

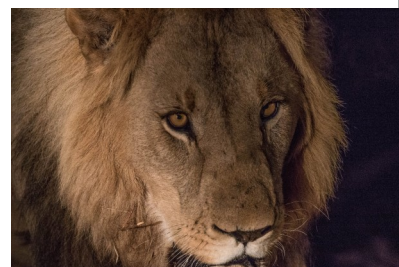


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March 1, through April 30, 2016

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

Feature Program: Steve and Linda Velasco's African Photo Safari.

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



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

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 22, 2016

ROOM: Palo Verde



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

You are invited to join us at the 17th Annual

STARR RANCH BARBEQUE

Sunday, May 15, 2016
1-5 PM

Starr Ranch, on over 4,000 acres set in the foothills east of Rancho Santa Margarita, is used primarily as an educational and research facility for the Audubon Society. We have partnered with them to conduct this fundraising activity. BBQ Activities include hiking, bird watching, listening to a live Band, great conversation, special activities, and enjoying tasty food. Deer often wander through the picnic area during the day.

Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, salads, beans, potato chips, desserts, fresh fruit and all the trimmings will be provided. A beverage bar (donations welcome) for your beverage of choice is available.

Tickets are \$30 per person, Family Plan includes adults at the regular price of \$30 and all children 15 and under (1 or more) for a flat rate of \$15. To request tickets, send check, made out to **SIERRA SAGE**, and a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) to Starr Ranch BBQ, c/o Patty Sappingfield, P. O. Box 524, Lake Forest, CA 92609. For more info or to volunteer to help, call Mike or Patty Sappingfield at 949-768-3610 or email solanese@cox.net. Map and directions are provided with each ticket.



REPORT ON ANNUAL SIERRA SAGE ELECTIONS

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Sierra Sage Election Committee 2016 –2017 term of office

Duana Miller
Linda Ledger
Sylvia Stevenson
Rich Maxey

2015-2016 term of office

Mike Sappingfield
Patty Sappingfield
Glenn Pascall *
Sharon Koch
John Kaiser

* appointed to fill remainder of Garry McCoppin's term

Officers elected for 2016

Chair: Mike Sappingfield
Vice-Chair: Duana Miller
Secretary: John Kaiser
Treasurer: Patty Sappingfield
Chapter Rep: Glenn Pascall
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Outings: Todd Clark
Sylvie Coté
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San Onofre; Glenn Pascall
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PRESENT

Destination Costa Rica

Saturday, October 01, 2016 to
Friday, October 14, 2016



Fourteen day tour from the Pacific beaches to the wild Northern Caribbean with stops at Manuel Antonio, Monteverde/Santa Elena, Arenal, Tortuguero and San Jose. Why watch a National Geographic special when you can live it? On layover days, hike and

explore why this country is known for its enlightened approach to conservation. Visit Volcanoes, rain forests, ecological reserves, wildlife refuges. Spend 3 special days in Tortuguero Village where the first awakening of sea turtle conservation began. Sierra Club Member cost \$1950, Non member cost \$2050 includes mid range locally owned accommodations (double occupancy), private 22-passenger air-conditioned coach, all breakfasts, happy hours, round trip boat transportation to Tortuguero, driver gratuities and 3 eco tours. Group airfare extra. **For itinerary, application, cancellation policy contact Co Leader: Donna Specht.**

Trip Co-Leaders:

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Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610
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Outings



Wednesday, March 02, 2016 9:00 AM

**0407-Orange County Group Outing
Ladera Loop**

Ladera Loop #3: 6.5 mi, 900' gain/loss. There are many ways to make loop hikes around Ladera Ranch. This moderate route combines the delights of suburban and "wild" hiking, plus a couple of new wrinkles. We'll begin with a gently rolling mix of pavement and dirt path, then climb on dirt to a ridge for great views of the mountains and "back country". Descending on a singletrack, we'll reenter lush suburbia, with a visit to a community garden, for a very easy return to our starting point and an optional lunch stop. Meet by 9:00 am in the parking lot of the shopping center at Crown Valley Pkwy and Cecil Pasture Rd. From the I-5 take Crown Valley Pkwy east, cross the bridge over the Arroyo and turn R on Cecil Pasture Rd; take first L into parking lot and park near that entrance. Bring water, snack (optional), lugsoles/hiking boots. The footing is generally excellent, but some may be more comfortable with poles on the singletrack. Rain cancels.

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Helen Maurer 949-768-0417 7gables@cox.net

Saturday, March 05, 2016 8:00 AM

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 Geronimo Chapter) maintains trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. In March we will be working on the Morgan Trail. The work includes both brushing and tread repairs with installing drains / water bars. Up to 4 miles round trip distance with 250' gain/loss. Tools are provided. Bring work gloves, sturdy boots, water, lunch. Meet at the south Orange County ride share at 8:00 am to carpool to the trail head or meet at 8:45 am at the Morgan trail head on the South Main Divide Road. If meeting at the trail head contact leader.

Leader: *John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com*

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

Wednesday, March 09, 2016 8:30 AM

**0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage
Woods Cyn Spring Hike**

A moderately paced 7.5 mi, 600' gain loop with great views, spring flowers, oaks, sycamores and a stream. We will start up the Cholla Trail, then take West Ridge to Top-of-the-World. Return down Mathis Cyn to the Woods Cyn Trail. Bring water, snack, hiking shoes or boots, and sun protection. Poles recommended for steep Mathis descent. Meet 8:30 am at Canyon View Park. From El Toro Rd in Laguna Woods, turn S on Moulton about 1 mi, then R on Glenwood and up the hill, over the toll road, R on Canyon Vista Dr. Park at bottom of hill on street. Canyon View Park is on the L. Rain, 3 days after rain, cancels.

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

Saturday, March 12, 2016 8:00 AM

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Morgan Trail**

Join us as we hike from the San Juan Loop parking area to the south Main Divide for lunch in a scenic grove of oaks at upper Morrell Canyon. Round trip distance is 10 miles round trip and the elevation gain outbound is 1000'. Return same way. Meet 8:00 am at S OC ride share or 8:30 am at the FS San Juan Loop parking area across from the Candy Store. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain or critical fire level will cancel.

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

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage

O: Indian Potrero

10 mi round trip hike. Join us for a rare opportunity to hike to this picturesque meadow in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. The out-and- back route follows a ridge at the western edge of the Santa Ana Mountains with outstanding views of OC and, on a clear day, the Pacific. Outbound is 900' gain and 1200' loss. Access to the trailhead is via a private road and attendance is limited. Registration is required; meeting time and location provided to those who register. CONTACT THE LEADER for more information or to RESERVE a place on this hike. Rain or critical fire level will cancel..

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Saturday, March 19, 2016 to Sunday, March 20, 2016

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

I: Backpack, Joshua Tree NP, Eureka Peak (5513')

Join us as we hike on trail/off trail, on this moderately difficult backpacking trip. From Black Rock Campground trailhead in JTNP, we will hike 4 miles to set up camp amongst desert vegetation, then hike to Eureka Peak another 4 miles round trip for possible views. Saturday night happy hour. Sunday, we will break camp and return same way, for a total of 13 miles, 1800' gain. Must carry a minimum of one gallon of water per person. Must pre-register for outing. Group size limited by permit. Send backpacking experience to leaders.

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

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 9:00 AM

**0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage
Oso Creek Trail**

6 mi, 500' gain, moderate hike on paved trails along the creek and up through the Jeronimo Open Space, then dirt trail to Nacimiento Ridge overlooking Trabuco Cyn. Meet 9:00 am (from I-5, E on La Paz, just past Marguerite Pkwy, turn

L on Thomas R Potocki Conf Ctr Rd to lower parking lot). Bring water, snack/lunch, comfy shoes. Newcomers welcome.

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

Saturday, March 26, 2016 8:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Whiting Ranch: Dreaded Hill - 4 Corners - Sleepy Hollow

Moderate 6 miles, 1000' gain. We will start the hike along the flat Serrano Creek Trail. At mile 1, we will climb steeply (900' gain in less than a mile) along Dreaded Hill Trail, reaching the bench at the top of the hill (mile 2) with magnificent views of the entire Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. After a short break, we will descend to Four Corners (mile 2.5) where a water fountain will be accessible to refill water bottles. We will then continue our descent on Cactus Hill, Santiago Ranch, and Sleepy Hollow trails, to rejoin Serrano Creek trail at mile 5, and back to the parking lot (mile 6). Meet 8:00 AM at the parking lot near Wahoo Fish Taco, at 27412 Portola Parkway, Foothill Ranch, 92610. Estimate hiking time is 2.4 hours (plus breaks). Bring 3 quarts water, snack, hiking boots, hat, and hiking poles (helpful on Dreaded Hill, and down Sleepy Hollow). Park history: <http://ocparks.com/parks/whiting/history>

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

Wednesday, March 30, 2016 8:00 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage

O: Santa Rosa Plateau

Santa Rosa Plateau: 6.5 mi, 300' gain. Enjoy the glorious springtime in this ecological preserve, and a leisurely hike along streams, through rolling grasslands and 100-year-old Englemann oak woodlands. Lavish wildflowers should be in bloom, as spring runoff collects in vernal pools, which beckon wildlife. \$3 entrance fee supports reserve. Meet 8:00 am at the South Orange County rideshare point, or 9:00 am at the Preserve. Bring water, lunch/snack, lugsoles, binocs, field guides. Newcomers welcome. Rain cancels.

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Saturday, April 02, 2016 8:00 AM

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

Sunday, April 03, 2016 8:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Hike in the Santa Rosa Plateau

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Saturday, April 09, 2016 8:30 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Wildflower Hike in O'Neill Regional Park

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

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Wednesday, April 13, 2016 8:30 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage

O: Corral to Hot Springs in Casper Park

Join us on an 8 mi, 1400' gain, grand tour of Caspers Wilderness Park. This moderately strenuous hike begins at the Corral Trailhead, meanders through the oak groves, and then makes a long, steep climb to the shade ramada for an early lunch/snack stop. We will then continue up & down along the ridge at the boundary with Starr Ranch Audubon before descending steeply on the Cold Springs Canyon trail. The final section of the hike will take us to the Hot Springs area. This is an opportunity to visit the Hot Springs area, which is not open to the public on a daily basis. We have a car shuttle back to the Corral area. The shuttle requires extra time at the beginning and end of the hike; participants' patience is essential. Rain or critical fire levels will cancel. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County rideshare point with 2 liters water, snacks/lunch, lugsoles.

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John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com

Sunday, April 17, 2016 8:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Old Sugarloaf (3326'); Sierra Sage, Lower Peaks

Starting from Bluejay Campground, we will hike to the original and higher of the two peaks in the Santa Ana Mountains that have been designated as Sugarloaf at various times. The hike initially goes downhill to Chiquito Basin, climbs to a ridge, and then gradually descends to the base of Sugarloaf before the final climb to the peak on a steep

and brushy use trail. Long sleeves and pants are recommended. The return hike backtracks the same route. The roundtrip distance is 9 miles with 2100' of cumulative gain. Rain or critical fire level will cancel. Bring lunch, plenty of water, good hiking boots. Meet at 8 am at the south OC ride share location or 8:50 at the trailhead (west end of Bluejay campground). Those meeting us at the trailhead should contact the leaders in advance. Leaders: John Kaiser & Rich Maxey

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

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage

O'Neill/Monastery Hike

7 mi, 600' gain. We will loop thru O'Neill Park, along the ridge and down oak-shaded canyons, with a visit to Ramakrishna Monastery. Meet 9:00 am at Altisima Park with water, snack, lugsoles. Go E on El Toro Rd to Marguerite Pkwy, turn R, then one block to Los Alisos, turn L. Follow Los Alisos E past the 241 Toll Rd to the first light at the top of the hill. Go thru the light and immediately look for the left turn lane into the entrance to Altisima Park.

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Saturday, April 23, 2016 7:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: West Horsethief - Trabuco Canyon Loop

10 miles, 2500' gain. One of the more scenic hikes in the Santa Ana Mountains. The hike starts on the Trabuco Canyon trail with a mostly shaded gradual climb for 1.8 miles to the junction with the West Horsethief trail. We then take the West Horsethief trail climbing steadily up switchbacks to the Main Divide Road. The next 2.5 miles meanders along the Divide Road with great views of Orange county on one side and Riverside county on the other. At 5.8 miles, with all the uphill completed we reach Los Pinos Saddle and stop for lunch. We then start down Trabuco Canyon Trail on the shady side of the canyon before the trail crosses over to the sunny side offering spectacular views of oak and fir trees on the other side of the canyon. After 2.5 miles we rejoin the Trabuco Canyon trail and continue back to the trailhead. Please be at the 27412 Portola Parkway, near Wahoo Fish Taco, at 7:00 AM as it takes 1 hour to drive to the trailhead. The drive to the trailhead requires high clearance vehicles, so please let me know if you have one. The hike will take approx. 6-7 hours. Please bring 3 plus quarts of water, lunch, sunblock, hiking boots and hat.

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Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage

O: Bear Springs

9 mi, 2245' gain/loss. We may see early wildflowers as we make a steady but moderate ascent to the shady trees at Bear Spring. It's another 3 mi to the top of Santiago Peak, but we won't go that far today! If we feel like it, however, we may detour to visit Holy Jim Falls on our way back. Please notify leaders if you wish to join this hike, if you can drive, and how much room you have for additional passengers, as we will carpool over a bumpy dirt road. Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain can-

cels.

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Saturday, April 30, 2016 7:00 AM

0417- Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Antelope Valley Poppy Preserve

5 mile easy walk through the Poppy Preserve. We can expect to see a variety of wildflowers in addition to the California Poppies. Meet at 7:00 am at the Tustin Rideshare point (Exit I-5 at Redhill, park 1 block west of I-5 near the East side of the Stater Bros Parking Lot) or at 9:30 am at the Poppy Preserve visitor center (contact leaders for directions to the Poppy Preserve). We plan to carpool to and from the Preserve. Bring hat, water, lunch, hiking shoes or boots, camera and binoculars.

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Angeles Chapter – Sierra Club Meet Sierra Sage Outings Leaders



Linda Ledger

Meet one of our newest leaders, **Linda Ledger**. Linda became an O rated leader less than one year ago. Even so, she has become one of our most active leaders with 7 hikes in this issue alone. She likes moderate to strenuous hikes in the local wilderness parks and in the Santa Ana Mountains. She is even leading the upcoming Great Smoky Mountains trip in May.

RIDESHARE MEETING POINTS

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

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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 date, time and directions.
- Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County? Contact Penny Elia at greenpl@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



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Wednesday, May 04, 2016 8:30 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage

O: Laurel/Lizard Loop

Moderate, 6 mi loop, 800' gain. Join us as we explore the newest official trail in the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. We'll hike up Lower Laurel Canyon trail, join the new Lizard trail and continue up to meet Bommer Ridge. We will then take Bommer Ridge to Willow Canyon and hike down to our starting point. Meet 8:30 am, Willow Canyon parking lot (gate 6, \$3) on Laguna Canyon Rd 1/4 mi S of El Toro Rd junction. Bring water, hat, snack, hiking boots. Rain cancels.

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Sunday, May 08, 2016 8:30 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Mesa Loop/Juaneno Trail

5 mi, 200' gain. A leisurely paced "Mike's Hike" on Mother's Day into the east part of Casper's Park. Bring your mother and join us in exploring a little used area of the park. There should be lots of spring flowers.

Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County rideshare point (in front of Ball Park Pizza, 1 block east of I-5 on the Ortega hwy in San Juan Capistrano). Bring water, hat, munchies, sturdy shoes with some tread, camera and binoculars. Heavy rain cancels

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Wednesday, May 11, 2016 8:30 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage

Black Star Cyn/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, an 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.

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HIKE OF THE MONTH

Sunday, April 03, 2016 8:00 AM

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	Individual	Joint
Introductory	\$15	
Standard	\$39	\$49
Supporting	\$75	\$100
Contributing	\$150	\$175
Life	\$1000	\$1250
Senior	\$25	\$35
Student	\$25	\$35
Limited Income	\$25	\$35

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