

Great Outdoors OC/LB Newsletter

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Our Monthly Meeting

is at:

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(714) 847-6600.

Our next Meeting
will be on May 2,
2017.

Come and Join Us on
the first Tuesday of the
Month from 7:00 to
9:00
PM.



We have a social hour
at 7 PM, and dinner
service will begin at
about 7:30 PM. Each
person is responsible
for their own food and
beverage bill. We have
a \$50 minimum for our
group.

During the Social
Hour, the Core Group will
be meeting briefly. You
are welcome to attend
the Core Group
Meeting and give input.

Only Core Group
Members can vote. The



View from Idle Hour Camp

All Chapter Jamboree May 11-14, 2017



Sage Hill Camp Ground

Renew, Recover, Rejuvenate, those words come to mind when visiting Sage Hill Campground. Having been a very popular camping location for GO in past years, it has recently gone through some very difficult times. A major wild fire and a prolonged drought had left the area parched and, for lack of a better word, dying. But not anymore! Nature has a way of quickly breathing life back into places if there's enough rain, and boy has there been a lot of rain! The Santa Ynez River has roared back to life. Towering oak trees are once again thick and leafy canopies of green as well as the surrounding hills. With a healthy smattering of wild flowers and wildlife it's your opportunity to come back with your friends of Great Outdoors and witness the healing powers of nature!

general meeting will start
at 8:00 PM.



**May Events in the
Other Chapters
(Click on chapter
name of more
information)**

Los Angeles Chapter

**Malibu Creek State
Park
April 29, 2017, 9 AM
Live Organ Night at
Moonlight Rollerway
May 9, 2017, 8-10:30
PM
Catalina Island Two
Harbors
May 26-29, 2017**

Palm Springs Chapter

**Big Morongo Canyon
Day Hike
May 4, 2017, 8 AM
Wellman Divide Day
Hike
May 7, 2017, 9 AM
Deep Creek Hot
Springs
May 16, 2017, 8 AM
Round Valley Loop
Day Hike
May 20, 2017 8:45 AM
San Jacinto Peak Day
Hike
May 28, 2017 9:10 AM**

San Diego Chapter

**Santa Rosa Plateau
Loop Day Hike
April 30, 2017 8:30
AM
Lake
Isabella/Remington
Hot Spring Car Camp
May 5-7, 2017**

Santa

**Barbara/Ventura
County**

**Skyline to the Sea
Backpack
April 28-30, 2017
Pismo Beach Car
Camp
May 18-21, 2017
Viva Los Vegas
May 26-29, 2017**

There are many scenic hiking trails, swimming holes along the river, and down the road are some of the best wineries on the planet! Hiking, Swimming and wine tasting are on the agenda.

Not to mention many great places to eat and drink, Danish pastries anyone? There's also the Chumash Casino located in the nearby town of Santa Ynez if anyone wants to try their luck there as well.

[Click here for more information and registration](#)

Emerald Canyon - Bommer Ridge Day Hike

May 14, 2017 at 8:00 AM Sharp

Please contact the trip leader if you plan to attend.



This moderate hike loops through coastal canyons and high open ridges in the heart of the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. The route follows tree-shaded Willow and Emerald Canyons, passing weather-carved rock formations and meadows. The hike also includes Emerald and Bommer ridges, with panoramic vistas of the ocean, coastline, and San Joaquin Hills.

We start at the northwest corner of the parking lot at the tailhead and head up Willow Canyon, traversing Willow Ridge, Laurel Canyon, Emerald Canyon, Bommer ridge, and Big Ben Trail. This hiking trail boasts the coveted shade of sycamore and oak trees, large sandstone boulders, and grassy oak woodlands. The total distance covered is approximately 6.5 miles, with an elevation gain of 1,400 feet.

Please contact the trip leader if you plan to attend. The hike will begin promptly at 8:00 AM. Please arrive prepared with the club recommended essentials (<http://www.greatoutdoorsla.org/page-18105>). Snack breaks will be taken at regular intervals.

[Click here for more information](#)

Mount Baldy Day Hike

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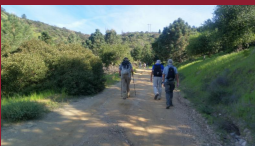
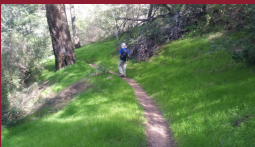
[Orange County/LongBeach Facebook Page](#)

Notice:

Overnight trips for 2017 are now on our calendar. They usually fill up early. We recommend if you are interested, request and submit the registration form and payment as soon as possible due to expected high demand. Some trips are not firm at this time, because site reservations have not yet opened. For these events, contact the trip leader, and he will notify you as soon as you can register.

[Pictures of Past Events](#)

Idle Hour Day Hike



[Downtown Los Angeles Walking Tour](#)

Saturday, June 20, 2017 at 8:00 AM

Please contact the trip leader is you plan to attend.



Come with us to Mount Baldy, the highest peak in the San Gabriel Mountains. We will be leaving from the trail head at Manker Flats north of the Mount Baldy Village. You will need an Adventure Pass to park. The hike will leave at 8:00 AM. If coming from the west on the 210, exit Baseline Rd. and turn left at the first signal and then right on Padua. Then right on Mt. Baldy Rd. When you come to Manker Flats (the road has a median there, drive to near the end of the median), you can find parking along the road. If you arrive at the ski area, you have gone too far.

From Manker Flats, we will follow the mountain road to San Antonio Falls which flows year round. Continuing on the road, at .six tenths of a mile, we will hit the trail up through San Antonio Canyon. Our next stop will be a the Sierra Club's ski hut. After a rest there, we will continue across a rocky area, and then climb up the canyon to a ridge. From there, we will have a steep climb to the summit at 10,064 feet.

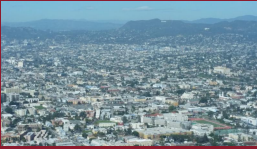
On a clear day, it is possible to see as far as the Channel Islands, Mount San Gorgonio, Mount San Jacinto, the Santa Monica Mountains, and far out into the desert.

At the summit, we will enjoy the views. People can eat the lunches that they have brought for the hike. After lunch, we will descend via the Devil's Backbone trail. This is a spectacular trail that descends to the Mount Baldy Ski Area. The trail is a narrow spine with dramatic dropoffs on both sides, A Mount Baldy from Mount Ontario

When we reach the Mount Baldy Ski Area lodge, we can partake of food and drink in the restaurant for those who wish to do so. Then we will hike down the ski area access road, back to our cars at Manker Flats. Total gain/loss is 3,900 feet. Total mileage is 11.25 miles

[Click here for more information](#)

**Pine Creek to Summit Lake Beginner Backpack
June 2 to 5, 2017**



Come along and join GO/OCLB's first backpacking trip of the season into the High Sierra. You'll see stunning vistas, beautiful alpine flowers, tumbling waterfalls and get to swim in serene lakes. In the evenings, you can watch the sunset wash the peaks with Alpenglow and see more stars than you remember exist.

The trailhead is in Big Pine Canyon near Big Pine, CA. Beginning Friday Morning, June 2, we will be backpacking up the North Fork of Big Pine Creek to Black Lake at about 10,600 feet. We will then pass second falls, a cabin built by Lon Chaney in the 1920's, and proceed through alpine gardens. Continuing to our base camp at Summit Lake, we will pass two lakes that are milky turquoise in color from the glacial powder carried down from the glacier.

Our base camp at Summit Lake, will have spectacular views of the Palisade Glacier and the Palisade Crest which averages 14,000 feet.

This is the southern most glacier in the United States and is estimated to be about two miles long and several hundred feet thick. There will be optional day hikes to the fourth, fifth and sixth lakes on one day, and to the glacier on the other day. The day hike to the lakes has only minor elevation gain/loss. The trip to the glacier tops out at about 13,000 feet.

On Monday, June 5, we will return to the North Fork via Third Lake, and backpack out to the trailhead.

[Click here for more information](#)

Save \$\$ on GO Outings

Are you a current member of the Great Outdoors OrangeCounty/Long Beach chapter? Has your membership expired? Did you know that members do not have to pay the \$5.00 outing fee for day events, and save \$10.00 or more on every overnight outing with any of the five chapters that make up the Great Outdoors? Members also enjoy a wonderful holiday party at the end of the year with lots of fun, food, fellowship and excitement absolutely free! Why not start or renew your membership today, start your savings, and join us as we explore the wonderful things to do in the outdoors?

Membership is only \$25.00 per year and Orange County / Long Beach members save money on any and all Great Outdoors events with every chapter all over Southern California! Get yours today and start saving! Contact the OC/LB Membership Representative Dennis Vinopal at membershipoclb@greatoutdoors.org. Or [click on this link](#) and complete the application. When you join, you can pay your membership dues using the Pay Pal Button on the bottom of the page

at <http://www.greatoutdoors.org/oclb/OCLBWebsite/index.html> or you can send a check with your application.

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