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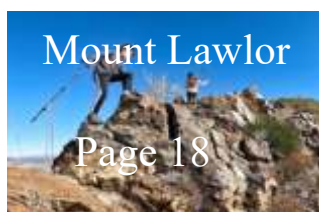
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# HPS Lookout Newsletter

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## Letter From The Chair

Hello hikers!

We are off to an excellent start to 2023 with a full assortment of hikes to old favorites and some particularly interesting challenging outings for those so inclined.

Congratulations to our newly elected management committee members Lidia Barbosa and Ron Campbell who will bring their enthusiasm and experience to the group, and to Mark Allen and Larry Pond on their re-election. I want to also welcome back Mike Dillenback as Program Chair. We are excited to have Mike back doing programs, which he has handled so effectively in the past.

Here are the dates for upcoming HPS events in 2023:

- Spring Fling - Weekend of May 20, 2023.  
Location TBA, possibly at Idyllwild Campground.
- Waterman Rendezvous - Saturday June 24, 2023
- Holiday Hoopla - Weekend of December 2, 2023  
at Joshua Tree Lake Resort
- HPS Annual Awards Banquet - Sunday January 21, 2024

Save the dates and we hope to see you there!

Jim Hagar, HPS Chairman

### HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January/February Lookout Issue, Steve Russell, HPS Membership Chair

This report covers emblems achieved since the last Lookout and cases where reporting was missed.

#### New Emblems

Lawrence Lee 1,000 Peaks emblem #29.

No new members.

2 new subscribers:

Heath Sawyer

Erica Kim

Reminder to subscribers, if you are a Sierra Club member and have climbed 25 peaks on the official HPS list, then you can apply for membership into the section. Send your list of peaks climbed with dates, and your Sierra Club membership number to : [lookout\\_membership@hundredpeaks.org](mailto:lookout_membership@hundredpeaks.org).

#### Membership Stats

Members: 178

Life and Honorary Members: 21

Subscribers: 12

Total: 211

There are 22 recently expired memberships and subscriptions.



## 2023 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Elected Members:

#### **James Hagar - Chair (12/2023)**

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#### **Larry Pond -- Mountain Records Co-Chair (12/2024)**

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#### **Lidi Barbosa- Member At Large (12/2024)**

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### Appointed Members:

~~Laura Newmaza~~, Treasurer hpstreas@gmail.com

#### **Mat Kelliher- Outings & Safety Chair**

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#### **Steve Russell - Membership, Appointed**

**Coby King, Elections Chair, Facebook Administrator, Appointed**  
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## **THE NAVIGATION CORNER: VERIFY YOUR LOCATION USING A QUADRANT APPROACH**

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

The key to staying found is to engage in a verification process to confirm that 100% of the features on your topographic map match the features you see in the field. Too often, navigators attempt to convince themselves they are at the right location when only some of the features match.

Take the following satellite image of an area in Indian Cove, Joshua Tree National Park. If you are standing at the location represented by the red dot, what strategy should you use to confirm your location on the topographic map?

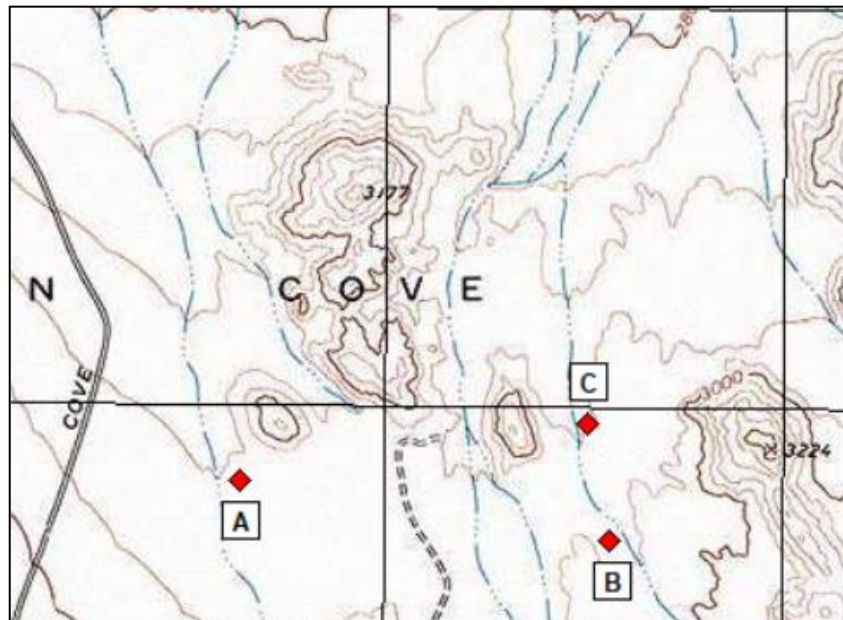


I recommend using a quadrant approach as illustrated above. The quadrant can be as big as you need it to be. Although you can draw a quadrant on your map, you can also visualize the quadrant. To be at the right location, the features in the field have to match the features on the map in all four quadrants – NW, NE, SW, and SE.

Standing at the red dot, the following features are observable:

- Flat open area to the north and northeast
- A peak to the east
- Flat open area to the south
- An intermittent stream to the west
- A peak to the west

Based on this information, is the red dot at location A, B, or C on the map below?



There is only one correct answer. Both A and B are missing several of the elements described above. Using this systematic approach will ensure that you can identify your location on the map.

### Upcoming Navigation Event

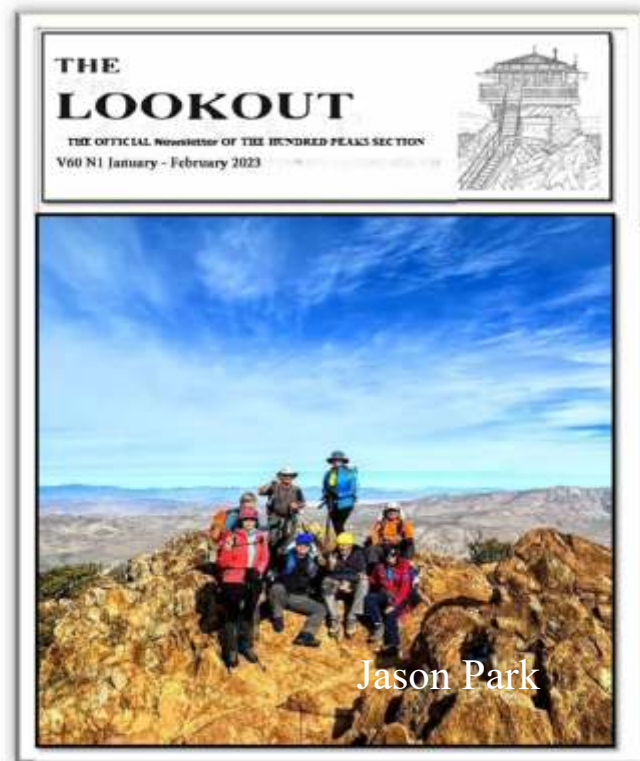
Our next navigation noodle is on April 1-2, 2023, at the Mission Creek Preserve. Contact me to sign up at [rmmyers@ix.netcom.com](mailto:rmmyers@ix.netcom.com).







Pinto Mountain, Jan 7th. Tao Zhang and Bill Simpson.



Cover Photo::Garnet Peak December 20,2022. Photo by Jason Park



Tri Peaks, Santa Monica Mountains. Photo Jason Park



ICO Hike in Griffith Park, 1-22-23  
Will McWhinney Sierra Club Leader

## LEADER CONTACT INFO

Following is contact information for Leaders who are offering outings in this edition of The Lookout. When signing up for an outing, follow the instructions given in the trip listing to find out about meeting time and location.

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Tina Bowman presented with Sierra Peaks Section Lifetime Achievement Award at SPS Banquet Jan 29, 2023.  
Doug Mantle and Jim Fleming presenters.



Mary Jo Dunfellar, Gary Schenk, and George Christiansen were also at the SPS Banquet.



**Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities**  
**January – February 2023**  
***Mat Kelliher, HPS Outings Chair***

The following is a listing of all HPS Outings submitted and posted to the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities as of January 26, 2023. These outings cover the period ranging from Jan 28 through Mar 18, 2023. Note that **new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (aka "Campfire Events") all the time**, often only a few days prior to when a trip is scheduled, so if you haven't found what you're looking for in this edition of The Lookout, be sure to check for newly added outings on the HPS online Schedule of Activities frequently for last minute additions. Follow this link to the HPS Schedule of Activities site:

<http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm>

And if you're still looking for something other than what's being offered on any given day with HPS, check out the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (Campfire Events) for a selection of outings options offered by all the various Groups, Sections, and Committees of the Angeles Chapter. The Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities is located here:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities>

HPS outings are open to everyone; you don't need to be a member of either the Sierra Club or the HPS to join us! However, to participate in an outing, you will be required to sign a participation agreement. Additionally, you will be required to complete, print out, and submit to the leader of the outing a Medical Form listing allergies, medications, and general medical information at the trailhead prior to the start of the outing. Your medical form will be kept confidential and will be returned to you at the conclusion of the outing. And if you're feeling unwell, please do not participate on the outing.

You can preview the participation agreement here:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/leadership-training-committee-and-outings-management-/Angeles-Outings-Sign-In-Waiver-Oct2019.pdf>

And the Medical Form here:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/leadership-training-committee-and-outings-management-/Local%20Outings%20Medical%20Form.pdf>

Unless otherwise indicated, contact the leader of the outing(s) you'd like to join for trip status and details. Leader contact information is included in this edition of The Lookout.

We hope you'll join us out on the trails soon!!

**Jan 28                                      Sat                                      Hundred Peaks**

**I: Rattlesnake Mountain (6131'), Round Mountain (5272'), Luna Mountain (5967)** - Moderately strenuous separate hikes in the Hesperia backcountry east of Cajon Pass. Total distance of about 10 miles round trip, and total gain of around 3000 feet. We combine roads, trails, and desert fringe cross-country trekking for this adventure. Much dirt road driving; high-clearance vehicles recommended. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. *Primary Leader: LIDIA BARBOSA Co-leader: BILL SIMPSON*

**Jan 28                                      Sat                                      Hundred Peaks**

**I: Whale Peak (5349')** - Join us for 1, or both, of 2 weekend hikes in beautiful Anza Borrego Desert State Park. On Saturday, we'll approach Whale via route 2, often the pathfinder route. We'll be treated to an interesting blend of Colorado and Mojave desert features: woodlands of pinyon pines and juniper interspersed with chaparral and cholla; high sandy plateaus; and moderate class 2 scrambling. High clearance vehicles advised, 4WD preferred. Day's totals will be 5 to 9 miles round trip, with 1400' to 2100' gain, depending on road conditions on approach to the trailhead. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Those who choose to also join us for Sunday's hike to Granite #2 can opt to camp or carcamp Saturday night at nearby Blair Valley Campground. [Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike.] Contact [peterdoggett@aol.com](mailto:peterdoggett@aol.com) for trip details. *Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, CATHERINE ROSSBACH, JINOAK CHUNG*

**Jan 28                                      Sat                                      Hundred Peaks**

**O: Josephine Peak (5558')** - Join us for a conditioning hike with views of the interior of the San Gabriel Mountains and the Mojave. We'll hike up the fire road from Clear Creek Junction. The hike will be moderately strenuous and about 8 miles round trip with 1900' gain. Bring 2 liters of water and the 10 Essentials. Meet at 7:30 am at La Canada carpool point, 4738 Angeles Crest Hwy., La Canada Flintridge, 2 blocks north of 210 Fwy. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing and requires a completed Local Outings Medical Form to be presented in hard copy to the leader at the trailhead prior to the beginning of the hike. Contact [mcdonnell0123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcdonnell0123@sbcglobal.net) for trip information. *Leader: STEPHEN MCDONNELL, Co-leader: KAT JANKAEW*

**Jan 29                                      Sun                                      Hundred Peaks**

**M: ☆ Strawberry Peak (6164') and Mount Lawlor (5957')** - Join us traveling to the highest peak in the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains. The hike will start at the Redbox and climb Strawberry Peak with a mountaineering route. Then descend to the Lawlor saddle and climb Lawlor Mountain. Totals for the day will be about a 12.5 miles loop trip with 3400' gain. We will do it at a moderate pace. Climbing Helmet Required. Bring 2-4 liters of water, lunch, and other essentials. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a

completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. *Leader: SUNNY YI*  
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**Jan 29                      Sun                      Hundred Peaks**

**I: Granite Mtn #2 (5633')** - Join us for our second of 2 weekend hikes, a trek on the west edge of Anza Borrego State Park. We'll approach from Oriflamme Canyon, an old transportation corridor first known as the Yuma Trail, and then as the San Diego Trail. Native Americans would travel it from San Diego Bay to the Colorado River, and journeying it in 1772, Pedro Fages discovered the beautiful Colorado Desert and San Joaquin Valley. We'll hike past the ruins of an old mine and follow a prominent ridgeline to our summit and its bountiful views: the three Sans to the north, the Salton Sea to the east, and the forested Laguna & Cuyamaca Range to the south and west. Day's totals will be about 8 miles round trip with 3000' gain. High clearance vehicles advised. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Join us for Saturday's hike to Whale, too. [Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike.] Contact [peterdoggett@aol.com](mailto:peterdoggett@aol.com) for trip details. *Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, CATHERINE ROSSBACH, JINOAK CHUNG*

**Feb 1                      Wed                      Hundred Peaks**

**I: Queen Mountain (5680'), Warren Point (5103')** - Join us for a visit to these outstanding peaks in Joshua Tree National Park with sweeping views. Three separate hikes, driving between trailheads; low-clearance vehicles okay drive up. Queen is a 4 miles rt 1300' gain sometimes steep cross-country scramble to a rocky peak with sweeping views. We will be taking the pathfinder route shown on the HPS map. The hike to Warren Point will be a loop, ascending on the alternative route described on the web site and returning via route 1. Stats for Warren Point 5 miles 1100' gain. Possibility to do drive up to nearby Eureka Peak if there is time and interest. Park entry fee or pass required for Queen. Please bring water, hiking footwear, layers, lunch, snacks, sunblock, rain jacket and hat. This is a backcountry outing; participants must complete a medical form [bit.ly/scmedicalform](http://bit.ly/scmedicalform) and bring it with them to the trailhead. Contact primary leader Jim Hagar [jhagar1@gmail.com](mailto:jhagar1@gmail.com) for details. *LEADERS: JIM HAGAR, LIDIA BARBOSA*

**Feb 4                      Sat                      Hundred Peaks**

**(I): Hike - San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Markham (5742) and Mount Lowe (5603)** -- Join us for a nice hike to three of the best peaks in the Angeles National Forest front country. We will start from Eaton Saddle and pass through historical Mueller Tunnel. Shortly after passing through the tunnel, we'll proceed to San Gabriel. We'll double back to get Markham and Lowe. The hike will be moderately strenuous, total distance will be about six miles, and total elevation gain will be around 2,300 feet. Bring water, layers, lunch, snacks, hiking footwear, hat and sunblock. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local



Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Leader for details. *Leader: STEPHEN MCDONNELL Co-Leaders: Niels Quist*

**Feb 4                      Sat                      Hundred Peaks**

**I: RABBIT RAMP-UP HIKE #2 -- Granite Mountain #2 (5,633 ft)** - Join us for the second in a series of five every-other-Saturday hikes. The Rabbit Ramp-Up hike series will culminate with a hike to Rabbit Peak #2 in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. With around 23 miles and about 8300 feet of elevation gain round trip, Rabbit Peak is the toughest day hike among the Hundred Peaks Section's 280 peaks. The Rabbit Ramp-Up series is designed to provide the desert hiking experience and conditioning necessary to handle the "BIG Bunny." Granite Mountain #2 is a unique peak in the west side of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park located in San Diego County. We may enjoy and admire the desert cacti as we cautiously avoid punctures from needles and other sharp points. This will be a moderately paced hike with some Class 2 scrambling on the way to the summit. Total distance should be around 8 miles, and total gain should be about 3,000 feet. Bring food, beverage, hiking footwear, layers, headlamp, hat and sunblock. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. *Primary Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: MAY TANG, RON CAMPBELL, LIDIA BARBOSA, TAO ZHANG, KAT JANKAEW, LARRY POND*

**Feb 5                      Sun                      Hundred Peaks**

**I: Mount Wilson (5710') + 3 Lower Peaks (Jones Peak, Hastings Peak, Mount Yale)** - Join us on this Mount Wilson astronomical observatory trip. Mount Wilson was named after Benjamin (Don Benito) Wilson, who built a burro trail up the mountain in 1864. Wilson was one of the best known of the American settlers in Southern California and was the first Mayor of Los Angeles under U.S. rule. Because of the clear air, level land, and close proximity to civilization, the summit of Mount Wilson was an ideal spot to build an astronomical observatory. The summit has been used for this purpose since the 1890's. The 100-inch telescope, installed more than a half century ago, was in continuous use until recently. We'll take HPS Route 5; Route 5 is the oldest (1864) trail to Mt. Wilson and was originally a wagon road used for hauling logs down to Sierra Madre. It was also used to haul parts of the first telescope up to Mt. Harvard (The telescope was later relocated to Mt. Wilson). The total hike will be 14 mi with 5500' gain. We will do it at a moderate pace. Bring 3-4 liters of water, lunch, and other essentials. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. *Leader: JASON PARK ([jasonpark7100@gmail.com](mailto:jasonpark7100@gmail.com)), Co-Leaders: SUNNY YI, JINOAK CHUNG*

**Feb 11                                      Sat                                      Hundred Peaks**

**I: Mount Gleason (6520), Iron Mountain#2 (5635), Condor Peak (5440) and Fox Mountain#2 (5033)**

- Join us traveling to the west edge of the San Gabriel Mountains. We'll enjoy the Angeles National Forest High Country and Mojave Desert view. We will start hiking from Angeles Crest Hwy and up to Mount Gleason first peak, then Iron Mountain#2, then to Condor Peak, and, finally, to Fox Mountain#2. Then, we will hike down to Big Tujunga Rd. The total hike will be 21.5 mi with 5700' gain. We will do it at a moderate pace. Bring 3-4 liters of water, lunch, and other essentials. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. *Leader: JASON PARK ([jasonpark7100@gmail.com](mailto:jasonpark7100@gmail.com)), Co-Leaders: SUNNY YI, CATHERINE ROSSBACH*

**Feb 18                                      Sat                                      Hundred Peaks**

**I: RABBIT RAMP-UP HIKE #3 -- Rosa Point (5,083 ft)** - Join us for the third in a series of five every-other-Saturday hikes. The Rabbit Ramp-Up hike series will culminate with a hike to Rabbit Peak #2 in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. With around 23 miles and about 8300 feet of elevation gain round trip, Rabbit Peak is the toughest day hike among the Hundred Peaks Section's 280 peaks. The Rabbit Ramp-Up series is designed to provide the desert hiking experience and conditioning necessary to handle the "BIG Bunny." Rosa Point is an HPS Star Peak, and it has the best views of the Salton Sea basin. We will hike at a moderate pace cross-country on desert terrain. Some sections of the route will be very steep and infested with hazardous cholla cacti. Be especially careful around the Teddy Bear cholla (having needle nose pliers at the ready isn't a bad idea). The hike will be about 12 miles round trip with around 5,500 feet of gain. Bring food, beverage, hiking footwear, layers, headlamp, hat and sunblock. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. *Primary Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JASON PARK, SUNNY YI, RON CAMPBELL, LIDIA BARBOSA, TAO ZHANG, YOKO ISHIGURO, CATHERINE ROSSBACH, JINOAK CHUNG, KAT JANKAEW, LARRY POND*

**Feb 25 – 26                                      Sat – Sun                                      Hundred Peaks**

**O: Trans Catalina Trail** -- Join us for two days of hiking the Trans Catalina Trail on February 24-26, 2023. This weekend outing to Catalina Island is sponsored by the Hundred Peaks Section of the Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club, and our itinerary will include Silver Peak, a Great Lower Peak. We will complete the TCT in two strenuous day hikes, totaling ~45 miles with ~8,700 feet of gain/loss, adding a side trip to Starlight Beach, time permitting. The leader will obtain hiking permits for the group, but participants must make their own arrangements for ferry passage from San Pedro to Catalina Island on Friday evening and back to Long Beach on Sunday evening. Participants also must make overnight arrangements for Friday and Saturday night in Two Harbors, where cabins, tent sites, food and water are

**Mar 4**                      **Sat**                      **Hundred Peaks**

**I: RABBIT RAMP-UP HIKE #4 -- Martinez Mountain (6,560+ ft) and Sheep Mountain (5,141 ft)** - Join us for the fourth in a series of five every-other-Saturday hikes. The Rabbit Ramp-Up hike series will culminate with a hike to Rabbit Peak #2 in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. With around 23 miles and about 8300 feet of elevation gain round trip, Rabbit Peak is the toughest day hike among the Hundred Peaks Section's 280 peaks. The Rabbit Ramp-Up series is designed to provide the desert hiking experience and conditioning necessary to handle the "BIG Bunny." Martinez Mountain, an HPS Star Peak, and Sheep Mountain -- beautiful and demanding peaks -- are in the 72,259-acre Santa Rosa Wilderness in the Santa Rosa Mountains of Riverside and San Diego Counties. Stunning views will include those of the surrounding mountains, Palm Desert, and the Coachella Valley. We will hike at a moderate pace. Total distance should be around 20 miles, and total gain should be about 6,000 feet. Bring food, beverage, hiking footwear, layers, headlamp, hat, and sunblock. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. Primary Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JASON PARK, SUNNY YI, LIDIA BARBOSA, TAO ZHANG, CATHERINE ROSSBACH, KAT JANKAEW, LARRY POND

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of ups and downs as the trail contours along the south slopes of Shay Mountain, for about 1 1/2 miles to where the trail reaches the final saddle north of peak 5805'. (This saddle has the first close, expansive view of Deep Creek Canyon to the west.) Leave the trail here and go south along the ridge, up and over "Old Deer Mountain" (5805'). Drop down to the saddle just north of Deer Mountain, then up to the summit. Return to the Loop Route, turn left and follow the ridge north about 3/4 mile to the summit. The peak is the northeast bump on the summit plateau. The total hike will be 14 mi with 4500' gain. We will do it at a moderate pace. Bring 3-4 liters of water, lunch, and other essentials. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. *Leader: JASON PARK ([jasonpark7100@gmail.com](mailto:jasonpark7100@gmail.com)), Co-Leaders: SUNNY YI, CATHERINE ROSSBACH*

**Mar 18                                      Sat                                      Hundred Peaks**  
**I: RABBIT RAMP-UP HIKE #5 -- Rabbit Peak #2 (6,640+ ft) and Villager Peak (5,756 ft)** - Join us for the fifth in a series of five every-other-Saturday hikes. The Rabbit Ramp-Up hike series will culminate with a hike to Rabbit Peak #2 in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. With around 23 miles and about 8300 feet of elevation gain round trip, Rabbit Peak is the toughest day hike among the Hundred Peaks Section's 280 peaks. The Rabbit Ramp-Up series is designed to provide the desert hiking experience and conditioning necessary to handle the "BIG Bunny." Spend a special day in Anza Borrego Desert State Park while hiking to Rabbit Peak #2, an HPS Star Peak, and Villager Peak at a moderate pace. Very strenuous. Hike will start in the dark and end in the dark. Enjoy magnificent desert views throughout the day. Total distance should be around 23 miles, and total gain should be about 8,300 feet. Bring food, beverage, hiking footwear, layers, headlamp, hat and sunblock. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. *Primary Leader: BILL SIMPSON* Co-Leaders: JASON PARK, SUNNY YI, RON CAMPBELL, LIDIA BARBOSA, JINOAK CHUNG, KAT JANKAEW, LARRY POND

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George White on Cram Peak, 12-2022



by Lilly Fukui



## **Pinto Mountain** **By Teresa Blackmon Spohr**



Saturday, January 7th, I joined Tao Zhang's provisional I rated day hike to a desert peak in Joshua Tree - Pinto Mountain. This was his last requirement to obtain his I rating as a leader and he rocked it! Bill Simpson was his check-off and co-leader, who is the best. Tao had 12 participants, so there were 14 of us total. The hike was about 10 1/2 miles and around 2,500' gain, which is harder than it sounds because of the rocky desert terrain.



We had a great group of hikers and a beautiful day. We celebrated at the summit with champagne and chocolates, carried up by Bill. Tao led us safely down the steep side-hill and gully, then led the long slog across the desert to our cars. Tao - it was a most excellent day! Congratulations!

I had an especially exciting day finding a Ghost Flower, *Antirrhinum confertiflorum*. I did a happy dance!





## Sheepish Day on Galena !!

by Louie Rodriguez



Oct. 30, 2022, started off like any other ordinary day. 4:30 am alarm going off, long drive toward the mountains, coffee on the way from a gas station, gear checks and then grouping up by the trail-head.

But this was no ordinary hike. This was a climb to Galena Peak, which had been closed off for about two years. When it finally opened, the anticipation was full steam ahead. So, with some trepidation, Jon, Lidia, Stephanie and myself, started up the Vivian Creek trail. It was 7:10 am. and about 40 degrees with dawn breaking over the high mountain ridges to the east.

The route starts off easy, on the wide trail, then drops down into the Mill Creek riverbed. There was a small version of a stream running down the wide wash, with rocks and boulders of every size. After a couple miles, we started some bouldering here and there to get through the narrowing creek bed. And then, there it was.... the dreaded headwall looming above us.

It appeared relatively short in the area we were supposed to climb, that is, in the gray zone of wall. And then, out of nowhere, Jon spotted a small herd of bighorn sheep!! They were high up on the northern flank of Galena. A few of us scrambled to get our phones out, with its limited camera capabilities. Nevertheless, we all saw them move about on steep slopes, as they also look at us. Once satisfied, they shimmied up a narrow gully and we lost sight of them. What a treat! I was ready to go home right then and there. But wait...we had a climb to do.



At 9:30, we stopped for a snack and put on our helmets and micro spikes (a god send). Then it was time to climb the beast. Yes, it was steep and loose and slippery. We stayed close together to avoid serious rock fall. We scrambled up a ravine which we thought was a little more stable. After careful moves and team work, we made it to the traverse, and then to the top of the headwall at about 10:15. We took a little breather at a safe spot.

Then next mile or so was on a steep ridge angling south, with a few exposed areas. We put in a few ducks to help us on the way down. At 11:13, we made the summit. It had warmed up nicely with the sun shining, and there were a few clouds around, along with a light breeze. We found a new register in a plastic tube; but the tube had no bottom. There were a few entries already for this year.

We quickly decided to hike over to West Galena a couple hundred yards away, because we could; then came back and had lunch. At about 12:07, we left the summit and quickly reached the top of the headwall at 12:45. We carefully made the traverse to a bush next to a big rock. Once there, we decided to split up into teams of two and climb down separate paralleling ravines, like the one we had climbed up.

This was slow going, as hiking down was more intimidating than going up; mainly because you can see how long the drop is! And it was more slippery and loose, with gravity pulling us down more that we wanted. Eventually, we found a steady slow pace and made it down the headwall without any issues. We continued going down the wash following the stream and also seeing that waterfall on its "right side". We took our last break at 2:45 and took off our helmets and micro spikes.

We hiked our way along the little stream until we found the trail and made it to the cars at 3:51pm. It was an amazing hike made all the better by our bighorn friends.....

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## **Mt. Lawlor**

### **By Jason Pair**

Having already done Strawberry Peak from the Colby Canyon side, I still had to grab Mt. Lawlor. We chose a blue bell winter weekend and myself and my 8-year old twins headed up to Red Box Ranger Station & the Strawberry Peak Trailhead. We had planned to hike to the west ridge off the Strawberry Peak Trail and do this as an out-and-back for a total of about 7 miles.



But at 1.2 miles we rounded the corner and came face-to-face with the south face of Lawlor and it's impossibly steep looking firebreak. My twins are always down for short-cuts on hikes when possible (probably one the most important things with parenting future hikers is to teach them why cutting switchbacks is poor etiquette and contributes to erosion). It looked like the short-cut up and down Lawlor would cut off about 3 miles in total, but I was in no mood of turning this pleasant and easy hike into a vertical death march.

The hike up was just fantastic - I would recommend to anyone – the ridge was our favorite part – the views were never ending and the terrain interesting with a mix of use trail and some Class I/II rock scrambles.



After enjoying lunch we headed to the firebreak. It starts out low angle and teases you down. By the time you realize it's way too steep to be pleasant, you look back up and realize you've been defeated. My 8-year-olds (all of 50 lbs. with their low centers of gravity) had minimal issues as they slid and stumbled down, but for me I found this to be not even close to worth the effort.



It was seemingly never-ending and through a combination of toe-gnashing, side-stepping, heel sliding and some butt scraping I finally touched back down on the Strawberry Peak Trail. Glad to get Mt. Lawlor, but I wish we just did the out-and-back (I would have enjoyed hiking back down the ridge from the summit).





Rosa Point Jan 5, 2023. Bill Simpson, Mary Varalyay, Lidia Barbosa.



Peter Doggett and Steve Russell, Butterbredt Peak



Isa Galan hiking Crafts Peak



Hot Springs Mountain 12-29-22. John Martin encountered rain and snow, with a colorful rainbow, despite 10% weather forecast.



# Hiking Photography

By Jin Oak Chung



Photo: Mary Varalayay

