

**Great Outdoors OC/LB Chapter presents**  
**Pine Creek to Summit Lake**  
**Beginner Backpack**  
**2017**  
**June 2 to June 5**



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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.

Note: In the event of lingering snow and ice at higher altitudes, you will be reimbursed and an alternate trip will be offered.

To qualify for this backpack, you need either to be recommended by a Great Outdoors trip leader, or have done a day hike with me. You'll need to be in good physical condition and able to carry a backpack weighing about 35 pounds for about 6 miles with an elevation gain of about 2600 feet on the first day. This trip is limited to 7 hikers plus the leader. Please contact me at above email for an application. Cost is \$35 for members, and \$40 for non-members. Note that there will be no refunds, except for weather, after 5/19/2017.

The trail head is in Big Pine Canyon near Big Pine, CA. Although not part of the official trip, driving up to the trailhead to camp the evening of Thursday, June 1, is recommended to begin to adjust to the altitude of about 8,000 feet and rest up for the hike the next morning.

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.



*Palisades from Fourth Lake*

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

You will need your ten essentials (listed on GO website at: [www.greatoutdoorsla.org/essen.html](http://www.greatoutdoorsla.org/essen.html)) and backpacking gear & food (I will send you a list of necessary items on request). Bear proof containers are required. Carpooling is recommended to reduce fuel costs and vehicle emissions.