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OUTDOORS

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



A Quarterly Calendar of Events & Programs published by the National Park Service

The OUTDOORS is your guide to the programs and events occurring within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System. Dedicated staff and volunteers, from the following partner agencies and organizations, help open doors and provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

Participating Partners

AASMM	Allied Artists, Santa Monica Mountains	310-457-9130
CCD	Cold Creek Docents	818-591-1701
CMPRD	City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Dept	310-317-1364
CNI	The Children's Nature Institute	310-860-9484
CNPS	California Native Plant Society	818-348-5910
CORBA	Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn	818-773-3555
CRPD	Conejo Recreation & Park District	805-495-2163
CSP	California State Parks	818-880-0350
CW	Coastwalk	310-394-2799
FORC	Friends of Runyon Canyon	323-666-5004
LADPR	County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks & Recreation	213-738-2961
LANABA	L.A. Chapter of the North American Butterfly Assn	310-454-4279
MCD	Malibu Creek Docents	818-889-6238
MLMD	Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents	310-456-8432
MRCA	Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	310-858-7272
MRT	Mountains Restoration Trust	818-591-1701
NOWW	The Nature of Wildworks	310-455-0550
NPS	National Park Service	805-370-2301
RCDSMM	Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns	818-597-8627
SC	Sierra Club	213-387-4287
SFVAS	San Fernando Valley Audubon Society	310-457-5796
SFVGP	San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch	818-996-3606
SMBAS	Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society	310-395-6235
SMMC	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	310-589-3200
SMMF	Santa Monica Mountains Fund	805-370-2341
SMMNHA	Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association	805-488-1827
SMMTC	Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council	818-222-4531
SRSMMR	UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	310-206-3887
TCA	Temescal Canyon Association	310-459-5931
TCD	Topanga Canyon Docents	310-455-1696
TOPAW	Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists	805-494-1700
TP	TreePeople	818-753-4600
WODOC	William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom	310-858-7272x131
WRD	Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents	310-454-8212

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LEGEND

Time - If a *single time* is listed, the program begins at that time and lasts for the number of hours indicated. If a *span of time* is listed, you may attend the program any time within those hours.

Location - Directions are found on pages 20 and 25. *Between these pages and in the center of the publication is a map of the national recreation area. These pages may be removed together for easy reference.*

Reservation/Program Fee - Will be indicated if required. *Note: A parking fee may be required at some park sites.*

hrs - abbreviation for 'hours' for the length of the program.

Acronym of Sponsoring Partner - See the facing page for a list of participating partners and phone numbers to call for further information.

You may also contact:

National Park Service Visitor Center 805-370-2301
401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks CA 91360
Hours: Daily, 9am to 5pm Closed on some holidays.
Or visit us at www.nps.gov/samo

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Visit the Santa Monica Mountains Fund website at www.samofund.org

Inside Story

On May 30 – 31, you are invited to be a part of the Santa Monica Mountains BioBlitz. Sponsored by the National Geographic Society in partnership with the National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, California State Parks, and City of Los Angeles, the Santa Monica Mountains BioBlitz is part scientific endeavor, part festival, and part outdoor classroom.

Scientist-led teams of volunteers will disperse throughout the 150,000-acre Santa Monica Mountains to begin a nature inventory, observing and recording as many plant and animal species as possible in 24 hours. Teams will wade in creeks to find amphibians and aquatic insects, sweep nets through fields to count butterflies, search the chaparral for hidden wildflowers, explore tidepools for marine invertebrates, and catch bats with nets at night. In addition to the inventory, there will be biodiversity presentations, structured field exercises for kids and classes, demonstrations of field technology, and exhibits ranging from global biodiversity to local nature photography. Please plan to participate and help spread the word about this exciting event!

Come learn about and be inspired by the biological diversity one can find so close to the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Join us for the *Celebrate Biodiversity Festival* which

Can We Count

immediately follows the species count. Enjoy plant and animal demonstrations, special guest speakers, and entertainment including the *Banana Slug String Band*.

Paramount Ranch in the central Santa Monica Mountains will serve as base camp for both the *BioBlitz* and *Celebrate Biodiversity Festival*. Field stations for *BioBlitz* activities will also be located at Leo Carrillo State Park, Will Rogers State Historic Park, King Gillette Ranch, and Griffith Park.

The *Santa Monica Mountains BioBlitz* is a wonderful opportunity to learn about nature in the Santa Monica Mountains, to meet and see how scientists learn about plants and animals in the field, and to enjoy outstanding activities and entertainment. So...*can we count you in?*

**For more information or
to join an inventory team:
www.nationalgeographic.com/bioblitz**

Count You In?

SPRING PROGRAMS

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Tuesdays at 9am
Malibu Lagoon State Beach

**A Children's Tour
of the Adamson House,
Malibu Lagoon Museum,
and the Malibu Lagoon**

View life as lived at
the house in the 1930's,
Chumash culture, plus
birds, fish, and tidepools
at the lagoon. Buses
provided for *Title 1* schools.
2.5 hours MLMD

Reservations required:
310-456-8432
or **310-317-8379**

TUE 4/1 8:30am

*Malibu Creek State Park
- Backbone Trailhead-
Malibu Canyon Road*

**Conditioned Hikers/Mount
Everest (29,002')** Strenuous
10-mile loop, 2000' gain hike
across alpine rock fields and
steep ice-covered ridges from
Stunt Road to Saddle Peak
with descent via Backbone
Trail. Car (or camel) shuttle.
Rain cancels. Bring water,
lunch, and lug soles. Info:
310-459-3389. 5hrs SC



**Garden Tours
of the Historic
Adamson House**

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more.
Reservation required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
For individuals and small
groups (no reservations
are required).

*Meet docent(s) next
to the Gate House for
a one-hour tour. FEE*

TUE 4/1 9am

*Malibu Creek State Park
- Backbone Trailhead-
Malibu Canyon Road*

**Conditioned Hikers/Mount
Kilimanjaro (19,340')**

Strenuous 8-mile roundtrip,
1500' gain hike across lower
alpine rock fields and steep
snow-covered ridges to Saddle
Peak (shorter 4-6-mile option).
Rain cancels. Bring water,
lunch, and lug soles. Info:
310-202-0331. 5hrs SC

TUE 4/1 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
**Botanical Drawing Work-
shop** Join an ongoing gather-
ing of artists of all levels. Draw
and/or paint plants indoors
while learning more about
our native flora. *Reservations
required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs
WODOC/MRCA



FRI 4/4 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Green Up Your Act Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 4/5 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Santa Monica Mtns Trail Work Volunteers (male and female), help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Call 310-559-3126 for meeting place. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/5 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, long-sleeve shirt, work gloves, and eye protection. Call for work location: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/5 9am

Peter Strauss Ranch
La Sierra Restoration Day Halt the invasion of weeds in wetlands and along the trails at La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to the preserve. 5hrs MRT/CNPS

SAT 4/5 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. *Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 4/5 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Tri-Peaks Day Hike This very strenuous 12-mile roundtrip, 3000' gain hike on steep, rocky trails is not for beginners. Meet at intersection of Wendy Drive and Portrero Rd. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 818-708-9535. 6hrs SC

SAT 4/5 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
- Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Walk Join us for a glorious spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a rolling chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 4/5 9:30am

Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 4/5 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 4/5 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Wildflower Hike Wander the meadows and woodlands in search of the fleeting beauty of spring blooms. Meet at the upper parking lot. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 4/5 12:30p-2:30p

Malibu Creek State Park
Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center (3/4 mile from the parking lot). MCD



Untitled (Checkerspot) by Garry Star, *Spirit of the Mountains* Photo Contest 2007 Winner—3rd Place, *Animals* Category

April

SAT 4/5 **6pm**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
New Moon Manifesting Join us for a powerful guided meditation and bring some personal goals in mind; light walking. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 4/5 **7pm**

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Silent Night Walk Join others on a moderate to strenuous walk to expand your wilderness awareness skills. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 4/6 **8am**

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. 3hrs LA Audubon/SC

SUN 4/6 **8:30am**

Malibu Creek State Park
Explore Our Park Observe wildlife, the Wildlife Center, and geology on a 5-mile (gain/loss 800') roundtrip hike to Tapia Park. Bring water, lunch, and hiking shoes. Camera and binoculars helpful. *Rain cancels.* Meet at lower parking lot. 4-6hrs MCD



Photo by Jim Gross

SUN 4/6 **9am**

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Volunteers have planted thousands of oak trees and native bunch grasses to restore habitat along Las Virgenes and Malibu Creek. Help continue vital habitat restoration (credit for community service). *Reservations required.* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 4/6 **9am**

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Naturalist Bob has decades of scientific study on Franklin Canyon's flora and fauna. Join him on this moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required:* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 4/6 **9am**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Aerobic Trek Get your heart pumping and legs moving on an energizing morning hike while enjoying the great outdoors. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 4/6 **10am**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Hike and Craft Ages 3 to 8 accompanied by parents or supervisors, join volunteer Lucy for a gentle walk then make a craft to take home. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 4/6 **1pm**

Topanga State Park
Springtime Splendor Discover what's blooming under the oaks and in the grasslands on this stroll with a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, April 6

10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Make your own Dream Catcher or Prayer Stick out of natural materials with **Michael Williams**. All ages welcome. Meet at the culture center. 2 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TUE 4/8 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/ Bienveneda-Leacock Trail to Will Rogers Moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 1600' gain hike (shorter 4-6 mile option). Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave (0.5 mile west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mile north on Bienveneda) Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

TUE 4/8 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

FRI 4/11 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Green Up Your Act Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 4/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Santa Monica Mtns Trail Work Volunteers (male and female), help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Call 310-559-3126 for meeting place. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, long-sleeve shirt, work gloves, and eye protection. Call for work location: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/12 9am

Point Mugu State Park
Big Sycamore to Serrano Canyon A moderate-plus (1,100' gain) 9-mile scenic hike includes a view of Boney Mountain and the ocean from a ridge. Bring lunch and two quarts of water. 6hrs CW

SAT 4/12 9am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Gate
Beautiful Cold Creek The canyon is alive with the sounds of spring. On this 2-mile guided walk, pass through tunnels of mountain lilacs and red shanks and under heavy canopies of oak trees. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x202. 3hrs MRT

SAT 4/12 9:30am

Circle X Ranch
Artist's Paint-Out Join other artists, working in all media, to paint and capture the red mountain peaks and lush canyons. Bring art supplies, food and water. Meet at the Contact Station (see person with red flag). Info: 310-338-0333. 3hrs AASMM

SAT 4/12 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: What do you know about the days of dinosaurs? A guest speaker brings that time alive, for ages 8-12, with a life-size T-Rex head and dinosaur fossils. *Fee. Registration required.* Info: 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

SAT 4/12 1pm

Cold Creek Preserve
Riparian Habitat Restoration Help restore habitat along Cienega sin Nombre (No-name Wetland); credit for community service. Call for meeting place: 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 4/12 2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. Kids ages 8 to 88 welcome! 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



Greater Roadrunner
Geococcyx californianus

April

SAT 4/12 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Evening Birds and other Creatures of the Night

Learn about the hidden nocturnal world on a casual sunset stroll around Franklin Canyon Lake. Bring binoculars. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 4/13 8am

King Gillette Ranch

Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays

A wealth of birdlife is attracted year-round to this site's many habitats. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. *\$5 parking fee. Rain cancels.* Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 4/13 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Weed War The focus for the next three months is on the burned parklands. Help the natural recovery of native plants and wildflowers. *For reservations and site location: 818-704-9522. 5hrs CNPS*

SUN 4/13 9:30am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fitness Hike Join fitness enthusiast Zahava on a 3.5 to 5 mile moderate-to-difficult hike. Bring water, wear work-out/hiking shoes and be ready to sweat. Dogs welcome and walking sticks encouraged. 2-2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 4/13 1pm

Temescal Gateway Park

The Land is Alive Dive into the history, science and actions we can take to preserve the life force that sustains us – the soil. Wear hiking boots, bring water, and let's hit the trail. All ages are welcome. Meet at the front parking lot. *Parking \$5. 2hrs MRCA*

SUN 4/13 1pm

Topanga State Park

Springtime Splendor

Discover what's blooming under the oaks and in the grasslands on this stroll with a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

SUN 4/13 3pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon

Capture the moment with an experienced photographer who will guide you to finding unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA*

TUE 4/15 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers/Nicholas Flat to Nature Preserve

New 4-mile, one-way, 1200' loss hike into a private nature preserve. Enjoy ocean views and wildflowers. Car shuttle. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Malibu Nature Preserve parking lot (33905 Pacific Coast Hwy, 13 miles west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Info: 310-391-5004. *Rain cancels.* 3hrs SC

TUE 4/15 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers/Nicholas Flat Rendezvous This is an 8-mile, 1500' gain hike. Meet at Malibu Nature Preserve parking lot. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

TUE 4/15 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing Workshop

Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required: 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA*

THUR 4/17 8:30am

Caballero Canyon

Chaparral Chatter See wildflowers as we hike through open chaparral and oak woodlands in a central section of the Santa Monica Mountains. Bring water and snack. Info: 818-345-6749. Meet at the lower trailhead. 3hrs CNPS



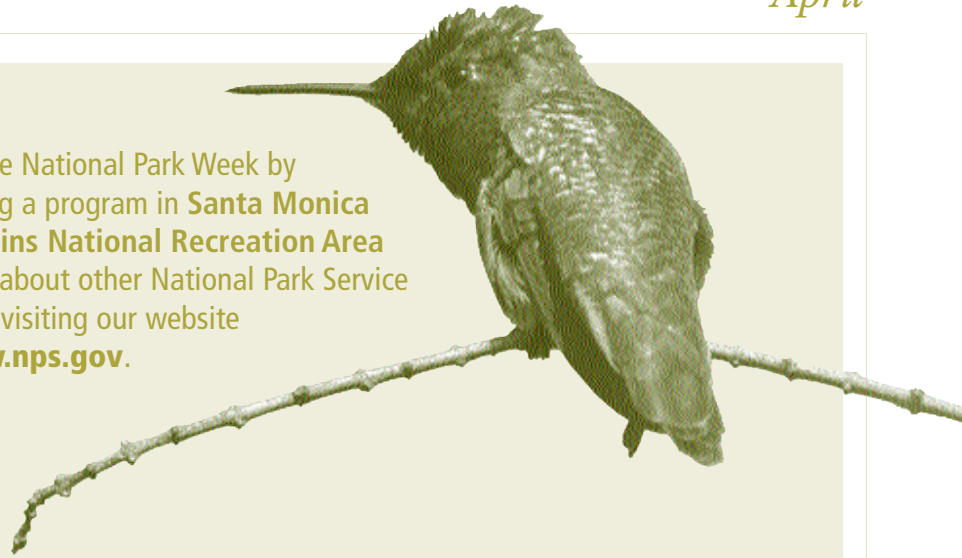
Romantic Full Moon Tours

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tour the Adamson House under a full moon. *FEE. 1.5 hours MLMD*

For Reservations, Dates & Times: 310-456-8432

Celebrate National Park Week by attending a program in **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** or learn about other National Park Service units by visiting our website at **www.nps.gov**.



National Park Week 2008 – April 19-27, 2008

FRI 4/18 3pm
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Green Up Your Act Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 4/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Volunteers (male and female), help build and maintain trails in Santa Monica Mountains. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Call for meeting place: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, long-sleeve shirt, work gloves, and eye protection. Call for work location: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/19 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Discover Native American, cinematic, geological and historical sites on this docent-led walk. Learn about plants and trees. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 4/19 10am
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Plant Adventures Join naturalist *Dennis the Bug Man* and get up close with insects. Examine their interrelationships with plants. Bring lunch to have over discussion after the walk. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 4/19 12:30p-2:30p
Malibu Creek State Park
Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center (3/4 mile from the parking lot). MCD

SAT 4/19 6:30pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Meet at the upper parking lot. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 4/19 7pm
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Recharging Moon Meditation Hike Join us for a healing and empowering meditation by the lake. Light walking. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 4/20 8am
Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS

April

26th Annual Great Rendezvous Hikes

April 20, 2008
Sunday, Various times

Celebrate John Muir's Birthday by joining one of five Sierra Club hikes which converge at Trippet Ranch in Topanga State Park for a birthday party from noon to 1pm.

Help decorate and consume the famous Great Rendezvous John Muir/Sierra Birthday Cake. Bring water and lunch.

Info: 310-559-3126

SUN 4/20 9am

Temescal Gateway Park
Rendezvous Hike Take part in the 9-mile "Rendezvous Hike" from Los Liones to Trippet Ranch. Have lunch with the Sierra Club to celebrate John Muir's birthday. Return by hiking down Santa Ynez Canyon. Carpool to trailhead. 6-7hrs TCA

SUN 4/20 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Fire-Follower Wildflower Walk From the ashes of last year's wildfires, long-dormant seeds and bulbs of native wildflowers germinate and bloom. Enjoy a palette of incredible color and diversity. For site and meeting place, call: 818-881-3706 or 818-704-9522 (24-hour message machine). 4hrs CNPS

SUN 4/20 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
- Lower Gate
Awakening to Nature's Gift Revel in the profusion of wildflowers, aromatic plants and signs of wildlife in the pristine preserve on a short guided walk. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 4/20 1pm

Topanga State Park
Springtime Splendor Discover what's blooming under the oaks and in the grasslands on this stroll with a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, April 20, 2008

10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Make your own tule doll with **Gloria Liggett**. All ages welcome. Meet at the culture center. 2 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Junior Ranger Day

Paramount Ranch
April 26, 2008
3pm to 5pm

The BioBlitz is coming in May (see article on page 4 and insert). This is your chance to sharpen your BioBlitz skills and earn a Junior Ranger badge!

Circle all the bugs hidden in the image on the right. ►►► Bring your completed 'Blitzing for Bugs' activity sheet to Paramount Ranch. Park rangers will be available to help you identify other plants and animals living in the park.

Info: 805-370-2301

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Blitzing for BUGS



The **WESTERN BLACK-LEGGED TICK** (*Ixodes pacificus*) is not an insect. Like spiders and scorpions, it is an *arachnid*. Look for these eight-legged creatures hanging on the ends of tall grasses.



The **HARVESTER ANT** (*Pogonomyrmex californicus*) is a tiny farmer that collects seeds in the mountains and brings them back to its colony.



The **STINK BEETLE** is in the genus *Eleodes*, meaning "olive-like." When threatened, these shiny black beetles stand on their heads and release an unpleasant odor.



Note: Bugs are not shown at actual size.

April

SUN 4/20 5:30pm

*Cold Creek Preserve
- Top of Stunt Rd*

Moonrise/Sunset Walk

Follow a ridge-line trail to the abandoned Topanga Lookout where the first alert of fire in the Topatopa to the San Gabriel Mountains was reported. Rock formations speak of the land's upheaval from ocean floor to mountain top. Bring your supper, water, and a "goodie" to share. 3hrs MRT

SUN 4/20 6:30pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Full Moon Hike On this moderately strenuous hike for all ages, look and listen for wildlife. Enjoy a view of the stars and the city. Meet at the lower parking lot near restroom. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 4/22 9am

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Moderate Hikers See wildflowers and ocean views on an easy 4-mile, 600' gain *Earth Day* hike on bluffs above Malibu. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-838-5944. 2.5hrs SC

TUE 4/22 9am

*Point Mugu State Park
- Ray Miller Trailhead*

Moderate Hikers/La Jolla Canyon and Mugu Peak On this moderately strenuous 8-mile loop, 1300' gain *Earth Day* hike, enjoy mountain and ocean views. Bring lunch and water. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

TUE 4/22 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing Workshop

Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

THUR 4/24 10am

Cold Creek Preserve

- Lower Stunt High Trailhead

Cold Creek Meanders Join us for a 4-mile walk on the Secret Trail under oaks, through mountain lilac tunnels and across meadows. Enjoy a myriad of spring wildflowers and stunning views. Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes; bring water and lunch/snack. 3hrs CNPS/MRT

FRI 4/25 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Green Up Your Act

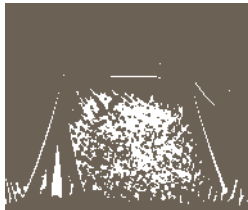
Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 4/26 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon

Enjoy the sounds and sights of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars; *no dogs please.* Meet in the parking lot below the nature center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA



27th Annual
**Santa Monica
Mountains Trail Days**

**Saturday, April 26 to Sunday, April 27
Point Mugu State Park**

Help improve trails and parks! No experience needed, just a spirit of fun and adventure. Bring yourself or a group. Free camping for volunteers Friday and Saturday nights. Bring long pants, gloves, hat, water and lunch. Tools provided.

For more info: 818-222-4531
CSP/NPS/CNPS/SC/SMMTC

SAT 4/26 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles Naturalist Bob has decades of scientific study on Franklin Canyon's flora and fauna. Join him on this moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required:* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 4/26 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Wildflower Hike Wander the meadows and woodlands in search of the fleeting beauty of spring blooms. Meet at the upper parking lot. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 4/26 11am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Franklin's Faults Get up close to earthquake faults that have helped to create this canyon. Learn how to prepare for earthquakes and other emergencies. *Rain cancels.* 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 4/26 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr - Amphitheater
Franklin Family Night Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories and singing. Weather permitting, roast marshmallows around a campfire. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 4/27 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird-watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

KIDS AND NATURE The *UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve* contributes to the *LA Times Kids' Reading by Nine* literacy program. Articles on plants and animals, with illustrations by children ages 5-12, occur regularly in the *Learning Links* section of the *Kids Reading Room* on-line page: <http://www.latimes.com/features/kids/readingroom/>

To review previous articles: <http://nrs.ucop.edu/reserves/stunt/newsforkids.html>



SUN 4/27 9:30am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Fitness Hike Join fitness enthusiast Zahava on a 3.5 to 5 mile moderate-to-difficult hike. Bring water, wear work-out/hiking shoes and be ready to sweat. Dogs welcome and walking sticks encouraged. 2-2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 4/27 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Springtime Meander on the Bluffs Enjoy mountain and ocean views; dip your toes into the bay; look for dolphins, whales and fire-following wildflowers. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 4/27 1pm

Topanga State Park
Springtime Splendor Discover what's blooming on this stroll with a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

SUN 4/27 1pm

Temescal Gateway Park
The Land is Alive Dive into the history, science and actions we can take to preserve the life force that sustains us – the soil. Wear hiking boots, bring water, and let's hit the trail. All ages are welcome. Meet at the front parking lot. *Parking \$5.* 2hrs MRCA

MON 4/28 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
New Beginnings Meditation Appreciate the new life that Spring brings to the canyon on this renewing meditation walk. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 4/29 9am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Moderate Hikers Paramount Ranch is the destination of this 10-mile hike (shorter 4-6 mile option meets at Malibu Creek State Park). Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 818-786-4932. 5hrs SC

TUE 4/29 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Carnivores on the Fringe

April 29
Tuesday, 7pm
Moorpark College
Performing Arts Center

Understand the secret lives of coyotes, bobcats and mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains with NPS wildlife ecologist, *Dr. Seth Riley.*

Learn the fates of the lion kittens born in 2004. Find out what human actions are negatively impacting all the carnivores in the area.
2 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

Sponsored by Moorpark College (Biology Department) Gary Ogden Memorial Lecture (biology instructor and National Park Service Ranger at Devil's Post Pile for 30 summers) and the Year of the Environment: From Awareness to Action

DIRECTIONS:

www.moorparkcollege.edu/maps/directions.html

Exit **Collins Drive** (in Moorpark) off the **118 Freeway** and head North on Collins Drive.

Turn right onto **Campus Drive** and proceed up the hill to the main student parking lots on the right. The *Performing Arts Center* is located on the western end of the Upper Campus.

MAP:

www.moorparkcollege.edu/maps/

Note: **PA** is the Performing Arts Building.

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**Rattlesnake
Avoidance
Workshops
for Canines**

**May 2 thru May 4
Friday thru Sunday
from 8am – 5pm***
Headwaters Corner

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and may then warn you when one is in your area. *FEE.*
Registration required
818-591-1701 x 189. MRT
**30 minute-long programs*

FRI 5/2 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Green Up Your Act Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA



**Garden Tours
of the Historic
Adamson House**

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more.
Reservation required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House for a one-hour tour. FEE

**Santa Monica Mountains
Native Plant Fair**

May 31, 2008

Saturday, 1pm to 6pm

Paramount Ranch

Enjoy the wonder and beauty of native plants, at home and in the park.

In conjunction with the Celebrate Biodiversity Festival, The Santa Monica Mountains Fund is sponsoring this annual event with native plants for sale and educational materials available on gardening with natives. All proceeds of plant sales to benefit park restoration and education projects. **Info: 805-370-2301**

May

SAT 5/3 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Santa Monica Mtns Trail Work Volunteers (male and female), help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Call 310-559-3126 for meeting place. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/3 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, long-sleeve shirt, work gloves, and eye protection. Call for work location: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/3 9am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Wetland Restoration Day After meeting at Peter Strauss Ranch, we will caravan to La Sierra Preserve to remove weeds along La Sierra Creek. Receive community service credit. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 5hrs MRT/CNPS

SAT 5/3 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. *Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 5/3 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
- *Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
First Saturday Walk See a great diversity of "bloomin' things" as you stroll along a streamside trail to a gently rolling chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 5/3 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



SAT 5/3 12:30p-2:30p

Malibu Creek State Park
Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center (3/4 mile from the parking lot). MCD

SAT 5/3 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Silent Night Walk Join others on a moderate to strenuous walk to expand your wilderness awareness skills. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Photo by Jim Belsley

BACKBONE TREK

**Saturday, May 3, 2008 to
Saturday, May 10, 2008**

Hike the 65-mile long Backbone Trail from La Jolla Campground in Point Mugu State Park to Will Rogers State Historical Park.

This is a moderate to strenuous hike with limited participants. Camp along the way for one week. Carry just your lunch in a daypack, while volunteers shuttle your gear to the campsites and prepare your dinners. FEE.

**For more information: www.smmtc.org
or contact Jerry Mitcham at 818-406-1269
or backbonetrek2008@roadrunner.com**

**Organized by Santa Monica Mountains
Trails Council and Coastwalk**

Tuesdays at 9am
Malibu Lagoon State Beach

A Children's Tour
of the Adamson House,
Malibu Lagoon Museum,
and the Malibu Lagoon

View life as lived at
the house in the 1930's,
Chumash culture, plus
birds, fish, and tidepools
at the lagoon. Buses
provided for Title 1 schools.
2.5 hours MLMD

Reservations required:
310-456-8432 or
310-317-8379



Photo by Jim Gross

SUN 5/4 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners
will enjoy discovering the ways
of the birds. Bring water and
snack. 3hrs LA Audubon/SC

SUN 5/4 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak
Woodlands Volunteers have
planted thousands of oak trees
and native bunch grasses to
restore habitat along Las
Virgenes and Malibu Creek.
Help continue vital habitat
restoration (credit for commu-
nity service). *Reservations*
required. 818-591-1701 x203.
3hrs MRT

SUN 5/4 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Aerobic Trek Get your heart
pumping and legs moving on
an energizing morning hike
while enjoying the great out-
doors. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 5/4 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles Naturalist
Bob has decades of scientific
study on Franklin Canyon's
flora and fauna. Join him on
this moderate walk to discuss
the complex dance between
birds, plants and insects.
Magnifiers and binoculars
recommended. *Reservations*
required: 310-858-7272 x131.
2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 5/4 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Hike and Craft Ages 3 to 8
accompanied by parents or
supervisors, join volunteer
Lucy for a gentle walk then
make a craft to take home.
2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, May 4

10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Design a gourd necklace
with **Nadiya Littlewarrior**.
All ages welcome. 2 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

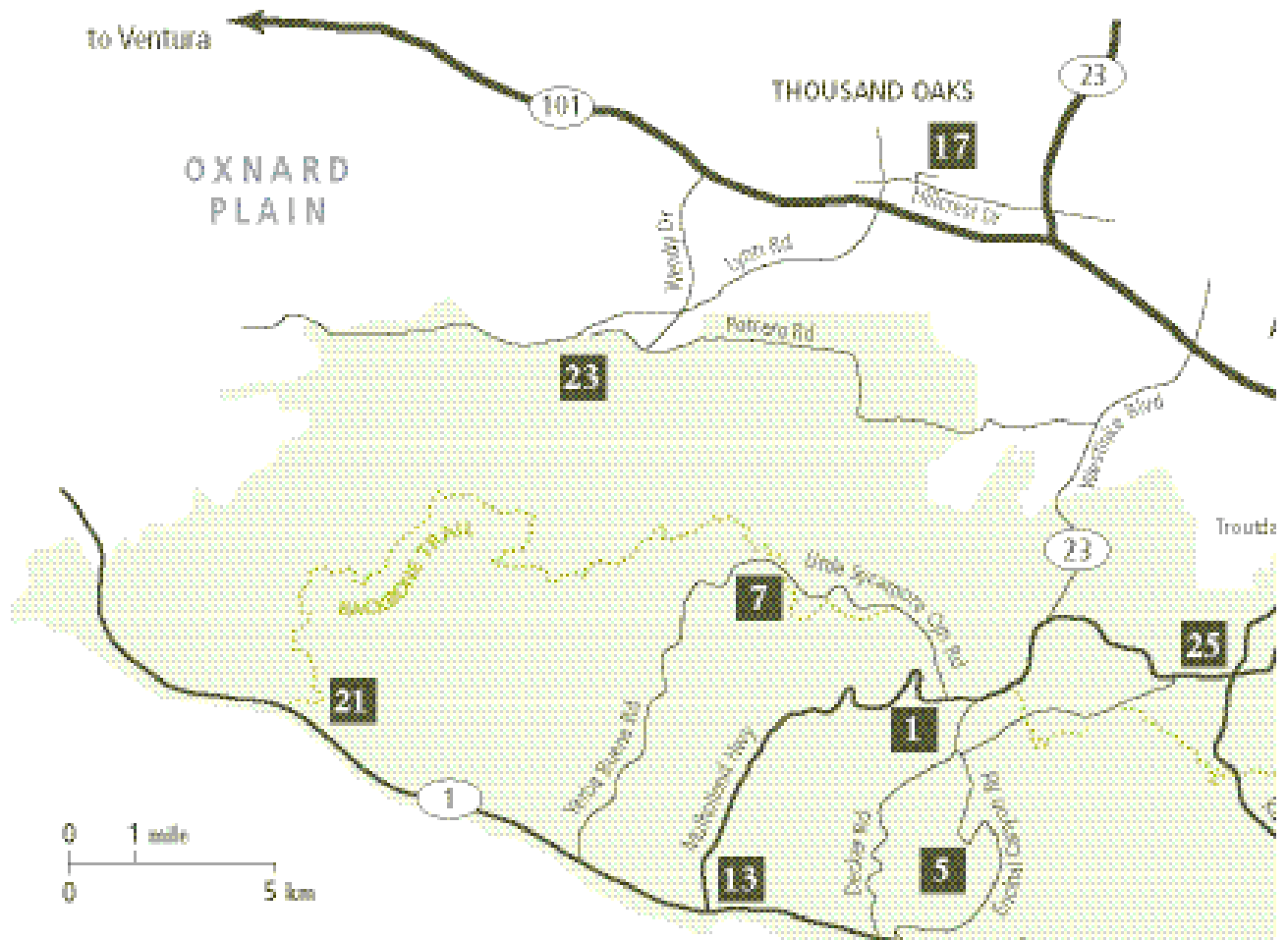
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DIRECTIONS TO PARKLAND LOCATIONS

- 1 *Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. *From Pacific Coast Hwy:* north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 *Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 *Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 *Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. *Permit required for walk-in visitation.*
Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. *Permit required for walk-in visitation.*
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 Franklin Canyon Ranch/Sooky Goldman Nature Center Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr/Upper Franklin Canyon:** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. *(To go to Franklin Canyon Ranch: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)*
Franklin Canyon Ranch/Lower Franklin Canyon: From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. *(To go to Upper Franklin Canyon: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)*

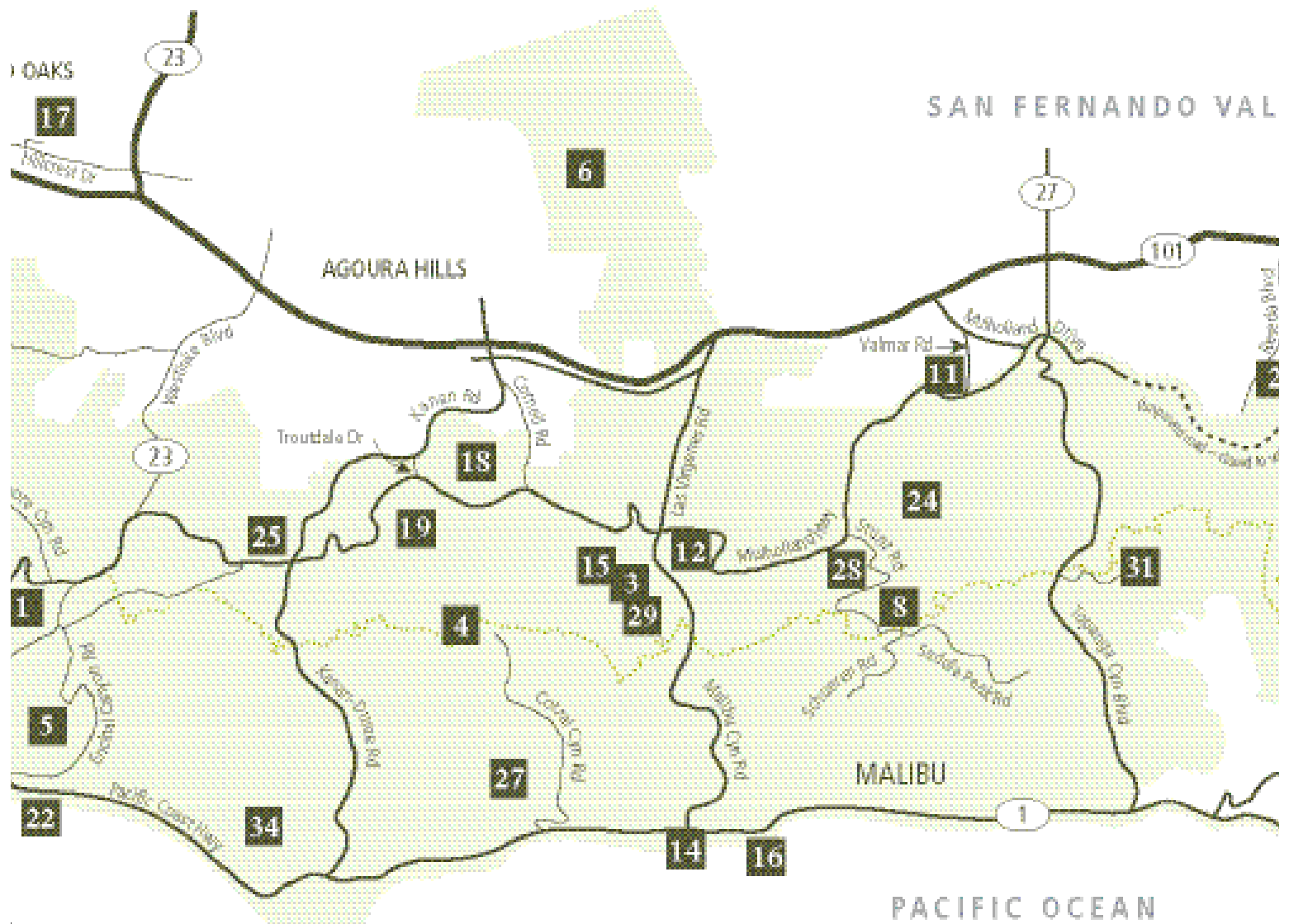
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Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area



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San Fernando Valley Natural Recreation Area



REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT from 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Camping, picnicking, fishing, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Regularly scheduled naturalist walks and group programs by reservation. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUES: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open on SAT & SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Park grounds open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

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- 11 Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Cir. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 Leo Carrillo State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.
Nicholas Flat Trailhead From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel approximately 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 Malibu Creek State Park**
 Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd.
From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).
Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach**
 Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.
Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 *National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area**
 401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.
- 18 *Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 *Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 Point Dume State Preserve**
 Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.
Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.

23 *Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.

Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

24 Red Rock Canyon

Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

25 *Rocky Oaks

Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

26 Runyon Canyon Park

Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

27 *Solstice Canyon

From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #23.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center See #10.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.

29 Tapia Park See #15.

30 Temescal Gateway Park

From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park

South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 *Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.

Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive to Rainsford Pl. Turn right on Rainsford to Bonsall Dr. Turn left on Bonsall Dr. Parking lot at end of road.

Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

* Sites managed by the National Park Service

SUN 5/4 1pm

Topanga State Park
Butterflies and Bees at Work These pollinators flash their colors among the native plants. Enjoy an easy-paced nature walk led by a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

SUN 5/4 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon Capture the moment with an experienced photographer who will guide you to finding unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 5/6 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Nicholas Flat Rendezvous Hike An 8-mile, 1600' gain hike from Malibu Springs trailhead. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-457-9783. Meet at intersection of Hwy 1 and Mulholland Hwy. Park on shoulder for carpooling. 4hrs SC

TUE 5/6 9:30am

Leo Carrillo State Park - Nicholas Flat Trailhead
Moderate Hikers/Nicholas Flat Rendezvous Hike See magnificent early wildflowers. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 818-883-4723. 3hrs SC

TUE 5/6 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

FRI 5/9 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Green Up Your Act Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 5/10 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Santa Monica Mtns Trail Work Volunteers (male and female), help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Call 310-559-3126 for meeting place. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/10 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, long-sleeve shirt, work gloves, and eye protection. Call for work location: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/10 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Explore Our Park Hike 6.5 miles roundtrip (700' gain/loss) to De Anza Park via Talapop Trail with stops to observe wildlife and geology. Bring water, lunch, and hiking shoes. Camera and binoculars helpful. *Rain cancels.* Meet at the lower parking lot. 4-6hrs MCD

SAT 5/10 9am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Gate
Beautiful Cold Creek Explore Cold Creek on this monthly adventure. The trails follow streams, cross meadows, and follow a ridgeline with spectacular views. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x202. 3hrs MRT

SAT 5/10 9am

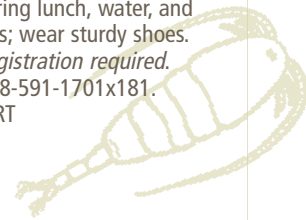
Franklin Canyon Ranch
Everyday is Earthday On this moderately paced hike, learn to be Earth-friendly by remembering the 3 R's of nature, (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle). 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 5/10 9:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Artist's Paint-Out Join other artists, working in all media, to paint and capture the beauty of beach, bridges, lagoon, native birds. Bring art supplies, food and water. Meet in the parking lot near restroom (see person with red flag). Info: 310-338-0333. 3hrs AASMM

SAT 5/10 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Stream Ecology Dip-nets and microscopes will reveal the inhabitants in Dry Canyon Creek while we learn the importance of streams, watersheds and stream life. For ages 8-12. Bring lunch, water, and compass; wear sturdy shoes. *Fee. Registration required.* Info: 818-591-1701x181. 3hrs MRT



Temescal Canyon Association
Tuesday Evening Hikes

May 13 until mid-August
 Meet at 6pm in Temescal Gateway parking lot to carpool to trailhead. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring water. 2.5 hours

www.temcanyon.org

May

SAT 5/10 9:30am

Paramount Ranch

From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 5/10 9:30am

Runyon Canyon Park

Geology Walk Geologist-led walk covering over 100 million years of history. Meet at north entrance to park (Mulholland Dr & Desmond Estates Rd). 2hrs FORC

SAT 5/10 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Wildflower Hike Wander the meadows and woodlands in search of the fleeting beauty of spring blooms. Meet at the upper parking lot. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 5/10 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Evening Birds and other Creatures of the Night

Learn about the hidden nocturnal world on a casual sunset stroll around Franklin Canyon Lake. Bring binoculars. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 5/11 8am

King Gillette Ranch

Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays

A wealth of birdlife is attracted year-round to this site's many habitats. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$5 parking fee. *Rain cancels.* Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 5/11 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Weed War Remember Mother Nature today. Enjoy the fire-following wildflowers and weed out invasive species in a post-fire area. Receive community service credit. *For reservations* and site location: 818-704-9522. 4hrs CNPS

SUN 5/11 9:30am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fitness Hike Join fitness

enthusiast Zahava on a 3.5 to 5 mile moderate-to-difficult hike. Bring water, wear work-out/hiking shoes and be ready to sweat. Dogs welcome and walking sticks encouraged. 2-2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 5/11 11am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Mother's Day Tea at the Adamson House Spend the day in the lovely gardens of the historic Adamson House. Info and *reservations* 310-456-8432. *Fee.* 4hrs MLMD

SUN 5/11 1pm

Topanga State Park

Butterflies and Bees at

Work These pollinators flash their colors among the native plants. Enjoy an easy-paced nature walk led by a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

SUN 5/11 1pm

Temescal Gateway Park

The Land is Alive Dive into the history, science and actions we can take to preserve the life force that sustains us – the soil. Wear hiking boots, bring water, and let's hit the trail. All ages are welcome. Meet at the front parking lot. *Parking \$5.* 2hrs MRCA

SUN 5/11 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Meet Your Animal Spirit

Guide Join us for a hike with guided meditations to discover your animal spirit guide. Moderate to light walking. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 5/13 9am

Circle X Ranch

- *Mishe Mokwa Trailhead*

Moderate Hikers/Mishe

Mokwa A 9-mile, 1500' gain loop hike on Boney Mountain's scenic trails past Balance and Spilt Rocks and Echo Cliffs (shorter 4-6 mile option). Meet 2 miles past ranger station on the right side of the parking area. *Rain cancels.* Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-822-6848. 4.5hrs SC



Indian Paintbrush
Castilleja affinis

TUE 5/13 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required: 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA*

THUR 5/15 8:30am

Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter See wildflowers as we hike through open chaparral and oak woodlands in a central section of the Santa Monica Mountains. Bring water and snack. Info: 818-345-6749. Meet at the lower trailhead. 3hrs CNPS

FRI 5/16 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Green Up Your Act Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 5/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Santa Monica Mtns Trail Work Volunteers (male and female), help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Call 310-559-3126 for meeting place. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, long-sleeve shirt, work gloves, and eye protection. Call for work location: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/17 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Plant Adventures Join naturalist *Dennis the Bug Man* and get up close with insects. Examine their interrelationships with plants. Bring lunch to have over discussion after the walk. If there is rain, beetles will be out and about. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 5/17 10:30am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons
Zuma Canyon Flower Hike This leisurely-paced 3-mile hike goes through an area noted for its wildflowers. Bring water and snack. Meet at the Zuma Canyon Trailhead. 2.5hrs CW

SAT 5/17 12:30p-2:30p

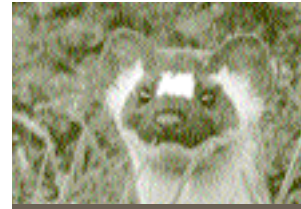
Malibu Creek State Park
Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center (3/4 mile from the parking lot). MCD

SAT 5/17 1pm

Cold Creek Preserve
Riparian Habitat Restoration Join us in restoring native grasslands and oak/walnut woodlands that shelter the animals of Cold Creek. Receive credit for community service. Call for meeting place: 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 5/18 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Little Furry Critters

**May 17
 Saturday, 2pm**
 National Park Service
 Visitor Center

Wondering what small and medium-sized mammals are living in our mountains?

**Wildlife Biologist
 Cathy Schoonmaker** will reveal the stories of some of these furry little critters. She will also have photos, pelts, skulls and small traps on display.
 1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301



Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival

Since 1961, Southern California's Favorite Bluegrass, Old Time and Folk Music Event!



May 18, 2008
Sunday 9am–6pm
Paramount Ranch

Featuring bluegrass music, dance demonstrations, folk art booths, and exhibits on activities in national, state, and local parks. **FEE.**

Info: 818-382-4819 or
www.topangabanjofiddle.org

Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc. in cooperation with the National Park Service

SUN 5/18 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve
- Lower Gate

Canyon Reverie Descend through the preserve. Marvel in the lush vegetation, a boulder home, a fern grotto and a gurgling marsh. Bring water. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 5/18 9:30am
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Fitness Hike Join fitness enthusiast Zahava on a 3.5 to 5 mile moderate-to-difficult hike. Bring water, wear work-out/hiking shoes and be ready to sweat. Dogs welcome and walking sticks encouraged. 2-2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 5/18 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek

Discover Native American, cinematic, geological and historical sites on this docent-led walk. Learn about plants and trees. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 5/18 1pm
Topanga State Park
Butterflies and Bees at Work These pollinators flash their colors among the native plants. Enjoy an easy-paced nature walk led by a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

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Temescal Gateway Park

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SUN 5/18 6pm

Cold Creek Preserve

- Top of Stunt Rd

Moonrise/Sunset Walk

Follow a ridge-line trail to the abandoned Topanga Lookout where the first alert of fire in the Topatopa to the San Gabriel Mountains was reported. Rock formations speak of the land's upheaval from ocean floor to mountain top. Bring your supper, water, and a "goodie" to share. 3hrs MRT



Romantic Full Moon Tours

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Tour the Adamson House under a full moon. **FEE.**
1.5 hours MLMD

For Reservations, Dates & Times: 310-456-8432

MON 5/19 7:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Meet at the upper parking lot. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

TUE 5/20 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Hondo Canyon-Fossil Ridge Join us on an 8-mile, 1800' gain hike with lunch on Fossil Ridge (shorter 4-mile option). Meet at trailhead on Old Topanga Canyon Rd (0.5 mile from Topanga Canyon Blvd). Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

TUE 5/20 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 5/20 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Hike On this moderately strenuous hike for all ages, look and listen for wildlife. Enjoy a view of the stars and the city. Meet at the lower parking lot near restroom. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

THUR 5/22 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
 - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Cold Creek Meanders Join us for a 4-mile walk under oaks, through mountain lilac tunnels and across meadows. Enjoy a myriad of spring wildflowers and stunning views. Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes; bring water and lunch or snack. 3hrs CNPS/MRT

FRI 5/23 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Green Up Your Act Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 5/24 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Enjoy the sounds and sights of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars; *no dogs please.* Meet in the parking lot below the nature center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 5/24 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Santa Monica Mtns Trail Work Volunteers (male and female), help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Call 310-559-3126 for meeting place. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/24 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, long-sleeve shirt, work gloves, and eye protection. Call for work location: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/24 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Naturalist Bob has decades of scientific study on Franklin Canyon's flora and fauna. Join him on this moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required:* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 5/24 2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. Kids ages 8 to 88 welcome! 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 5/24 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
 - Amphitheater
Franklin Family Night Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories and singing. Weather permitting, roast marshmallows around a campfire. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



Pacific Tree Frog
Hyla regilla

May

SUN 5/25 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird-watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 5/25 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Healing with the Forest Discover nature's subtle therapy around and within us on this walking and sitting meditation; lightly paced. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 5/25 9:30am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Fitness Hike Join fitness enthusiast Zahava on a 3.5 to 5 mile moderate-to-difficult hike. Bring water, wear work-out/hiking shoes and be ready to sweat. Dogs welcome and walking sticks encouraged. 2-2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 5/25 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Post-Fire Ramble to the Sea Enjoy views of mountains and sea; dip your toes into the bay; look for dolphins, whales and fire-following wildflowers. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 5/25 1pm

Topanga State Park
Butterflies and Bees at Work These pollinators flash their colors among the native plants. Enjoy an easy-paced nature walk led by a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

TUE 5/27 9am

Point Mugu State Park
Moderate Hikers/Sycamore – Serrano Canyons Scenic 9-mile, 1200' gain hike to the saddle above Serrano Canyon (shorter 4-6 mile option). Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-822-6848. 5hrs SC

TUE 5/27 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

**The BioBlitz is
May 30–31, 2008**

*For more info:
see the feature
article "Can We
Count You In?"
on page 4 (and
the insert).*

FRI 5/30 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Green Up Your Act Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 5/31 11am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Franklin's Faults Get up close to earthquake faults that have helped to create this canyon. Learn how to prepare for earthquakes and other emergencies. *Rain cancels.* 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



Free Cultural Concert

Sunday, May 25

10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm

*Satwiwa Native American Indian
Culture Center*

Listen to stories and
soothing flute music from
Bill "Elk Whistle" Neal.
All ages welcome. 2 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Garden Tours of the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more.
Reservation required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House for a one-hour tour. FEE



Tuesdays at 9am
Malibu Lagoon State Beach

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and the Malibu Lagoon

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. Buses provided for Title 1 schools. 2.5 hours MLMD

Reservations required:
310-456-8432 or 310-317-8379

SUN 6/1 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. 3hrs LA Audubon/SC

SUN 6/1 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Aerobic Trek Get your heart pumping and legs moving on an energizing morning hike while enjoying the great outdoors. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 6/1 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Hike and Craft Ages 3 to 8 accompanied by parents or supervisors, join volunteer Lucy for a gentle walk then make a craft to take home. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 6/1 1pm

Topanga State Park
Summer's A-Comin' Learn how native plants and animals prepare for summer on a docent-led walk. 2hrs TCD

TUE 6/3 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/ Backbone Trail from Encinal Cyn Rd An exploratory 8-mile, 1200' gain hike including the newest section of the Backbone Trail (shorter 4-6 mile option). Meet at the Encinal Canyon Rd trailhead (3.5 miles west of Kanan Rd). Bring water, lunch, and lug soles. Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

Temescal Canyon Association
Tuesday Evening Hikes

From now until mid-August

Meet at 6pm in Temescal Gateway parking lot to carpool to trailhead. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring water. 2.5 hours

www.temcanyon.org

TUE 6/3 11am
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required: 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA*

WED 6/4 9am
Paramount Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting Join a group of senior artists to paint our beautiful parks that we helped purchase. Bring your own materials and carpool if possible. Info: 805-376-0034. Fee. 4hrs TOPAW

FRI 6/6 3pm
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Green Up Your Act Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 6/7 8:30am
Peter Strauss Ranch
Trail Work at Peter Strauss Ranch Participate in National Trails Day. Join *Sierra Club Task Force* and *Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council* at Peter Strauss Ranch. Meet at the parking area. Info: Linda Palmer, 818-222-4531 or Burt Elliott, 805-498-2475. SMMTC/SC

SAT 6/7 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. *Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamt.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 6/7 9am
Santa Monica Mountains
Wetland Restoration Day Remove yellow star thistle, mustard, and other weeds to improve wetland habitats along La Sierra Creek. Receive community service credit. Call 818-591-1701 x203 for meeting place and *Reservations (required)*. 5hrs MRT/CNPS

SAT 6/7 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Walk Join us for a glorious spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a rolling chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 6/7 9:30am
Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 6/7 10am
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Wildflower Hike Wander the meadows and woodlands in search of the fleeting beauty of spring blooms. Meet at the upper parking lot. *Reservations required 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee.* 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 6/7 10am
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls, It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 6/7 12:30p-2:30p
Malibu Creek State Park
Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center (3/4 mile from the parking lot). MCD



Newt
Taricha torosa

Free Evening Program

Saturday, June 7

7pm to 9pm



Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Mati Waiya will share both contemporary and multi-generational Chumash songs and stories. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 6/7 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Silent Night Walk Join others on a moderate to strenuous walk to expand your wilderness awareness skills. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 6/8 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays A wealth of birdlife is attracted year-round to this site's many habitats. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$5 parking fee. Rain cancels. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 6/8 8:30am

Topanga State Park - Los Lions Trailhead
Parker Mesa Overlook On this 8-mile moderate hike, enjoy views of the coast at the overlook (1,525') as well as views of chaparral and the L.A. basin on the trail from Los Lions. Bring snack and 2 quarts of water; wear hat and sunscreen. 3.5hrs CW

SUN 6/8 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War After the Fire Help remove invasive weeds that crop up alongside fire-following wildflowers. Receive community service credit. For reservations and site location: 818-704-9522. 5hrs CSP/CNPS

SUN 6/8 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Join Naturalist Bob on this moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 6/8 9:30am

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Fitness Hike Join fitness enthusiast Zahava on a 3.5 to 5 mile moderate-to-difficult hike. Bring water, wear workout/hiking shoes and be ready to sweat. Dogs welcome and walking sticks encouraged. 2-2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 6/8 1pm

Topanga State Park
Summer's A-Comin' Learn how native plants and animals prepare for summer on a docent-led walk. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/8 3pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon Capture the moment with an experienced photographer who will guide you to finding unique views and photo opportunities in nature. Reservations required 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 6/8 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Meditations in the Mountains Heighten your awareness and connect with the spirit of Franklin Canyon on peaceful guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothing. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 6/10 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. Reservations required: 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

FRI 6/13 3pm

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June

SAT 6/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Santa Monica Mtns Trail Work Volunteers (male and female), help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Call 310-559-3126 for meeting place. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/14 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Explore Our Park Hike 4.5 miles roundtrip (1,000' gain/loss) to Reagan Meadow via Lookout Trail with stops to observe wildlife and geology. Bring water and lunch. Camera and binoculars helpful. *Rain cancels.* Meet at lower parking lot. 4-6hrs MCD

SAT 6/14 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Fire-Follower Wildflower Walk From the ashes of last year's wildfires, long-dormant seeds and bulbs of native wildflowers germinate and bloom. Enjoy a palette of incredible color and diversity. For site and meeting place, call: 818-881-3706 or 818-704-9522 (24-hour message machine). 4hrs CNPS

SAT 6/14 9am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Gate
Beautiful Cold Creek Explore Cold Creek on this monthly adventure. Follow streams under stately oaks, cross meadows and walk through scented shrubs graced with the beauty of wildflowers. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x202. 3hrs MRT

SAT 6/14 9:30am

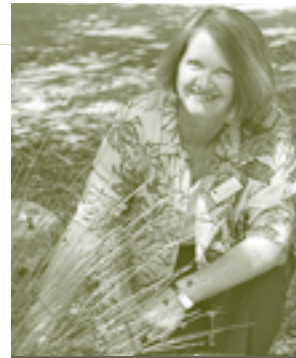
Will Rogers State Historic Park
Artist's Paint-Out Join other artists, working in all media, to paint and capture the beauty of lush trees, valley, and the Ranch. Bring art supplies, food and water. Meet in parking lot near restroom (see person with red flag). Info: 310-338-0333. 3hrs AASMM

SAT 6/14 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Outdoor Survival Learn how to not get lost, and then learn how to stay safe and comfortable if you do get lost until help arrives. *Fee. Registration required* 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

SAT 6/14 2pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Bugs, Lizards, etc Bring your lovers of creepy crawlies for an educational safari through the meadows and woods of the park. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Chumash Ethnobotany

June 14

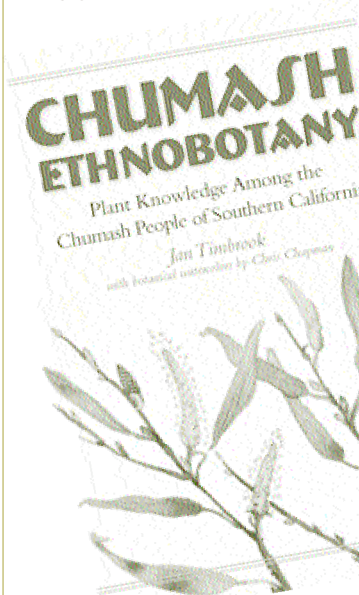
Saturday, 2pm

National Park Service
 Visitor Center

The Chumash people created practically everything they needed to live from plants.

Jan Timbrook,
Curator of Ethnography at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History will share interesting highlights from her three decades of research on this subject. Copies of her new book on *Chumash Ethnobotany* will be available for purchase and signing after the talk. 1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301



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Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 6/15 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Volunteers have planted thousands of oak trees and native bunch grasses to restore habitat along Las Virgenes and Malibu Creek. Help continue vital habitat restoration. Receive credit for community service. *Reservations required.* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 6/15 1pm

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TUE 6/17 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/ Pier-to-Pier Beach Walk This is an 8-mile roundtrip walk to Marina del Rey; return via canals. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for brunch. Info: 310-394-7354. Meet in parking lot north of Santa Monica Pier. 5hrs SC

TUE 6/17 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required: 323-656-3899.* 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

WED 6/18 9am

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Chaparral Chatter See wildflowers as we hike through open chaparral and oak woodlands in a central section of the Santa Monica Mountains. Bring water and snack. Info: 818-345-6749. Meet at the lower trailhead. 3hrs CNPS

FRI 6/20 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Green Up Your Act Live a better, healthier life while doing your part to conserve. Join us for a hike followed by a discussion and discover how to reduce your ecological footprint. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

Long-tailed Weasel
Mustela frenata

SAT 6/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Santa Monica Mtns Trail Work Volunteers (male and female), help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Call 310-559-3126 for meeting place. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/21 9am

Cold Creek Preserve

Riparian Habitat Restoration Join us in restoring native grasslands and oak/walnut woodlands along Dry Creek that shelter the animals of Cold Creek. Receive credit for community service. Call for meeting place. 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 6/21 10am

Malibu Creek State Park

Welcome to Malibu Creek Discover Native American, cinematic, geological and historical sites on this docent-led walk. Learn about plants and trees. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 6/21 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Plant Adventures Join naturalist *Dennis the Bug Man* and get up close with insects. Examine their interrelationships with plants. Bring lunch to have over discussion after the walk. If there is rain, beetles will be out and about. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 6/21 12:30p-2:30p

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center (3/4 mile from the parking lot). MCD

SAT 6/21 7:30pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Summer Solstice Hike Celebrate the beginning of Summer with a moderate hike in Franklin Canyon. Discuss seasonal changes and identify planets and constellations. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Free Evening Program

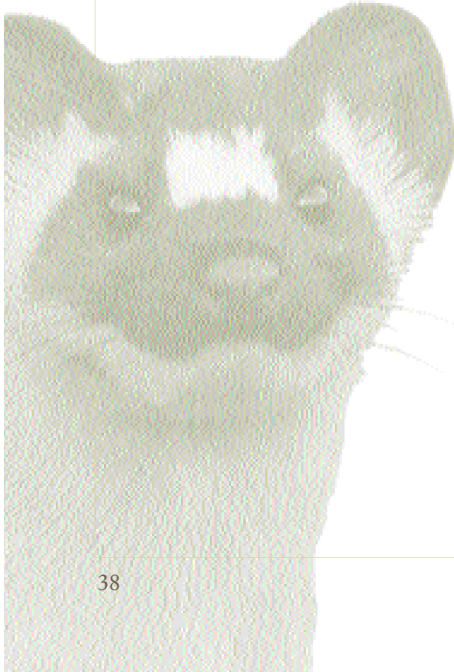
Saturday, June 21

7pm to 9pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Listen to *Star* and other stories from gifted storyteller **Michael Williams**. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE





**Sunday thru Thursday
June 22 – 26, 2008**

Santa Monica Mountains
Family Campout

Join us for almost 5 days of hiking, nature study, Native American lore, and outdoors fun. This is a rare opportunity to camp at the Malibu Nature Preserve with its unspoiled canyons and ocean breezes. *FEE. Limited participation.*

Info: www.coastwalk.org



SUN 6/22 8:30am
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird-watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs. SMBAS

SUN 6/22 9am
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Meet Franklin's Fairies Discover what these nature angels would like to share with you on this special morning of enlightenment and fun. Bring a playful mind and heart. All ages encouraged. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 6/22 9:30am
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Fitness Hike Join fitness enthusiast Zahava on a 3.5 to 5 mile moderate-to-difficult hike. Bring water, wear work-out/hiking shoes and be ready to sweat. Dogs welcome and walking sticks encouraged. 2-2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 6/22 10am
Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Post-Fire Ramble to the Sea Enjoy views of mountains and sea; dip your toes into the bay; look for dolphins, whales and fire-following wildflowers. 2hrs CNPS



SUN 6/22 1pm
Topanga State Park
Summer's A-Comin' Learn how native plants and animals prepare for summer on a docent-led walk. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/22 1pm
Temescal Gateway Park
The Land is Alive Dive into the history, science and actions we can take to preserve the life force that sustains us – the soil. Wear hiking boots, bring water, and let's hit the trail. All ages are welcome. Meet at the front parking lot. *Parking \$5. 2hrs MRCA*

SUN 6/22 4pm
Santa Monica Mountains
Long Day's Night Hike A moderately strenuous 7-mile hike from Santa Ynez Canyon to Trippet Ranch and return. Info: 310-559-3126. Meet at Santa Ynez Trailhead (from Pacific Coast Hwy: East on Sunset Blvd 1/2 mile; Left on Palisades Dr. 2.5 miles; Left on Vereda de la Montura to gate). Bring snack and water. 4hrs SC

Nature Discovery Camp

Session 1: June 23 – June 26, 2008

Monday - Thursday, 9am Headwaters Corner

Children ages 8-12 will discover the wonders of nature with the aid of scientific tools, hands-on activities, crafts, games and listening to engaging talks by guest speakers. Session 2 and Session 3 will be held the last week of July and August. Each session will be centered on a different theme and include a guided hike. Pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited. Nominal fee. 6 hours.

For more info or to register, contact: Susan, Mountains Restoration Trust, 818-591-1701 x181

June

TUE 6/24 9:15am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Moderate Hikers/ Kanan Dume Backbone Trail Pass through scenic woodlands, chaparral and waterfalls on an 8-mile roundtrip, 1300' gain hike to Encinal Canyon Rd (shorter 4-6 mile option). Info: 310-457-9783. Bring water and lunch. 4hrs SC

TUE 6/24 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

THUR 6/26 9am

*Cold Creek Preserve
- Lower Gate*

Cold Creek Meanders on Backbone Trail Join us for a 4-mile walk through chaparral, red shank tunnels, and across meadows. Enjoy a myriad of spring wildflowers and stunning views. Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes; bring water and lunch/snack. 3hrs CNPS/MRT

Santa Monica Mountains Live-forever
Dudleya cymosa marcescens

FRI 6/27 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

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SAT 6/28 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Enjoy the sounds and sights of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars; *no dogs please*. Meet in the parking lot below the nature center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 6/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Santa Monica Mtns Trail Work Volunteers (male and female), help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Call 310-559-3126 for meeting place. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/28 11am

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Franklin's Faults Get up close to earthquake faults that have helped to create this canyon. Learn how to prepare for earthquakes and other emergencies. *Rain cancels.* 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 6/28 7:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

- Amphitheater

Franklin Family Night Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories and singing. Weather permitting, roast marshmallows around a campfire. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 6/29 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Nature Rambles Naturalist Bob has decades of scientific study on Franklin Canyon's flora and fauna. Join him on this moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required:* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 6/29 9:30am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fitness Hike Join fitness enthusiast Zahava on a 3.5 to 5 mile moderate-to-difficult hike. Bring water, wear work-out/hiking shoes and be ready to sweat. Dogs welcome and walking sticks encouraged. 2-2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

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Small Wonders of the Sea by Tokumasa Shoji, Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2007 Winner—1st Place, People in Parklands Category

Ticks are plentiful. Some of them carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In case of a rattlesnake bite, **DO NOT** make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

Wear sturdy **footwear**—hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

Never hike alone, use the buddy system. That leaves someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

Help prevent wildfire. Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas. Do not build fires on the ground.

Carry plenty of **water** and drink it. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

Note: Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

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