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## **You are invited to join us at our bi-monthly meeting:**

We will discuss environmental issues and conservation issues current to Orange County Residents as well as discuss the various hikes and other activities being presented in Orange County in the near future. We will provide an update on the San Onofre NGS Status.

**PROGRAM: TRAVEL ADVENTURES WITH THE SIERRA CLUB:** We will have a panel of three of our most experienced Travel Adventure Leaders who will share with you the ins and outs of Travel Adventures, answer your questions and share with you their plans to lead new Travel Adventures this year. Panel consists of Ed Mauer, who specializes in Adventures in Europe, Donna Specht, who specializes in exotic places like Costa Rica, Alaska, Iceland, Ecuador, etc. and Mike Sappingfield, who specializes in Adventures in the United States.

**WHERE:** Norman Murray Community and Senior Center  
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

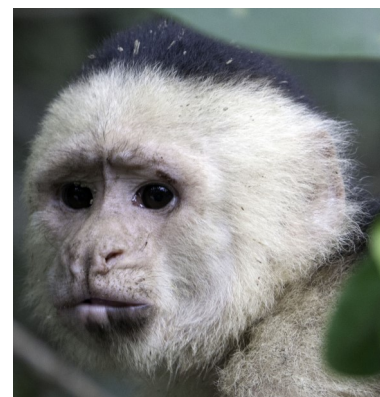
**WHEN:** 7:00 PM, Tuesday, November 17, 2015

**ROOM:** Lantana Room

### **DIRECTIONS:**

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

**Southbound** on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn left onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway and Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking Lot



Judy Anderson, long time Sierra Club Activists in the Angeles Chapter recently wrote to Dianne Feinstein regarding an attempt in the House of Representatives to hamstring the National Park Services efforts to “reduce, and eliminate where possible, the sale of bottled water in an effort to decrease the Service’s carbon footprint and help eliminate waste and litter.”

Here is the response from Senator Feinstein.

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Dear Ms. Anderson:

Thank you for contacting me to express your opposition to efforts to force National Parks to sell bottled water. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand you are concerned that water bottles cause increased environmental pollution and threaten our National Parks. On December 14, 2011, the National Park Service issued Policy Memorandum 11-03 encouraging individual National Parks to reduce, and eliminate where possible, the sale of bottled water in an effort to decrease the Service's carbon footprint and help eliminate waste and litter.

During its consideration of the Fiscal Year 2016 appropriations bill funding the National Park Service (H.R. 2822), the House of Representatives approved by voice vote an amendment (House Amendment 617) that would prohibit the National Park Service from implementing Policy Memorandum 11-03, effectively requiring National Parks to continue sales of bottled water.

You may be pleased to know that the Senate version of the bill funding the National Park service (S. 1645) that was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 18, 2015, does not contain a similar provision.

The House and Senate must reconcile their separate versions of the bill before a final bill can be signed into law by the President. Please be assured that I will keep your opposition to the House provision in mind as this process continues.

Again, thank you for your letter. I hope you will continue to write on matters of importance to you. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841, or online at <http://feinstein.senate.gov>. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

Further information about my position on issues of concern to California and the nation are available at my website, [feinstein.senate.gov](http://feinstein.senate.gov). And please visit my [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more ways to communicate with me.

## SIERRA CLUB AND VOLUNTEERS

The Sierra Club was founded by legendary conservationist John Muir in 1892, and is now the nation's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization — with more than two million members and supporters.

The Sierra Club is essentially a volunteer-run organization and volunteers currently take on many assignments and positions within the organization—all in their spare time

Whether it's leading hikes, or outings, helping environmentally-conscious candidates become elected to public office, fighting to protect beautiful places, or promoting renewable energy, volunteers play an incredibly important role in the Sierra Club.

So if you want to make a difference, you need to get involved. If we're going to change everything, we need everyone

If you live in the southern part of Orange County, and would like to get involved, here are some ways that you could make things happen for the better.

### PAGE 7 HAS THE EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBERS OF THE PEOPLE TO CONTACT BELOW

- **Hike Leader** — We are looking for members who would like to plan and lead hikes in Orange County. All hike leaders must be trained and certified. Therefore, the first step is to contact one of our two Outings Chairs, Todd Clark and Sylvie Cote for help in starting the training and certification process. With more hike leaders, we can conduct more hikes for our members.
- **Hospitality** — All our events need volunteers to help greet and sign in people, set up refreshments, and pass out information documents. To help, contact Patty Sappingfield .
- **Facebook** — We are pleased to announce that Vanessa A. has volunteered to create and maintain a Facebook Page for the Sierra Sage Group. The Group Executive Committee has approved this appointment so that we can improve communications with our members.
- **Membership** — We need volunteers to help build membership by staffing a table and events in Orange County, answering questions about the Sierra Club, and encouraging people to join. If you would like to help in this area, contact our Membership Chair, Garry McCoppin



## Sierra Club Chapter and Group Elections

Electing officers of the Angeles Chapter and the Sierra Sage Group is an important responsibility to all members of our group. In early November, you will receive instructions on how to vote for officers for both the Chapter and the Sierra Sage Group. Please take the time to vote. For information on the candidates for the Executive Committee of the Sierra Sage Group, please read the statements below.

### Sierra Sage Group of South Orange County Nominees and Statements

#### Duana Miller

I ask for your support to return to the Sierra Sage Executive Committee for another term helping explore, enjoy, and protect the earth. I have served as Chair of the Group for a number of years as well as led hikes in the local wilderness parks and helped put on the annual Starr Ranch BBQ. I believe that I have more to give in growing the Sierra Club.

#### Sylvia Stevenson

I have served as a member of the Executive Committee for several years. Currently, I am the Program Chair and help put together our interesting meetings. I also lead hikes, kayak outings, bike rides, and other outdoor activities. I worked as a volunteer at the annual Starr Ranch BBQ leading hikes and bird walks. I believe that I can help the Sierra Club in the coming years.

#### Linda Ledger

My name is Linda Ledger. Since I joined the Sierra Club in 1989 I have skied, backpacked, hiked, helped maintain trails, and traveled with other members who share a common love for the environment and outdoor activities. Now that I have become an outings leader I want to give back to the Sierra Club. If you vote for me for the Sierra Sage Ex-Comm I will work hard to promote the Sierra Club's environmental program and activities.

#### Rich Maxey

As an active Sierra Club leader and a member of the Santa Ana Mountains Task Force – trail maintenance team, I feel I can bring my dirt-level experience to the executive board. On a weekly basis, hikers share their feelings about the Sierra Club and Sierra Sage with me. I am good at planning, budgeting and managing projects and I would like to put these skills to work to further the Sierra Club. I thank you and hope you consider me at election time for membership on the Sierra Sage Executive Committee

# Outings



**Wednesday, November 04, 2015 7:00 AM**  
**0407-Orange County/-0417Sierra Sage**  
**O: Timber Mtn ( 8303')**

Join us for an 10 mi, 2700' gain hike in the San Gabriel Mtns along an inviting creek, past private cabins and through beautiful forests. We'll have a snack at Columbine Spring, lunch at the peak and return the way we came. Meet 7 am at the Tustin Rideshare pt: freeway end of Starter Bros parking lot on Redhill Ave just one block SW of I-5. Those who wish to meet us at Icehouse Canyon trailhead at 8:30 am should contact the leaders in advance. Bring 2+ liters water, lunch/snacks, hiking boots/shoes, poles, rain jacket. Rain cancels. This hike is rated 'Moderate'.

*Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net*

*Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com*

**Saturday, November 07, 2015 9:45 AM**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Modjeska House Tour/ Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary**

Join us for a guided tour of the Forrest of Arden, the century old home and gardens of the famous Helena Modjeska. Cost: \$5.00 to leader but please RSVP by October 24.

Please bring comfortable walking shoes, water, your own lunch, to be enjoyed at the nearby Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary, home of local birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects. RSVP leaders for directions to this secluded historic spot off Santiago Canyon. Leaders:

*Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net*

*Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com*

**Wednesday, November 11, 2015 9:00 AM**  
**0407-Orange County/0417-Sierra Sage**  
**O: Nix/Dilley Loop**

Join us on a pleasant stroll to Dilley Preserve and around Barbara's lake and back to the Nix Nature Center. Meet 9 am at the Nix Center (just W on Laguna Cyn Rd between I-405 and El Toro Rd); parking \$3. Bring water, snack, hiking boots/shoes. Newcomers welcome. Rain cancels.

*Donna Specht 714-963-6345 donnaspecht@juno.com*

*Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net*

**Saturday, November 14, 2015 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Trail Maintenance in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness**

The Santa Ana Mountain Task Force (Orange County Group, Sierra Sage Group, San Geronio Chapter) maintains trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. Volunteers, male and female, keep the trails open and safe. The specific work location is chosen each month based on current needs. Work involves lopping or sawing to clear the corridor and repairing tread as needed; those wishing to concentrate only on lopping are welcome. Tools are provided. Bring work gloves, sturdy boots, water, lunch. Typically we meet at the south Orange County ride share at either 7:30 or 8:00 am depending on the trail head destination for

that month. Rain or critical fire danger will cancel. To receive email announcements with details of each month's activity, send an email to Leader: *John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com*

*Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com*

**Sunday, November 15, 2015 8:30 AM**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Bear Canyon Loop Hike**

7 miles, 1300' gain from the Candy Store through chaparral and oaks, via the Bear Canyon Trail to 4 corners, then down to Pidgeon Springs for lunch, then back to the Candy Store. Meet 8:30 am at South OC Rideshare (1 Block east of I-5 on Ortega Highway and Rancho Viejo Road in front of Ball Park Pizza, in San Juan Capistrano). Bring water, lunch, hiking shoes or boots. We will carpool to the FS Parking Lot and Trailhead at the Candy Store. Forest Service Passes required for those driving to the Trailhead. Rain cancels.

*Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net*

*Garry McCoppin 714-269-5078 mccoppin@cox.net*

**Wednesday, November 18, 2015 8:30 AM**  
**0407-Orange County/0417-Sierra Sage**  
**O: Black Star Canyon/Hidden Ranch**

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

*Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net*

*Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com*

**Saturday, November 21, 2015 8:00 AM**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Hot Springs to Lucas Canyon**

We will climb steeply 1000' on the Sitton Peak Trail from the Hot Springs area of Caspers Wilderness Park to reach the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness and then descend 500' on the seldom-visited Lucas Canyon trail for lunch in tree shaded Lucas Canyon. Return same route, arriving mid afternoon. On the return, for those interested, we will make a short side trip to visit the hot springs. Round trip distance is approximately 9 miles. Meet 8:00 am at the south Orange County rideshare. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, shade hat, hiking boots. Rain or critical fire danger cancels. *John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com*

*Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com*



**Sunday, November 22, 2015 2:00 PM**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Laguna Niguel East Ridge k9 Hike**

5 miles 400' gain. Hike the hills along the ridge bordering Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano with your friendly dog. Enjoy great views of the Capistrano valley and Dana Point. Leaders: Russ Brown, Sylvia Stevenson.  
*Russ Brown 949-481-5295 russbrown3@cox.net*  
*Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com*

**Wednesday, December 02, 2015 8:00 AM**  
**0407-Orange County/0417-Sierra Sage**  
**O: South Tenaja to Fisherman Camp**

Moderate, 7 mile round trip, 950' gain. Join us for a scenic hike down the South Tenaja trail to Fisherman Camp. We will have lunch at Fisherman Camp before returning uphill along the same trail. The hike has several crossings of Tenaja Creek which is a factor only if recent rain. Meet 8:00 am at the South OC rideshare pt (Ortega Business Center, Rancho Viejo & Ortega Hwy, San Juan Capistrano) or 9:30 am at South Tenaja trailhead (call leader). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, hiking shoes/boots. Rain or critical fire danger cancels

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*Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com*

**Saturday, December 05, 2015 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Trail Maintenance in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness**

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**Sunday, December 06, 2015 8:00 AM**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Los Pinos Peak (4510')**

Strenuous 11 miles round trip, 2800' gain. Not a beginner hike. A beautiful, but seldom led, route through pines and onto this Lower Peak in the Santa Ana mountains. Meet 8 AM. From 5 freeway, take El Toro Road north, right at Cooks' Corner on Live Oak Canyon road to Trabuco Canyon dirt road parking area. High-clearance vehicle driving required. USFS adventure pass required. Heavy rain within 3 days cancel. Bring 3 quarts water, hat, jacket, 10 essentials, lunch.

*Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 clarkta@hotmail.com*  
*Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com*



**Wednesday, December 09, 2015 8:30 AM**  
**0407-Orange County/0417-Sierra Sage**  
**O: O'Neill Park**

7 mi, 700' gain. Our route begins on the Live Oak Trail past the nursery and traversing a long ridge overlooking O'Neill Park proper. We hike along the main ridge before descending into one of the park's several oak-shaded canyons and the park HDQTs, then loop around the canyon bottom and return to the ridge via another canyon. Meet 8:30 am at the end of Meadow Ridge Dr. Take El Toro Rd E to the next light past Glenn Ranch Rd, turn R on Valley Vista Way, R on Meadow Ridge to the end. Rain within 3 days cancels. Bring 2 qts water, lunch/snack, hiking shoes/boots.

*Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net*  
*Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com*

**Saturday, December 12, 2015 9:00 AM**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Riley Wilderness Park Hike**

A "Mike's Hike" Moderately paced 3.5 miles round trip, 200' gain. Children 5 years and up with parent(s) are welcome. Enjoy the views from two different vista points as well as the walks through trees and meadows. Meet 9 am at parking lot in the Park at East end of Oso Parkway. Bring water, munchies, sturdy shoes. \$3 parking fee. Recent rain cancels.

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*Garry McCoppin 714-269-5078 mccoppin@cox.net*

**Sunday, December 13, 2015 9:00 AM**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Top of the World to Wood Canyon Hike**

8 miles, 900' gain. Meet at Alta Laguna Park in top of the world, Laguna Beach. Hike through the Laguna Beach greenbelt to Wood Canyon in Aliso Wood Canyon Wilderness Park. Lunch at Dripping Cave. Leaders: Russ Brown, Sylvia Stevenson.

*Russ Brown 949-481-5295 russbrown3@cox.net*  
*Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com*

**Wednesday, December 16, 2015 8:00 AM**  
**0407-Orange County/0417-Sierra Sage**  
**Sierra Sage O: Morgan Trail**

10.2 mi rt, 1000' gain. Hike to South Main Divide Rd for lunch in a scenic grove of oaks and sycamores in upper Morrell Cyn. Return same way. Meet 8:00 am at South Orange County rideshare point. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, hiking shoes/boots. Rain cancels.

*Sherri Sisson 949-786-7681 sksisson@gmail.com*  
*Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net*

**Saturday, December 19, 2015 5:30 PM**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Newport Beach Boat Parade Walk**

Join us for an evening of fun as we watch the Boat Parade and view the decorated houses on Balboa Island. This is a 5 mile round trip, 500' gain hike. We will go for an optional dinner following the parade. Meet at 5:30 PM at the Bell Tower (near Macy's) at Fashion Island. Bring money for meal and/or beverage. Heavy rain cancels. *Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com*

*Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 clarkta@hotmail.com*

**Wednesday, December 23, 2015 7:15 AM**

**0407-Orange County/0417-Sierra Sage**

**O: Stoddard Pk (4624')**

7 mi, 1100' gain hike mostly on service road with a use trail to the peak. Stoddard is on the SC Lower Peaks list so come along and find out what it means to be a "peakbagger". Meet 7:15 am at the Tustin rideshare (one block south of I-5 on Redhill in the portion of the parking lot at the Stater Bros strip mall that extends behind the Union 76 gas station). Bring 2 liters water, lunch, hiking shoes/boots, poles, rain jacket, non-cotton layers. Rain cancels.

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## Meet Sierra Sage Outings Leaders



### JOHN KAISER

John has been an active Sierra Club leader for at least 15 years. He leads day hikes, overnight hikes, & Mule Pack multi day outings into the High Sierras each summer. As an active member of the Santa Ana Mountains Task Force, he has spearheaded the Santa Ana Mountain Trail Maintenance Program. You can find him in the Santa Ana Mountains on the first Saturday of each month from October to June, leading fellow Sierra Club members in efforts to clear down trees, smooth out the trails, cut back overgrowth, and protect the trails from erosion. He typically leads a crew of 5 to 15 volunteers to do so. He is also the Secretary of the Sierra Sage Group of South Orange County.

### RIDESHARE MEETING POINTS

**N Orange Co...** Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Av just S of Lincoln Av, Orange.

**S Orange Co...** Ortega Plaza parking lot SE corner, Ortega Hwy/Rancho Viejo, San Juan Capistrano

**Tustin ...** Redhill Ave on N side (Fwy side) of Stater Bros Market just SW of Redhill Ave exit from Santa Ana Fwy

**ANGELES CHAPTER AND SIERRA SAGE GROUP  
PRESENT**

## GRAND TETON & YELLOWSTONE NATL PARKS

**SEPTEMBER 17-24 2016**

**LEADERS: MIKE & PATTY SAPPINGFIELD**

Join us for this 8 day, 7 night Bus excursion to the **Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks** in Northwestern Wyoming. We will fly into Bozeman, MT where we will be picked up and transported as needed to and through both National Parks and back to Bozeman where we will fly home.

Highlights of the trip include visiting **Old Faithful Geyser** and the many geysers and springs in the **Upper, Middle, and Lower Geyser Basins, Grand Prismatic Spring, Fountain Paint Pot** and many other hydrothermal features.

Wildlife abounds with the possibility of seeing **Bison, Pronghorns, Elk, Deer, Moose, Black Bear, Grizzly Bears, Wolves, Coyotes, Osprey, and Eagles**, as well as lots of squirrels and chipmunks and other creatures. We plan to visit natural features such as the **Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and its falls, Undine Falls, Tower Falls, Lewis Falls, Jenny Lake, the Grand Tetons and the upper Snake River.**

Trip includes all transportation in Montana and Wyoming, 7 nights lodging, all breakfasts and some picnic lunches, and all admissions to scheduled places. Trip does not include air fare to and from Montana and the remaining lunches and dinners and any optional admissions.

Trip cost is **\$1395** for Sierra Club Members (\$1495 for non-members). A few single rooms are available for an additional cost. **A \$500 deposit will hold your place on the trip with the remainder due by June 1, 2016.** For information and to apply, contact Mike Sappingfield at [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net) (949-768-3610) or write to him at 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

**Leaders: Mike & Patty Sappingfield**



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\* Denotes voting member of the Executive Committee

### SIERRA SAGE MEETINGS.

- Executive Committee meetings are open to all members of the Sierra Club who reside in South Orange County. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Contact Mike Sappingfield at **mikesapp@cox.net** for agenda, date, time and directions.
- Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County? Contact Penny Elia at **greenpl1@cox.net**
- Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into local offices? Contact Sharon Koch at **slkoch@ix.netcom.com**
- Want to keep the Santa Ana Mountains wild? Or even want to help maintain the trails in the San Mateo Wilderness Area? Contact John Kaiser at **jkai39@gmail.com**
- Still think the toll road through the Richard and Donna O'Neill Nature Conservancy, San Mateo Campground, and Trestle Beach is a bad idea? Contact Bill Holmes at **bill.holmes@att.net**



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**Sierra Sage: [www.sierrasage.org](http://www.sierrasage.org)**



## Outings continued from P 6

**Wednesday, December 30, 2015 9:30 AM**

### **0407-Orange County Group Outing**

#### **OCSS O: Bolsa Chica Walk**

Join us for a walk around the 'bay'...Bolsa Chica Bay that is. This will be a flat 4 mile walk from the Nature Center (on Warner just north of PCH) to the viewing area on PCH and back up to the bluffs. This is a great time of year to visit the bay and we may even catch a glimpse of a sleigh and reindeer. Meet 9:30 am at the Warner parking area with water and comfortable shoes. Rain cancels. *Donna Specht 714-963-6345 donnaspecht@juno.com*  
*Ron Schrantz 714-995-8240 rschranzsce@yahoo.com*

**Saturday, January 2, 2016 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)**

### **0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

#### **O: Trail Maintenance in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness**

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*Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com*

**Wednesday, January 06, 2016 9:00 AM**

### **0407-Orange County Group Outing**

#### **O: Aliso Wood Grand Tour**

11.5 mi, 900' gain. Start the New Year right with great views and 3 parks. We'll start at Canyon View and go up to Alta Laguna (Top of the World), then thru the houses and on to Moulton Meadows. From there we'll leave the ridgeline and drop into Wood Cyn for our return. Abbreviated versions of this hike are possible. Meet 9:00 am at Canyon View Park in Aliso Viejo (from El Toro Rd go S on Moulton Pkwy, R on Glenwood, uphill & over the toll rd where it becomes Pacific Park Dr, R on Canyon Vistas Dr to bottom of hill) with water, lunch, hiking shoes/boots. Rain cancels.

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*Ed Maurer 949-768-0417 balois@cox.net*



**Wednesday, January 13, 2016 9:30 AM**

### **0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage/OCSS**

#### **O: The Long and Short of It**

2 hikes, your choice. Strenuous Bommer/Serrano Loop: 12 mi, 1150 gain/loss, circumnavigating the City of Irvine Open Space Preserve South, from Shady Canyon up to Signal Peak on Bommer ridge, then down and up again

to Serrano Ridge, following it back to our starting point. Meet 8:30 am with water, snack, hiking boots/shoes. Meet at the Quail Hill trailhead (from I-405 Fwy, exit Sand Cyn & go S on Shady Cyn Dr to traffic circle, Continue S – trailhead is ~ 100 yds past traffic circle & fire station on R. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Sherri Sisson (949) 786-7681 SKSisson@gmail.com, Linda Ledger (949) 444-1285 Linda.Ledger@cox.net. Easy Moderate Turtle Rock: 5-6 mi rt, 600' gain on rocky, hilly trails through Coastal Sage Scrub in the San Joaquin Hills. Visit our own Grand Canyon. Bring water, snacks, light hiking boots, dress in layers, come prepared for any weather. After the hike, optional hike over to Bommer Meadow. Newcomers welcome. Meet 9:30 am at Turtle Rock Community Park, 1 Sunnyhill, Irvine. From I-405, W on University, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, L on Sunnyhill.

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**Wednesday, January 20, 2016 9:00 AM**

### **0407-Orange County/0417-Sierra Sage**

#### **Sierra Sage O: Crystal Cove Beach Walk**

5 mi, minimal gain. An easy walk along the beach & bluff top in this beautiful State Park. Newport Beach. Optional stop at Ruby's Date Shack for lunch. Meet 9:00 am at the SW corner of PCH & Cameo Shores. Park along frontage road just inside entrance to Cameo Shores, or park on Cameo Highlands. Bring water, snack, walking shoes. Ldr: Pete Height (949) 412-8954 prheight1@cox.net Asst: Sylvia Stevenson (949) 310-5134 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com

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**Sunday, January 24, 2016 8:30 AM**

### **0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

#### **O: Whiting Ranch Sleepy Hollow Hike**

A "Mike's Hike" 4 miles round trip., 200' gain moderately paced walk through shady oaks and sycamores in Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. Often see lots of deer. Children 5 years and up with parent(s) are welcome. Meet 8:30 am at secondary Whiting Ranch Parking Lot on Glenn Ranch Road, ¼ mi east of Portola Parkway in Lake Forest. Bring \$3 for parking, water, camera, munchies, hiking shoes, and hat. Rain cancels.

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**Wednesday, January 27, 2016 8:00 AM**

### **0407-Orange County/0417-Sierra Sage**

#### **O: San Mateo Peak (3591'), West Loop**

9 mi rt, 1900' gain. Join us for a loop hike to this rocky peak, the highest in the San Mateo Wilderness, and enjoy outstanding views of the wilderness and, on a clear day, distant peaks. After reaching the peak, we will descend to the Tenaja Falls Trail and return to the trail-



head via the Tenaja Falls and Morgan Trails. Lots of steep up and down with a cumulative 1900' of gain. Portions of the trail will be brushy. Meet 8:00 am at the South Orange County rideshare point or 8:45 at the Morgan trailhead on S Main Divide Rd. Bring water, hiking shoes/boots, lunch. Contact the leader if you are planning to meet at the trailhead. Rain or critical fire level will cancel.

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**Friday, January 29, 2016 to Sunday, January 31, 2016**

**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**

**I: Winter Combo Getaway Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes**

Join OCSS for an awesome weekend adventure!. This trip has it all: Learn to cross-country ski in the backcountry with experienced instructors; enjoy backcountry ski touring and snowshoe touring with leaders; XC ski on your own at Tamarack Nordic Ski Center; Downhill ski or snowboard on Mammoth Mtn. New-comers and Non skiers Welcome, tons of stuff to do in Mammoth! Stay at Quality Inn (2 per rm, 2 beds, priv.bath) close to shopping, night life, free shuttles. Leave O.C. 2 PM with pickup in San Fernando Valley. Return O.C. Sun. 10PM. Incl. bus, lodging, breakfasts, happy hour, Sun. dinner & bus refreshments. Send email address (or 2 SASE), phone#, \$310 w/SC# / \$325 non-mem (check payable OCSS). To Reserv/Asst Leader: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Just need a ride or a room? Ask about Transportation or Lodging only cost.

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## OCSS CONDITIONING HIKES - EVERY TUES/THUR @ 6:30 PM

**O: IRVINE TURTLE ROCK.** Easy/Moderate/Tiger paced hikes, 4-7 mi rt on hilly trails. Bring Water, light hiking boots. 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffery, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyside, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park, Ldrs, John LaRue, Markey and Robert Neighbors, Kim Gunderman, Ron Campbell, Gigi Logan, and others.



## The Angeles Chapter and the Sierra Sage group present

### The Final Leg of the Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela



We have chosen the **Camino Inglés** for our fourth Sierra Club hike along the historic routes to Santiago to Compostela for a number of reasons.

One of the most pleasant aspects of our 2014 hike along the Camino del Norte from Saint-Jean-de-Luz in France to Oviedo, Spain were the incredibly scenic stretches of trail along Spain's dramatic north coast. The **Camino Inglés** picks up on this maritime scenery before heading inland toward Santiago de Compostela.

The full distance from Ferrol to Santiago measures 75 mi. (121 km), meeting the minimum distance of 100 km to be covered on foot required by the authorities in Compostela to issue a Pilgrimage Certificate. In addition, the terrain is mostly easy, without any major elevation gains and/or losses.

This route has an impressive historic pedigree! In 1147 a group of English war ships en route to the Holy Land, where they were to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Crusade, interrupted their voyage to make the pilgrimage to Santiago, and thus the **Camino Inglés** was born. Ever since, pilgrims from the British Isles, Scandinavia and Iceland have come ashore in Coruña and Ferrol to walk to Santiago. We follow in their footsteps right from the ancient landing site.

### Reservation and Deposit

For more information and to secure a space please send your reservation request with a deposit in the amount of \$500 per person (**check payable to Sierra Sage**) to Ed & Helen Maurer, 24001 Salero Lane, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

## SAN ONOFRE UPDATE: From Glenn Pascall, Chair, San Onofre Task Force

In an October 2 statement to the Coastal Commission, the San Onofre Task Force of the Angeles Chapter urged removal of spent nuclear fuel from dangerous fuel pools ASAP, and subsequent removal of radioactive waste entirely from the site ASAP. The initial step requires construction of a dry storage facility to hold fuel rods. Approval of the permit for this facility was the issue before the Coastal Commission.

At the 11th hour, members of the Sierra Club's Nuc Free Team, an alliance of activists that locally includes Donna Gilmore of San Onofre Safety, filed a statement with the Coastal Commission opposing the permit on the grounds that the storage cask design Edison had selected was unproven and possibly unsafe.

Opinions differ on that point and in any event the cask design that is used must meet Nuclear Regulatory Commission standards. We felt removal of fuel from pools ASAP is so crucial that dry storage must move ahead. We suggested to Nuc Free that they consider taking the position of supporting construction of the facility while keeping open for as long as possible the detailed options regarding which cask designs might be stored. Nuc Free did not pick up this idea but simply opposed getting started on dry storage.

The National Sierra Club became involved when, at the Coastal Commission's October 6 hearing, it appeared that the Club had two positions - one for and one against granting the permit. Because of its concern regarding multiple messages and conflicting positions, the National Sierra Club performed a full internal process review. On October 24 it advised both Nuc Free and the Chapter that: 1) the Chapter has authority within its local area to speak on behalf of the Sierra Club; 2) If the Nuc Free Team wants to speak out, they should coordinate with the Chapter; 3) policy disagreements need to be handled internally by the VP for Conservation, not debated publicly.

At its October 6 hearing the Coastal Commission unanimously approved the permit for a dry storage facility. This addresses the immediate problem of moving spent fuel from high-risk pools. The remaining issue is removal of waste from San Onofre's small and exposed site. We are pledged to work toward developing remote storage possibilities and alternatives.

### Website:

<http://www.sierrasage.org>

### FEATURED HIKE

**Saturday, December 19, 2015 5:30 PM**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Newport Beach Boat Parade Walk**

Join us for an evening of fun as we watch the Boat Parade and view the decorated houses on Balboa Island. This is a 5 mile round trip, 500' gain hike. We will go for an optional dinner following the parade. Meet at 5:30 PM at the Bell Tower (near Macy's) at Fashion Island. Bring money for meal and/or beverage. Heavy rain cancels.

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