



Community Hiking Club

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SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2015

**Saturday, June 6 - CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY at
Dagger Flat!**

**Get that special feeling of accomplishment as you work with other
volunteers and hikers completing several manageable projects on
the Dagger Flat Trail. Then enjoy some BBQ and swap stories with
CHC Hike leaders and others!**

**THIS IS NOT A HIKE, but you will hike about 4 miles round trip,
through the most spectacular scenery near SCV. All this, while
helping Dianne and CHC bring this trail back to life.**

**CHC is restoring a trail that has been unused for about 30 years.
PLEASE only RSVP "Yes" if you can make it. Dianne will bring
tools according to the RSVPs. PLUS this time, Chef Steve also wants
to plan food (contact zuliebear@aol.com or RSVP via this Meetup
posting).**

Directions to Meeting Spot (White Gate for 3N17): Take the I-5 to the SR-14 North. Exit at Sand Canyon, turn right (South/East). Go all the way past all the houses, Placerita Canyon etc., going straight.

Enter the Angeles National Forest and continue up!up!up! Sand Canyon Road until you see a memorial at a bad corner (on the right side). Shortly after this you will see a small brown sign "Santa Clara Divide Road". Park in one of the turnouts to the left, right, or above this sign but not blocking the white gate .

Google Latitude/Longitude coordinates for the Meeting Spot (at Sand Canyon Road and 3N17) are 34.360833, -118.392028.

Meeting Time: We will meet PROMPTLY at 7:00AM. We will make up carpools and leave no later than 7:10AM SHARP. We carpool through a locked gate for 4 miles on forest road 3N17 to reach the trail head, due to limited parking there. PLEASE BE PROMPT as we must relock the gate.

As this is National Trails Day, a camera crew will be along to videotape our volunteer efforts, as we work on the trail. You may get to be featured in a news story or a video magazine piece - who knows?

BBQ Lunch: 12:00 - 12:30PM. Enjoy Lunch with us - Hot dogs with all the fixings including chips, chili etc. followed by Dianne's legendary cookies!

Quitting Time: 2:00PM. We should be back at the gate by 2:30PM.

Bring: Water, snacks, camera, bandaids, TP (there are no bathrooms), hand wipes, strong garden gloves (suede leather type recommended) , sunscreen, electrolytes, sun hat, and anything else

you can think of to make you more comfortable and happy on the trail!

Do Not Bring: Dogs, as they will get bored, plus we do not want to risk tripping over or hurting them as we work. Also, it would not be safe to bring young children (we use heavy tools and the trail is narrow). Leave your garden tools at home, as we could damage them.

Thank you for helping us bring back this trail, so we can all enjoy it.

Leader: Dianne/ Steve

Rated: Moderate ++

Saturday, June 13 - Devil's Punchbowl to the Devil's Chair

Distance: ~7 Miles total (out and back)

Gain: ~1000'

Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

Difficulty: Moderate + (for gain at start and altitude of 4740 ft.)

Description: The Devil's Punch Bowl (below) is a gorgeous site with protruding rocks and sheer rock faces. On the northern slopes of the San Gabriel Mountains, near Littlerock, California and Pearblossom, California, this 7 miler is a round trip, out and back hike. It includes some altitude and a mild climb in the first mile. After that first mile, the trail is fairly flat winding in and out of the canyons and trees, providing great views up the mountains behind and out over the desert below. It is one of the most scenic forest hikes in our area.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil's_Punchbowl_\(California\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil's_Punchbowl_(California)) .

We will head around the Devil's Punchbowl and out to the Devil's Chair.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita:

Meet at Towsley Canyon , 24489 The Old Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91381 GPS: 34.358431, -118.555237

Meet at 6:45AM for a 7:00AM SHARP departure to caravan out to the trail head (directions below). Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas.

Or, go straight to the trail head located at: 28000 Devil's Punchbowl Rd., Pearblossom CA 93553

Meet your leader in the corner of the trailhead/ nature center Parking lot (near the porta potty). There are also other bathrooms behind the nature center. We will arrive at ~ 8:00AM for a 8:15AM SHARP departure up the trail.

Directions to trail head:

Take the SR-14 North to the Angeles Forest Hwy exit, Exit 30, and go towards Pear Blossom Highway, keeping on left of the ramp toward Pearblossom Hwy/Littlerock/Victorville. Merge onto Sierra Hwy. Stay straight to go onto Pearblossom Hwy. At the light, turn right onto Pearblossom Hwy/CA-138. Turn right onto 87th St E. Take the 2nd left onto Fort Tejon Rd. Turn right onto Longview Rd. Turn left onto Tumbleweed Rd. Turn slight right on to Devil's Punchbowl Road.

28000 Devil's PunchBowl Road is a cul de sac parking lot, at the end of the road.

Bring: A snack/lunch, water (3 liters is recommended), electrolytes if it is a hot day, sunscreen, hat, hiking poles if you have them, and your camera. Wear layered clothing in case it gets hot, cold or windy and good boots with tread. No poison oak expected on this trail.

Adventure Pass: Not required.

Dogs: OK , if on leash and well behaved around other dogs and people with hiking poles.

Leader: Steve

Saturday, June 20 - Buckhorn Camp Ground to Cloudburst Summit

Distance: ~8 Miles Roundtrip

Loss/ Gain: -1300' loss / +800' gain

Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

Difficulty: Moderate ++ (for gain and distance)

Description: This is an incredibly beautiful hike, and part of it will be on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).

Meet your Leader: For those wishing to carpool we will meet at Towsley Canyon SCV (directions below) at 7:00AM for a 7:15 AM SHARP Departure .

Alternately, you can meet at the trailhead at 08:30 AM for an 8:45AM SHARP departure up the trail.

Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas - THX.

Directions to the Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita, Carpool meeting spot: From Valencia, take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit. Exit, turn right. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon. Park OUTSIDE the gate. Look for the hiking club members and leader there.

Directions from Towsley to the Buckhorn Trailhead: From Santa Clarita, take the 5 south to the 210 east (direction Pasadena). Exit the 2 (Angeles Crest Highway), and turn left over the 210 freeway. Take the Angeles Crest Highway to the turnoff to the campground, which will be about 34.3 miles. The road to the campground does not have a name. All you will see is a gate (that will be open) that has a sign on the right side of it that says, "No Parking Anytime."

Make sure you watch for the mile marker signs. The road to the campground is located between mile marker 58.19 and 58.25, on the left side of the road. If you see mile marker 58.25, you have gone too far. The GPS coordinates for the turnoff are 34°20.601N and 117°55.273W.

In between these signs, you will see a gate on your left, and a sign on the right indicating that this is the road to Buckhorn Campground. Go slowly or you will miss this and have to turn around. Once you are in the campground, follow signs to the Burkehart Trail/Day use parking. There is a small lot at the trail head. Park here. We will meet at the trail head. There is a bathroom at the trail head. Use it before we leave as there are no others on the trail. (Note, DO NOT TURN INTO THE DAY USE AREA which is before the

campground turn off. You will be in the wrong spot). Your total drive time will be about an hour and a half.

Dogs: OK, on leash and if well behaved around people / other dogs. If you bring a dog, please drive yourself to the trailhead.

Adventure Pass: Required, and MUST be displayed to avoid a ticket. Day passes are available at any ranger station, and most sports stores (e.g. Sport Chalet in Stevenson Ranch, SCV) - \$5 for a day pass, \$30 for an annual pass. Tickets cost \$5. if you don't have a pass.

BRING: Hiking Poles, lunch/snacks, boots with good tread, lots of water and electrolytes, camera, hat and sunscreen. A bug net and some bugspray may be useful also.

Leader: Dianne

Saturday, June 27 - Bear Divide up to Camp 9 / Over to Wilson Saddle and down the Los Pinetos trail to Walker Ranch

Distance: 8 Miles

Gain: 1068'

Hiking Time: ~4 hours

Difficulty: Easy / Moderate (all the gain is in the first 2 mile section)

Description: This hike is one of our favorites. The 2 mile uphill hike from the Bear Divide parking area, along a shady pine forest single track to Camp 9 Wildland Firefighting camp is beautiful in itself. We'll take a short break as we check out the camp. We then follow service road 3N17, which offers great views of the San Fernando

Valley, Santa Clarita, etc. If it is clear you may be able to see the ocean and Catalina, so bring your camera.

When we reach Wilson Saddle, we'll take a break for lunch before heading down the beautifully wooded Los Pinetos Trail and back to our cars parked at Walker Ranch. We then will shuttle the carpool drivers back to Bear Divide.

Meet At Walker Ranch: Please do not go directly to Bear Divide.

Meet at 7:30AM to organize the carpool for a 7:45AM departure over to Bear Divide. We need most of the cars to remain at Walker Ranch. We will sign in at Walker Ranch.

Directions to Walker Ranch Meeting Spot:

From the I-5 Freeway, take the SR-14 to Placerita Canyon Exit. Exit, turn right and go approximately 4 miles on this road. (At about 2 miles you will pass Placerita Nature Center on your right). Approximately 2 miles after passing the Nature Center, you will see a wooden sign at a gate on your right that says, "Walker Ranch/Placerita Canyon Natural Area". Turn into this turn out and park, but do not block the gate.

Dogs: OK, must be on a leash and if well behaved around other dogs and people with hiking poles. If we carpool and you bring a dog, please drive yourself to the trailhead.

Adventure Pass: Not required.

BRING: Hiking Poles, lunch/snacks, at least 2 - 3L of water and some electrolytes, camera, hat and sunscreen. Wear hiking shoes/boots with good tread - No flip-flops.

Leader: Steve

LAST MONTH'S HIKES



Upper Devil's Canyon and Waterfall



Malibu Grotto and Sandstone Peak



Switzer Falls to Brown Mountain



St. Francis Interpretive Hike and Red Mountain Hike



East Fork San Gabriel River to Iron Fork Creek



College of the Canyons Native Garden Stewardship Day



Secret Stairs of Los Angeles and Chinatown