

# Sierra Sage



Sierra Sage of South Orange County, a Group of the Sierra Club ■ Bimonthly Events & Outings

## You are Invited to Join us at Our Bi-monthly Meeting!

Combatting and living with climate change is the theme of the 2019 general meetings of Sierra Sage, the South Orange County Group of the Sierra Club.

On March 26, the specific topic will be ***"Climate Change & My Mobility,"*** where our speakers and presenters will offer practical methods to seriously reduce our individual carbon footprints caused by transportation. You'll learn to calculate your carbon emissions and mitigate CO2 released by air travel. You'll acquire skills in reducing the amount of global warming gasses emitted by your current and future cars. Our speakers will also address what lies ahead in public transit as it applies to an affluent suburban area such as ours, i.e. autonomous vehicles, car and ride sharing. Of course, walking, hiking, and biking won't be forgotten as they may be part of your program of becoming carbon neutral. Although climate change poses an existential threat to humanity you'll leave the meeting eager and ready to join in the fight.

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**WHERE:** Norman Murray Community & Senior Center

24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

**WHEN:** 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 26 2019

**ROOM:** Juniper

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**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 & Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking Lot.



# South Orange County Spring Public Events

**E**ACH YEAR IN EARLY SPRING, there are numerous public events throughout South Orange County. The Sierra Sage of South Orange County plans to participate in four of these events with a booth. We invite each of you to attend these events. Look for our booth with the big green SIERRA CLUB, Sierra Sage Group banner on the table in front of the booth and pick up a Sierra Club souvenir for you and the kids. You can also find out about family hikes and walks and other upcoming activities. There is no fee to attend any of these events

The events are:

- ☐ **Sunday, March 3rd from 11 am to 4 pm: OCEAN AWARENESS DAY** in beautiful Dana Point Harbor. The event is held in the Baby Beach area at the West End of the Marina. They plan to have the Diamond Dig Event, Pancake Breakfast and a Whale of a BBQ.
- ☐ **Sunday, March 24, 2019 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm: PANHE**, a Native American Gathering & Celebration of Protection and Preservation in the San Mateo Campground, San Onofre State Beach. Off-site parking and complimentary round trip shuttle serve throughout the day from Concordia Elementary School. The event features Native American singers, dancers, speakers, storytelling, artisans, food, and children activities and Games
- ☐ **Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm: CASPERS WILDERNESS PARK ADVENTURE DAY 2019** in beautiful Caspers Wilderness Park off of the Ortega Hwy. Event activities include exhibits, games, music, food, nature walks, talks and raffles(s).
- ☐ **Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 8:00 am to Noon. MISSION VIEJO EARTH DAY & ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION** in Cordova Park, 26931 El Retiro, Mission Viejo. Events include volunteers of all ages, planting in the park, and participating in the Green Expo. Typically, this event includes food for breakfast and lunch, and many interesting booths as well as an opportunity to plant many trees, shrubs and flowers in the park.

In addition, the Sierra Sage Group is providing an opportunity for members to experience the fun of helping people learn more about the Sierra Club by helping in our booths. If this interests you, contact Mike Sappingfield and let him know which events that you want to help on, and how much time you could work. We always give booth workers time off to explore the other events and food and other events as well. We can only do that if we have volunteers for each booth.

**MIKE SAPPINGFIELD**  
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## Recent Update on Environmental Issues from Sierra Club Executive Director, Michael Brune

**O**N WEDNESDAY, THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION *unanimously extended a moratorium* on new gas-fired power plants. Investor-owned utilities have proposed a massive build-out of new gas, but regulators have put the brakes on those plans—with plenty of input from our chapter and national volunteers and staff—so that more careful analysis can be done about how renewables and storage would do a better job.

Also on Wednesday night, we learned that the Department of the Interior has confirmed there will be no seismic exploration, an invasive industrial process, in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge this winter, because the companies involved were unable to get the necessary permits under the Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Acts. Why couldn't they get those permits, you may ask? Thanks to the intervention of Sierra Club's Environmental Law Program and our allies challenging those permits as well as overwhelming public opposition—250,000 people sent emails and called SAExploration's offices and executive board urging them to drop their proposal and stay out of the Arctic. Gwich'in Nation leaders hand-delivered boxes containing 100,000 of those letters to the company's office in Houston.

*I appreciate all that you do, for your trust in Sierra Club, our staff and the grassroots power of our 3.5 million members and supporters working steadfast to chart a new course for our planet.*

Want more? Yesterday, a bill was introduced in the New Mexico State Legislature to move the entire state to 100% clean energy in the power sector. Another bill dropped in Minnesota earlier this week to hit the same goal. *Apex, another town in North Carolina*, committed to 100% clean energy on Tuesday night, Maryland is making progress towards a complete coal community transition, we just secured another coal plant retirement in Alabama, and two more in Georgia and, oh yeah, after plenty of input and delicate diplomacy, a Green New Deal was introduced in Congress yesterday that is the most ambitious and inclusive effort—by far—to deal with the conjoined challenges of inequality and climate change. This is game-changing.

There's so much more to be done, to continue to make progress like this, fight back against fossil fuel incumbents blithely destroying the planet and to fight for the people suffering from injustice on a daily basis across the country. We couldn't do it without you and your generosity. We are powerful, and together are making an enormous difference.

I appreciate all that you do, for your trust in Sierra Club, our staff and the grassroots power of our 3.5 million members and supporters working steadfast to chart a new course for our planet.

Thank you!

Mike

**Michael Brune**  
**Executive Director Sierra Club**

# OUTINGS...

## □ SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)

### 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

**O: Trail Maintenance in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness** Volunteers, male and female, from the OC Group, Sierra Sage Group, and the Gorgonio Chapter maintain trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness on a monthly basis. The location is selected each month based on current needs. No experience is needed, only a willingness to work. Tools and instructions are provided. To receive announcements with details of each month's activities **Contact Ldr John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 (jkai39@gmail.com).** **Co-leader: Rich Maxey (949) 310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com**

## □ SUNDAY, MARCH 03, 2019 4:05 PM

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing | O: Signal Hill Sunset Hike** Join us on a moderate 4-mile, 750 ft gain loop hike exploring the Signal Hill Trail System. The route makes maximum use of the walking trails inside the private residential areas before they close to the public at Sunset. Enjoy 360° views to the ocean, San Pedro, Downtown LA and Long Beach, and learn a little about the history of Signal Hill. Afterward those interested can join us for refreshments at Mothers Market Cafe and outdoor patio. Meet at 4:05 PM near the entrance of Mothers Market on Cherry avenue in Signal Hill. *Rain cancels.*

**Contact leaders for more information:**

**Karen DeWeese (562) 270-3487 kldeweese@me.com** **Sylvie Cote (949) 547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com**

## □ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019, 8:30 AM

### 0407-Orange County Group Outing

#### **O: Richard & Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy Hike**

27211 Ortega Hwy, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675, USA  
O: Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy: 5 mi, 200 gain. This is your chance to explore one of the most beautiful wild flower regions of So Orange County. Children 10 years old with parents welcome. *Rain cancels.* Donation to DONLC: \$10 adults, \$5 children, to support the work of the Conservancy. Special instructions to come on this hike: Go to the Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo's website, go to the calendar page: <http://rmvreserve.org/calendar/> and scroll down the Sierra Sage Hike of March 6, 2019, fill out reg. form, click the waiver box. The site will send them a confirmation email with links to the waiver form which they should print and bring with them. We will meet at the South Orange County rideshare point and move as a group, car-pooling, to meet with the Reserve Staff as directed. OC Rideshare point is 1 blk east of I-5 in the southeast corner parking area at intersection of Ortega Hwy & Rancho Viejo Rd in front of Ball Park Pizza.

**NOTE:** If rain cancels, the hike will be changed to Thursday, March 14th. Bring 2 qts/lts of water and hats are recommended.

**Michael Sappingfield (949) 768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net**  
**Linda Ledger (949) 496-8029 linda.ledger@me.com**

## □ SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019 8:30 AM

### 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing | O: Caspers West

**Ridge Cougar Pass Hike** Join us for a 6-mile 600' gain hike in Caspers Regional Park. We will climb the West Ridge, Starr Rise, Bell Can-yon, & Cougar Pass trails then back to Old Corral Parking lot. Meet at 8:30 AM at the South Orange County Ride Share point in San Juan Capistrano (1 block east of I-5 at Ortega Plaza, SE corner of I-5 and Rancho Viejo Rd. Meet in parking lot in front of Ball Park Pizza). We will carpool into Caspers Park.

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**Audrey Tomovich (949) 830-8936 tomovich@cox.net**

## □ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019, 9:00 AM

### 0407-Orange County Group Outing | O: Bear Canyon Loop

34950 Ortega Hwy, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530, USA Bear Canyon Loop is 7 miles with 1300 feet of gain. We'll hike from the Candy Store through chaparral and wildflowers then up the ridge to 4 Corners and back by Shady Pigeon Springs. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at South Orange County ride share point which is 1 block east of I-5 at the corner of Ortega Hwy & Rancho Viejo Rd, in the shopping center in front of Ball Park Pizza or 9:00 a.m. at the Candy Store on Ortega Hwy parking lot with a Forest Service Pass. Bring 2 quarts of water, hat, snack/lunch & hiking shoes/lugsoles.

**Kathleen Fisher (714) 377-9495 fisher.k@mac.com**

**Sharon Kirk (714) 376-3197 sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net**

## □ SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019 9:00 AM

### 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

**O: Stoddard Peak (4624')** Join our 6-mile, 800' gain/loss out and back hike on a mostly dirt road trail we hope will have beautiful and fragrant flowers on both sides. The short climb to the peak entails hiking up a narrow path through boulders where hands are needed at times. To carpool, meet at 7:30 AM at the Tustin Ride share one block south of I-5. Park in the lot at corner of Redhill and Nissan behind the businesses. Or meet at the trailhead at 9:00 AM. **Contact leaders for more information:**  
**Linda Ledger (949) 444-1285 linda.ledger@me.com**  
**Sylvia Stevenson (949) 487-2660 sjsteven-son2828@yahoo.com**

## □ FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019 – MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019

### 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: Agua Caliente Car

**Camp** Spend a leisurely weekend in the lower desert, soaking in warm pools and exploring miles of trails that meander through the park's canyons and over its hillsides where we may spot big-horn sheep! Agua Caliente park is a camping park nestled in the huge Anza Borrego Desert State Park and is best known for its geothermally heated springs and rugged desert hiking. Three naturally fed pools provide different ways of enjoying the park's mineral water. Six campsites have been reserved, each having room for 2 tents, a picnic table and a fire ring. The cost per tent is \$50 (refundable prior to January 21st). The fee includes unlimited use of the thermal pools.

**Contact leaders for more information:**

**Ed Maurer & Helen Maurer (949) 768-0417 balois@cox.net**



☐ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019, 8:30 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Social Event O: Stagecoach Loop**  
18751 Laguna Canyon Rd, Laguna Beach, CA 92651, USA O:  
Stagecoach Loop: 7.2 mi, 700 gain. We hike a loop be-ginning  
with the North Stagecoach Trail, up to Serrano Ridge Trail, then  
south to Camarillo Trail and on to the South Stagecoach Trail  
back to the Nix Nature Center. Part of our route is on City of  
Irvine Open Space land. Bring water, hiking boots/lug-soles,  
snack. *Rain cancels.* Meet 8:30 am at the Nix Center (just W of  
Laguna Cyn. Rd between I-405 and El Toro Rd). \$3 parking.  
**Pete Height 949-412-8954 prheight1@cox.net**  
**Kathleen Fisher (714) 812-5708 fisher.k@mac.com**

☐ **SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019 6:00 AM** (Time Tentative)

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: Indian Potrero** The  
hike will be 10 miles round trip with lots of up and down each  
way. Cumulative gain is 1900 ft. Rain or critical fire danger will  
cancel. Bring lunch, water, and good hiking boots, attendance  
is limited; **Contact leader John Kaiser to register and to receive  
details of meeting time & place:**  
**John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com**  
**Linda Ledger (949) 496-8029 linda.ledger@me.com**

☐ **SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019 8:00 AM** **0417-Sierra Sage of  
SOC Group Outing O: Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve  
hike** 6 miles, 500-foot gain hike. A special place at its best in  
spring. The checkerbloom and chocolate lilies may be in flower.  
Home to some of California's last vernal pools and rare Engel-  
mann Oaks. Meet 8:00 am at south Orange County rideshare  
(corner of Rancho Viejo and Ortega High-way in San Juan Capis-  
trano). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat. *Rain cancels.*  
**Contact leaders for more information.**  
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**Sylvia Stevenson (949) 487-2660 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com.**

☐ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019, 8:00 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing | O: Santa Rosa Plateau**  
39400 Clinton Keith Rd, Murrieta, CA 92562, USA 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. \$4 entr. fee supports reserve upkeep.  
Meet 8:00 am at South Orange County rideshare point 1 blk east  
of I-5 at the corner of Ortega Hwy & Rancho Viejo Rd in front  
of Ball Park Pizza, or 9:00 am at the Preserve on Clinton Keith  
Rd, 2 miles west of I-15 near Rancho Murieta. Bring hat, water,  
lunch/snack, camera, lugsoles, binocs, field guides. Newcomers  
welcome. *Rain cancels.*  
**Michael Sappingfield (949) 768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net**  
**Kathleen Fisher (714) 812-5708 fisher.k@mac.com**

☐ **SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019, 8:00 AM** (Time Tentative)

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing | O: Trail Maintenance  
in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness** south Orange County ride  
share O: Trail Maintenance. Volunteers, male and female, from  
the OC Group, Sierra Sage Group, and the Gorgonio Chapter  
maintain trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness on a month-  
ly basis. The location is selected each month based on current  
needs. No experience is needed, only a willingness to work.  
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with details of each month's activities contact  
**Leader John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com**  
**Rich Maxey (949) 310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com**

☐ **SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019, 5:30 PM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing | O: Signal Hill Sunset  
Hike** Join us on a moderate 4 mi, 750ft gain loop hike exploring  
the Signal Hill Trail System. The route makes maximum use of  
the walking trails inside the private residential areas before they  
close to the public at Sunset. Enjoy 360° views to the ocean, San  
Pedro, Downtown LA and Long Beach, and learn a little about  
the history of Signal Hill. Afterward those interested can join us  
for refreshments at Mothers Market Cafe & outdoor patio. Meet  
at 5:30 PM near the entrance of Mothers Market on Cherry Ave.  
in Signal Hill. *Rain cancels.* **Contact leaders for more information:**  
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**Sylvie Cote (949) 547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com**

☐ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019**

**0407 Orange County/Sierra Sage Group | O: San Mateo Peak**  
(3591'): 6 mi rt, 950' gain. Join us for a loop hike to this rocky  
peak, the highest in the San Mateo wilderness, and enjoy out-  
standing views of the wilderness and, on a clear day, distant  
peaks. The return route will take us through upper Wildhorse  
Canyon and a portion of Rancho Capistrano and along the upper  
portions of Morrell Creek. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange  
County rideshare point or 9:15 am at the Morgan trailhead on S  
Main Divide Rd. Bring water, lugsoles/hiking boots, snack/lunch.  
**Contact the leader if you plan to meet at the trailhead.**  
**John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com**  
**Sharon Kirk (714) 376-3197 sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net**

☐ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019, 9:00 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing | O: James Dilley Pre-  
serve Hike** 5 mi, 400' gain through the James Dilley Preserve.  
We will meet at 9:00 am at the James Dilley Parking lot just  
north of the 241 Toll Road on the west side of Laguna Canyon  
Hwy (CA-133). The Preserve is well-know for its outstanding  
spring wild flower show. We will begin by hiking the Canyon  
Trail to the top of the Water Tank, then down the Edison Trail to  
Barbara's Lake, visit the Nix Nature Center, then back up to the  
Water Tank via the Gravel Trail, then on to the parking lot via the  
Mariposa Trail. Bring hat + at least 2 qts of water, Hiking Poles  
recommended if available.  
**Michael Sappingfield (949) 768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net**  
**Peter Height (949) 713-4569 prheight1@cox.net**  
**Laguna Canyon Rd, Laguna Beach, CA 92651, USA**

□ **SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019, 8:00 AM**

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

10 miles round trip, 1550' gain/loss. We will start from the Candy Store and follow the Bear Canyon Trail to its junction with the Morgan Trail, which will take us up to the South Main Divide Road through a mix of chaparral and woodland to a scenic grove of Oaks. Return by the same route. Bring water, lunch & hiking boots. *Rain cancels.* Meet 8:00 am at south OC rideshare or 8:35 am at San Juan Loop parking lot on Ortega Hwy.

**Leaders: John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 [jkai39@gmail.com](mailto:jkai39@gmail.com)**

**Linda Ledger (949) 444-1285 [linda.ledger@me.com](mailto:linda.ledger@me.com)**

□ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019, 9:00 AM**

**Orange County/Sierra Sage | O: Witch's Garden:**

7 mi, 1300' gain, 1500' loss. We'll take Willow to Bommer Ridge and on to Laguna Beach, where we'll pass the 'Witch's House' as we reenter civilization. Some may wish to lunch at Zinc. Meet 9:00 am at Laguna Coast Wilderness Willow entrance (NOT Nix). From I-5 take El Toro Rd west to the "T" at Laguna Cyn Rd, turn L, then shortly R into large parking lot. Bring water, lugsoles/hiking shoes, \$3 for parking, bus fare (75¢ seniors, other \$2) and lunch money (optional).

**Ed Mauer & Helen Maurer (949) 768-0417 [balois@cox.net](mailto:balois@cox.net)**

□ **SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019, 8:30 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing | O: O'Neill Park Hike**

6 miles, 700' gain hike from the end of Meadow Ridge Road up to the Vista Point, then down the Oak View Trail south to Hoffman Home-stead trail then follow the HH Trail north then back over the ridge and back to the cars. Meet at the end of Meadow Ridge Road (1-5 E on El Toro Road approx. 5 miles and turn right onto Valley Vista then continue onto Meadow Ridge Road)

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**Linda Ledger (949) 496-8029 [linda.ledger@me.com](mailto:linda.ledger@me.com)**

□ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019, 8:30 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing | O: Casper Mesa Loop/**

**Juaneno Trail** 5 mi, 200 gain. A leisurely-paced Mike's Hike into the east part of Caspers Park. Bring a friend and join us in exploring an area of the park which has long been closed to hikers. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County rideshare point. (1 Blk east of I-5 on Ortega Hwy in San Juan Capistrano—Meet in front of Ball Park Pizza in Ortega Plaza.) Bring water, munchies, hiking shoes/lugsoles. *Rain Cancels.*

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**Ed Maurer (949) 768-0417 [balois@cox.net](mailto:balois@cox.net)**



□ **SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019, 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)**

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

in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness Volunteers, male & female, from the OC Group, Sierra Sage Group, and the Gorgonio Chapter maintain trails in the San Mateo Cyn Wilderness on a monthly basis. The location is selected each month based on current needs. No experience needed, only a willingness to work. Tools & instructions are provided. To receive announcements with details of each month's activities contact

**Leader John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 [jkai39@gmail.com](mailto:jkai39@gmail.com)**

**Rich Maxey (949) 310-5134 [richmaxey@yahoo.com](mailto:richmaxey@yahoo.com)**

□ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019, 8:30 AM**

**0407 Orange County/Sierra Sage | O: Bedford Peak**

7 mi, 2200' gain/loss on a steady climb to the peak with rewarding views of the surrounding canyons and peaks. Meet 8:30 am in the small parking lot at the end of Silverado Cyn Rd, off Santiago Cyn Rd. Bring Forest Service Pass or park nearby along the road. Bring 2 liters water, snack, hiking boots/lugsoles, poles opt.

**Linda Ledger (949) 444-1285 [linda.ledger@me.com](mailto:linda.ledger@me.com)**

**Sharon Kirk (714) 376-3197 [sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net)**

□ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019, 8:30 AM**

**0407 Orange County/Sierra Sage | O: Serrano Creek Trail**

4.7 mi ow, 590' gain for short hike; 11 mi rt, 690' gain for long hike. Starting at Heritage Park in Lake Forest, we meander on the trail in Serrano Creek Park, cross Trabuco Rd and continue along a shady suburban trail, climbing gently toward Foothill Ranch. The short hike ends before we cross Rancho Pkwy, and participants return to the starting point by public transportation (OCTA Bus #177). The longer hike continues into Whiting Ranch following Live Oak Trail and returning on Serrano Creek Trail all the way back to Trabuco Rd with a stop for lunch (picnic or eatery) in Foothill Ranch enroute. Meet 8:30 am at the Heritage Hill parking lot on Serrano Rd, less than a block north off Lake Forest Dr (west of the intersection of Lake Forest Dr & Trabuco Rd). Bring water, snack, lunch or lunch money (long hike), water, snack, bus fare (.75 seniors, \$2 adults) for the short hike. Walking shoes okay for these hikes. *Rain cancels.*

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□ **SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019, 8:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing | O: Sitton Peak 10 mi**

1600' gain/loss moderate paced hike from the Forest Service Parking lot across from the Candy Store to Sitton Peak via Bear Ridge out and Bear Canyon back. Bring hat, at least 2 qts/ltrs water, lunch, and parking pass in the FS lot. *Rain Cancels.* Meet at the SOC Rideshare point, 1 blk east of I-5 in the parking lot in SE corner of Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo Rd, in front of Ball Park Pizza. We will then carpool up to the FS lot across the Ortega Hwy from the Candy Store. People can also meet us at the FS lot at 8:35 am.

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Note: \* 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 date, time and directions.*
- Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County?  
*Contact Penny Elia at greenp1@cox.net*
- Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into local offices? *Contact Ray Heimstra at raymondheimstra@gmail.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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**0407-Orange County Group Outing**  
**O: Richard & Donna O'Neill Land Cons.**

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We will meet at the South Orange County rideshare point and move as a group, carpooling, to meet with the Reserve Staff as directed. OC Rideshare point is 1 blk east of I-5 in the southeast corner parking area at intersection of Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo Rd in front of Ball Park Pizza. **NOTE:** If rain cancels, the hike will be changed to Thursday, March 14th. Bring 2 quarts/liters of water and hats are recommended.

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