Sierra Club Outings - Jan/Feb. 2022

All our hikes and activities are open to all Club members and the general public. Please bring drinking water to all outings and optionally a lunch. Sturdy footwear is recommended. Pets are generally not allowed. A parent or responsible adult must accompany children under the age of 18. If you have any suggestions for hikes or outdoor activities, questions about the Chapter’s outing policies, or would like to become an outings leader, call Outings Chair Lisa Ludovici at 310-864-4679, l.ludovici@outlook.com.

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

Sat., Jan. 8, 9:00 a.m. Hike to Hazard Peak via the Barranca Trail. Join the leader on this moderately strenuous 9-mile hike in Montana de Oro State Park. There is about 1700 ft. of elevation gain. We will explore the backcountry of the park on this loop hike. There are great views of the coastline from Hazard Peak. Bring lunch/snacks, water, and dress for the weather. Rain cancels. If you have doubts about the weather, contact the leader. A reminder: dogs are not allowed on state park trails. Due to COVID restrictions, the hike will be limited to 10 participants. Leader: Chuck Tribbey. Sign up at San Luis Obispo Sierra Club Meetup Group.

Sat. Jan. 22, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Cerro Alto and Boy Scout Loop. Moderate 8 miles, 2112 feet elevation gain. The trail starts out along an oak-shaded, year-round stream and progresses into open chaparral. Sweeping views of the ocean and Morros. Bring lunch, snacks and at least 2.5 liters water. Lug soles recommended. Rain may cancel. Due to COVID restrictions, number of participants will be limited to 10. $10 Per car parking fee, or $50 annual pass. Leader: Lisa Ludovici. Sign up at San Luis Obispo Sierra Club Meetup Group.

Sat., Jan. 29, 9 a.m. Pt. Sal Road Hike. Your choice of a 5- or 10-mile hike. The 5-miler, moderately strenuous, ascends a hill to long views of coast, cliffs, and pristine beach, lasting
about 2 hours. The 10-mile hike, strenuous, continues with some tricky hill scrambling, then down to beach for playing/relaxing time, lasting about 5-6 hrs. Bring 3-4 liters of water, snacks, sunscreen, hat, and dress in layers to be ready for varied weather. Due to COVID restrictions the hike will be limited to ten participants. Details and meet spot will be shared with participants. Rain or threat of rain cancels. Leader: Andrea Ortiz. Sign up at San Luis Obispo Sierra Club Meetup Group.

Sat. Feb. 6, Pimlokam Peak 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. (formerly Junipero Serra and Santa Lucia Peak) Los Padres NF. Strenuous: 12 miles out and back, elevation gain 3,976 feet. At 5,862 feet, Pimlokam is the highest mountain in the Santa Lucia range and is considered sacred by the local Native American tribes. Recent wildfires have damaged the diverse native plants and trees along this already exposed trail, revealing striking geology and impressive views of the ocean, Salinas Valley and high Sierra. This will be an all-day trip as the trailhead is located in Monterey County, approximately 2-hour drive from San Luis Obispo. There are no known water sources along the trail. Bring lunch, snacks and at least 3 liters of water. Dress in layers as temperatures will fluctuate as we climb and will likely be in the 30’s at the trailhead and 40s-50s at the peak. Due to COVID restrictions, this hike will be limited to 10 participants. Details and meet spot will be shared with participants. Leader: Andrea Ortiz. Dinner at Taco Mafia on the way home for those that are interested. Sign up at San Luis Obispo Sierra Club Meetup Group.

Thurs Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m. Sierra Club Leadership Virtual Open House. Do you enjoy sharing new hiking trails with friends and family? Are you continually working on mastering new outdoor skills? Would you like to meet other people who share your love of the outdoors? Then consider becoming a Sierra Club Outings Leader. Join us for a 30-minute virtual orientation about the Sierra Club Leadership training program to learn more. Register at the San Luis Obispo Sierra Club Meetup Group site.

Sun., Feb. 20, 2-3:30 p.m. Sierra Club SLO Historic Walk: The Mission, Chumash, and Gold-Rush Renegades. Come on an easy, guided stroll past the Mission courtyard, three adobes, the old stagecoach stop, and other landmarks to hear stories of the early days of San Luis Obispo. Meet under the clock at the corner of Monterey and Osos Sts. Masks required if not vaccinated. Rain cancels. Leader: Joe Morris, 805-549-0355.