upland **LEADER:** KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 kviola826@gmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**APR 10 (FRI) 9:00 AM**

**GREEN VALLEY LAKE**

**HIKE**

Join us for a 3-5 miles R/T **moderate**, 600' elevation gain hike in the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains. Well behaved dogs are welcome. **MEET** at the entrance to the Green Valley Lake camp ground at the end of Green Valley Lake Rd. **WEAR** layered clothing, hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. **BRING** trekking poles, snacks, and water. **LEADER** Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), <fsellis67@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel. **MOUNTAINS GROUP**



**APR 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM                      JUNIPER FLATS WILDFLOWERS                      HIKE**  
With two good snowstorms already, this winter and possibly more moisture coming our way in February and March this could prove to be another great wildflower year in the desert. This will be a leisurely hike so that there will be ample time to take pictures and identify. So, bring your camera and wildflower identification books. It may be necessary to caravan to the trailhead as there is limited parking. **RATED: Easy/Moderate.** This hike is approximately 3-4 miles roundtrip. **BRING:** water, a snack/lunch, binoculars, sun protection (hat/sunscreen). **WEAR:** Sturdy shoes/boots. **MEET:** At 8:00 AM at the Victor Valley Museum (11873 Apple Valley Rd., Apple Valley 92308). **LEADER:** QUINTIN LAKE 951-315-7691 or qlake15@gmail.com                      **MOJAVE GROUP**

**APR 12 (SUN) 9:00 AM                      PINNACLES                      HIKE**  
Come join us for a **difficult**, 6 miles R/T, 1100' elevation gain hike, with a rock scramble to the top. The Pinnacles is one of the Sierra Club's 100 peaks. Enjoy the exciting rejuvenation along the trail since the 2016 Pilot fire. Beautiful views of the desert and Lake Silverwood at the top. **WEAR** hat, long pants, and hiking boots. **BRING** jacket, trekking poles, lunch, and 2 bottles of water. **MEET** Blue Jay Cinema parking lot to carpool (27315 North Bay Road, Blue Jay, CA 92317). **LEADER** Heather Sargeant call 909-336-2836 (no text) <heathercsoo@aol.com> Inclement weather will cancel. If canceled will reschedule.                      **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**APR 13 – APR 19**

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**APR 15 (WED) 9:00 AM                      PCT TO EAGLE ROCK                      HIKE**  
This is a **moderate** 8 mile 1-way hike with 700 feet elevation gain which requires a car shuttle. This section of the PCT near Warner Springs, rolls through meadows and ranch lands, with spectacular wildflower blooms in the spring, oak tree lined canyons and creeks, and the highlight boulder formation known as Eagle Rock. You will want your camera for this hike!! Rain cancels. **BRING:** water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, & layer clothing appropriate for the weather. **CONTACT** Kathy Viola by April 13 to reserve a spot due to car shuttle arrangements. **LEADER:** Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com                      **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**APR 16 (THU) 8:00 AM                      PAINTED CANYON/LADDERS                      HIKE**  
This 5-mile challenging loop hike takes us through slot canyons, up and down ladders, to a ridge line with beautiful views with the final part of the hike through beautiful painted canyons. Be prepared for sandy soil, climbs up and down metal ladders, and a steep decline from the ridgeline. **RATED: Moderate**, 450 ft. elevation gain. **MEET:** TA Travel Center 46155 Dillon Rd., Coachella. **BRING:** 3 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. **RESERVATION:** Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932 (text ok), judy5723@gmail.com, Joe Amador (909) 856-5760 (text ok), jamador2000@yahoo.com.                      **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**APR 17-19 (FRI-SUN)                      MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE                      CAR CAMP**  
Join us anytime on this family friendly Car Camp. Free to Sierra Club members. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Outings include Mitchell Caverns tour (dogs not allowed in the cavern), **easy** nature walks, and **moderate** hikes. Camping amenities include: Pit toilet, trash receptacles, fire ring, and picnic table. No cell service. **LEADER** Karla Kellems, call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 <karlakellems@gmail.com>. **RSVP** required for details.                      **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**APR 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM****GOLD MOUNTAIN****HIKE**

This is one of the 5 peaks of Big Bear. We are still giving out the FIVE PEAKS of Big Bear patch. The 8,235 foot summit offers some the best views of the Big Bear area. This hike begins on the Pacific Crest Trail on the west side of Highway 18. The trail continues at a gentle grade through a diverse landscape that includes junipers, pinyon pines, black oaks, and even some cacti. The 360° panorama includes the high desert to the north, San Gorgonio Mt. and the lake to the south, and the rest of the San Bernardino Mountains to the west. **RATED: Moderate**, around 8 miles in and out with 1400 FT. elev. gain. **MEET:** At determined area for carpooling or trailhead for Pacific Crest Trail on west side of HWY 18. **RESERVATIONS:** Contact David Holtegaard at 909-881-1329 or e-mail at d10olie@aol.com. Please leave a phone #.

BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM****PEDRO FAGES TO SCISSORS CROSSING****HIKE**

We are repeating this hike from Feb 15. Hike 16 miles, generally downhill, on our longest dayhike segment of the PCT Section A. Start at the 4600 ft. highpoint and finish at 2300 ft. **RATED: Strenuous** due to length. **MEET:** At the Pedro Fages monument on the S1 Sunrise Hwy 1.6 miles south of the intersection with Hwy 79. **BRING:** Ten essentials including layered clothing, lunch and snacks, and 3 liters water. **RESERVATIONS:** Contact Darlene Taylor at dtaylorncrow@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM****LOWER DEEP CREEK****HIKE**

This is a four mile round trip into the beautiful Lower Deep Creek. The water will be running and participants will get wet feet. There is very little elevation gain/loss and this hike is rated as **easy**. **BRING:** Water, a camera, a small towel and a snack. Wear strong shoes. **MEET:** Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. **LEADER:** Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

**APR 19 (SUN) 6:30 AM****MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK****WALK**

Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. **MEET:** Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. **WEAR:** Layered clothing and walking shoes. **BRING:** Snacks and water. **DOGS:** Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. **LEADER:** JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328.

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**APR 19 (SUN) 9:30 AM****PIPES CANYON and BIG MORONGO****HIKES**

Easy to **Moderate** 2-mile hike (elev. gain 350 ft) on Pipes Canyon trail at Pioneertown Preserve through lovely riparian area to Olsen Ruins and back. Plan to stop for a bite to eat in Yucca Valley (bring \$\$) then go to Big Morongo Valley Preserve for 4-mile (elev. gain 400 ft) loop after lunch on the way back. Rain/excessive wind cancels. **BRING:** water, sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, camera. **MEET:** 51010 Pipes Canyon Road, Pioneertown or call for carpool arrangements from Moreno Valley. **RSVP** by 7 pm on Apr. 18 to **LEADER:** Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**APR 19 (SUN) 12:00 PM****PRE-MEETING ROUND VALLEY BACKPACK****MEETING**

Required pre-meeting for those signed up for June 27-28 overnight backpack to Round Valley (see June 27-28 listing). Will distribute materials and discuss Backpacking 101 Meet at 12:00 noon, Cellar Door Books, Canyon Crest Town Center, 5225 Canyon Crest Drive, Suite 30 A/B, Riverside 92507. **RSVP** to co-leaders Juliann Anderson at (951) 833-1328 or Joe Amador at (909) 856-5760. (Text OK.).

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## APR 20 – APR 30

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### **APR 22 (WED) 8:30**

### **YUCAIPA PISGAH PEAK**

### **HIKE**

This is a bit of a challenge hike. It looks to be about a 9-mile hike, round trip, with about 1000 ft. elevation gain. It's all on a fire road, with great views in many directions. This road is also used by bicyclists, but it's wide enough for all of us. If you like Morton Peak, then you will like this hike. **RATED: Moderate/Strenuous.** **MEET:** Wildwood Canyon State Park parking lot. 12241 Canyon Dr, Yucaipa 92399 **BRING:** 2 Liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection, and hiking boots. Inclement weather cancels. **RESERVATIONS:** Joe Amador (909) 856-5760 Text Ok or jamador2000@yahoo.com

**BIG BEAR GROUP**

### **\*\*APR 22 (WED) 2:00 PM**

### **SEQUOIA TRAIL**

### **WALK**

Let's Celebrate Earth day and John Muir's birthday! Join us for a 1 mile **easy** walk at Heaps Peak Arboretum. This interpretive trail is an educational opportunity to learn the names of local plants and animals. This walk is ideal for young kids, and those with limited mobility. After the walk we'll eat cake! Meet at the entrance to Heaps Peak Arboretum (29358 Rim of the World HWY 18, Skyforest, CA 92385). Adventure Pass recommended. Amenities include restrooms and picnic tables. **WEAR** layered clothing and walking shoes. **BRING** trekking poles/walking stick and water. **LEADER** Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 <karlakellems@gmail.com>. **LEADER** Sandy Ellis, call 909-867-7115 (no text), <fsellis67@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel.

**MOUNTAINS GROUP**

### **APR 23 (THU) 07:45 AM**

### **GARRETT'S ARCH, JOSHUA TREE NP**

### **HIKE**

Celebrate Earth Day by hiking about 4 miles round trip (plus exploring) to JTNP's largest rock arch, in the Wonderland of Rocks. There's no official trail & no signage, but there are many confusing trace trails. We may look for a second, smaller arch in the area if the group agrees to it. **RATED: Moderate;** about 200 feet elevation gain/loss overall; a few rock scrambles, lots of uneven footing. **MEET:** Be ready to carpool by 7:45 AM from the Joshua Tree Visitor Center parking lot, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. Limited trailhead parking; we'll ride in as few cars as possible, & take a dirt road for about 0.2mi to the trailhead. **BRING:** Water & snacks for 3-4 hours' hiking, trekking poles, wind/sun protection (hat, sunscreen, protective clothing), your personal first aid kit & No Trace toilet supplies. As always, a detailed (topographic) map & compass would be wise. **WEATHER:** Desert winter/spring days can be warm or cold & often windy; check forecast prior to the hike. Extreme wind or rain will cancel this hike. **RESERVATIONS:** Email LJ Foster at eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com. Please include your name since emails sometimes give no clue who you are.

**BIG BEAR GROUP**

### **APR 24 (FRI) 9:00AM**

### **PEBBLE PLAIN ECOLOGICAL RESERVE**

### **HIKE**

Join us for a 5 mile **moderate** loop hike around the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust Pebble Plain Reserve. Learn about the SBMLT's efforts in preserving this delicate habitat. Well behaved dogs welcome. **MEET** Vons parking lot to carpool (42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA 92315) **WEAR** hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. **BRING** trekking poles, snacks, and water. **LEADER** Karla Kellems, call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311, <karlakellems@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel.

**MOUNTAINS GROUP**

### **APR 25 (SAT) 8:00 AM**

### **JUNIPER FLATS WILDFLOWERS**

### **HIKE**

Due to the fact that desert wildflowers bloom at different times we may see different flowers than we saw on the April 11<sup>th</sup> wildflower hike. This will be a leisurely hike so that there will be ample time to

take pictures and identify. So, bring your camera and wildflower identification books. It may be necessary to caravan to the trailhead as there is limited parking. **RATED: Easy/Moderate.** This hike is approximately 3-4 miles roundtrip. **BRING:** water, a snack/lunch, binoculars, sun protection (hat/sunscreen). **WEAR:** Sturdy shoes/boots. **MEET:** At 8:00 AM at the Victor Valley Museum (11873 Apple Valley Rd., Apple Valley 92308). **LEADER:** QUINTIN LAKE 951-315-7691 or qlake15@gmail.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*APR 29 (WED) 7:00 AM** **TIMBER MOUNTAIN** **HIKE**  
This will be a **strenuous** hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8,303), 9 miles round trip with 3300 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, spruce, fir, and pine. Rain cancels. **BRING:** sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to the scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. **LEADER:** John St. Clair at <john@stclairs.us> or 909-983-8501 **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**APR 29 (WED) 8:00 AM** **HIKE INTO LAKE PERRIS** **HIKE**  
**Moderate** 6-mile hike along hills into Lake Perris (short shuttle to trail head) with some ups and downs. **BRING:** water, snack, sunscreen, wear sturdy shoes, layered clothing, hiking poles if you like. Rain cancels. **MEET:** Ridgecrest Park at 28506 John F. Kennedy Dr, Moreno Valley. **RSVP** by 8 pm Apr. 28. **INFO and LEADER:** Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com  
**MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

### **COMING UP**

**MAY 1 (FRI) 9:00 AM** **CRAFTS PEAK** **HIKE**  
Join us for an 8 mile R/T **difficult** 1000' elevation gain hike to the top of Crafts Peak. Crafts Peak is one of the Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Well behaved dogs welcome. **MEET** at the Green Valley Lake Campground, at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. **WEAR** hat, long pants, layered clothing, and hiking shoes. **BRING** trekking poles, lunch, and 2 bottles of water. **LEADER** Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 <karlakellems@gmail.com>. Inclement weather will cancel. If canceled will reschedule.  
**MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**MAY 27 (WED) 7:30 AM** **DEVIL'S CHAIR AND DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL** **HIKE**  
Join us on this scenic hike near Pearblossom in a spectacular setting in the high desert. Some major earthquake faults collide here to form amazing rock formations. The hike to Devil's Chair will be an 8-mile round trip with about 1,400 ft. of cumulative elevation gain. **RATED: Moderate to Strenuous.** There will be an optional 1-mile loop hike in the Punchbowl area that we will be doing afterwards. There is also an interesting Visitor Center. **MEET: 7:30** McDonald's at the 15/138 intersection, 3230 Wagon Train Rd, Phelan, CA 92371, to consolidate cars if desired. Or you can meet at **8:30** at the parking lot 28000 Devil's Punchbowl Rd., Pearblossom, CA 93553 **BRING:** 10 essentials, 3 liters of water, snacks or lunch, sun protection and hiking boots. Inclement weather cancels. **RESERVATIONS:** Joe Amador (909) 856-5760 text ok, or jamador2000@yahoo.com  
**BIG BEAR GROUP**

**\*\*JUN 6-7 (SAT-SUN)** **LEADERSHIP TRAINING** **COURSE**  
If you have enjoyed the Chapter's Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The course involves an overnight stay at Sierra Club owned Keller Hut near Running Springs and includes classes in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Psychology of Leadership, Environmental Considerations and a field exercise. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and current members of the Chapter. The course is offered for a charge of \$25 to partially cover the facility fees, printing and mailing of course materials and the course manual. For an

application form, contact [ralphsalisbury@att.net](mailto:ralphsalisbury@att.net) or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507. The first five hours of Saturday classes may be attended by current chapter outings leaders to fulfill their recertification requirements. Please contact the LTC Chair if interested.

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**JUN 11 (THU) 8:30 AM                      BIG BEAR GOLD MOUNTAIN                      HIKE**

Join us on this midweek hike to one of the "Peaks of Big Bear." Complete all five peaks and earn a commemorative patch. We will go at a moderate pace on this hike. **RATED: Moderate** with 1,300 ft. climb in 7-miles round trip. **MEET: 8:30** Vons parking lot on Big Bear Blvd between Vons and Starbucks to carpool to the trailhead. Those coming up 18 through the Lucerne Valley may meet us at the trailhead on Holcomb Valley road at **9:00**. **BRING:** the ten essentials including layered clothing, lunch/snack, hiking boots, sunglasses, sun block and at least 2 liters of water. Inclement weather cancels. **RESERVATIONS:** Joe Amador (909) 856-5760 text ok, or [jamador2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jamador2000@yahoo.com)

BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 27-28 (SAT-SUN) 7:00 AM                      ROUND VALLEY VIA TRAM                      BACKPACK**

Join us for a basic overnight backpack to Mt. San Jacinto's beautiful Round Valley, via the Palm Springs Tram. **Moderate** 4 miles round trip, with side hike on Saturday afternoon to the peak. Good for those learning to backpack and/or wanting a short overnight local trip. **MUST ATTEND PRE-MEETING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19.** Cellar Door Books, Canyon Crest Town Center, 5225 Canyon Crest Drive, Suite 30A/B, Riverside 92507, 12:00 noon - 1:30 PM. Materials and discussion re Backpacking 101. **ON JUNE 27-28, MEET** on June 27 at Palm Springs Tram ticket counter, 1 Tram Way, Palm Springs at 7:00 AM. **MUST BRING** \$30 for tram, backpack, tent, sleeping bag, food, 3 qts. water, water purification system, misc. gear, poles, boots, 10 essentials. **RSVP** to co-leaders Juliann Anderson at (951) 833-1328 or Joseph Amador at (909) 856-5760. (Text OK.)

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