

# THE LOOKOUT

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION  
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# HPS Lookout Newsletter

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## Letter From The Chair

Hello hikers!

Hope you are finding ways to beat the heat. Our official hikes are migrating to higher elevations to areas the snowy winter had kept us from. There are still more wildflowers and water than usual this time of year to enjoy.

Congratulations to our new leaders Robert Kunc and Jim Hoyt. They will be great additions to our program. Robert has received his O rating; Jim has received his O rating and his I rating will soon be approved.

The awards banquet will be at The Reef restaurant in Long Beach, like last year, on Saturday January 21, 2024. Our speaker will be Jack Thompson from the Wildlands Conservancy, who will talk to us about the work of this amazing organization and hiking opportunities in the areas they manage. He is an excellent speaker. Mark the date on your calendars!

Also save the date for the Holiday Hoopla, which will be on the first weekend of December at Joshua Tree Lakes campground. We have reserved campsites for Friday December 1 and Saturday December 2.

The Waterman Rendezvous was postponed until the fall, but it will happen. The date will depend on the reopening of the highway.

Next years Spring Fling will be at the Keller Ski Hut; more information will be forthcoming

The staff in Los Padres are doing a heroic job of clearing roads and trails. Many of the gates have been able to open, making those areas accessible. Highway 33 however will not open for a long time. Angeles Crest Highway, which has extensive damage, is scheduled to open in the fall.

We have begun the process of updating the web site and have some exciting ideas. We think you'll be quite pleased with the results.

Keep getting out there and enjoying the outdoors!

Jim Hagar, Chair, and the Management Committee

## 2023 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Elected Members:

**James Hagar - Chair (12/2023)**  
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**Lidi Barbosa - Member At Large (12/2024)**

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Sharon Moore

Giant Blazing Star, *Mentzelia laevicaulis*

## HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### July-August Lookout Issue

#### Steve Russell, HPS Membership Chair

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

#### New Emblems

List Finish: Michael Dillenback, Sam Fink Peak, 6/22/2023, emblem #341.

Pathfinder: Michael Sallswasser, Bertha Peak, 6/10/2023, emblem #65.

4,000 Peaks: Bill Simpson, Mt Islip, 7/19/2023, emblem #2.

#### New Members

Anjna Bhagvanjee

Paymaneh Ghavami

#### New Subscribers

Melanie Pipo

Isaac Simons

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: 195

Life and Honorary Members: 20

Subscribers: 12

Total: 227



## THE NAVIGATION CORNER: RECORD SNOWFALL CREATES SUMMER HAZARDS

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

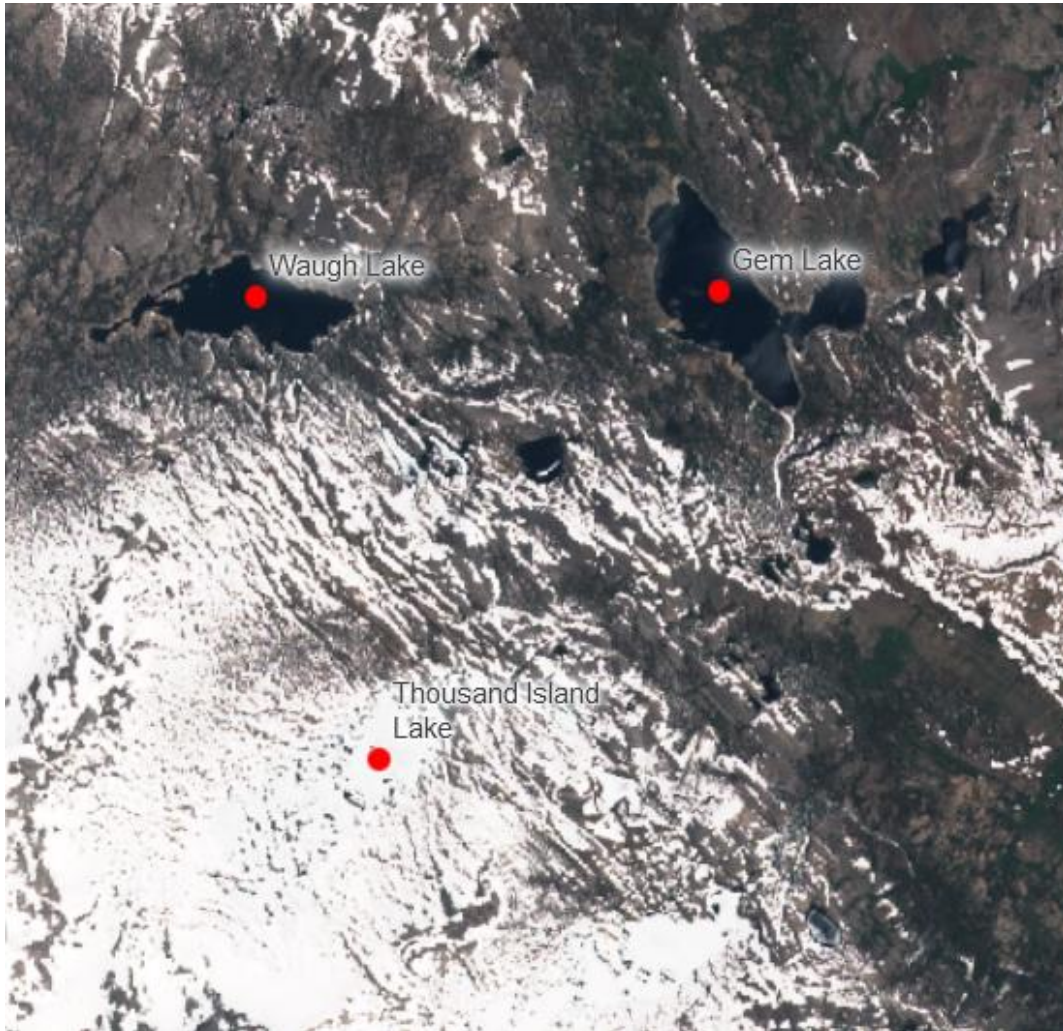


**Avalanche paths along Highway 168 near Aspendell  
Photograph by author on May 6, 2023**

Record winter snowfall has created a number of hazards for those venturing into the High Sierra this Summer. Avalanche fatalities occurred on Mt. Hurd on June 14 and Split Mountain on July 2. Swift moving currents caused by snow melt have claimed several lives. Before venturing into the outdoors, it important to understand snow conditions and be prepared to alter your plans.

Satellite imagery can play an important role in trip planning. There are a variety of platforms to obtain near real-time satellite imagery. For those with a paid subscription to CalTopo, you can access Sentinel satellite imagery which is currently updated every two days depending on coverage. Sentinel covers most land masses every 5 days.

The image below shows the Thousand Island Lake area in mid-July. Substantial snow still exists in the area. With warmer temperatures, snow melt will make stream crossings difficult and dangerous into the Fall. Some typical destinations may be too dangerous this year. Be careful out there!



### Upcoming Navigation Noodles

<b>September 23, 2023</b>	<b>Mt. Pinos, LPNF</b>
<b>December 2-3, 2023</b>	<b>Mission Creek Preserve</b>

If you have any questions, contact me at [rmmyers@ix.netcom.com](mailto:rmmyers@ix.netcom.com).







Sharon Moore

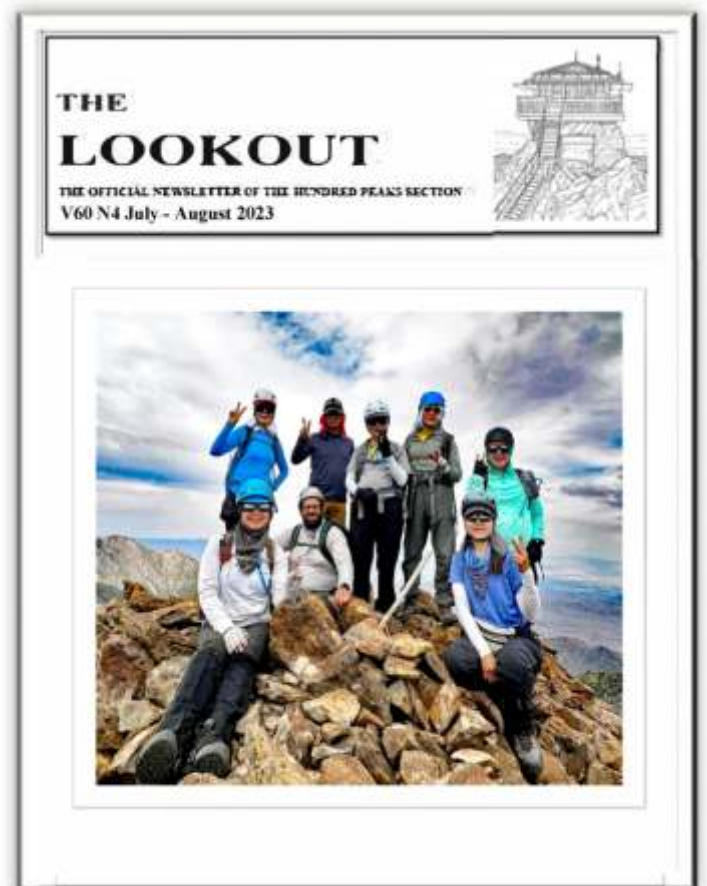
Bill Simpson 's 4000th HPS peak on top of Mt. Islip on Wednesday July 19.



Anjna Bhagvanjee 023 Idllywild Spring Fling 2023 - hike to Spitler & Apache peak 5.21.2



Isa Galan, Circle Mountain



Sunny Yi, 2-Jason Park, 3-Illwoo Suh, 4-Jinoak Chung, 5- Tom McDonnell(E-Leader), 6-Kat Jankaew, 7-Justin Bruno(M-Leader), 8-Alex Chao.. Photo by Jason Park(used tripod)



Jae Kim at Santiago de Compostela on 27th May 2023.Completing the Camino.

## 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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Wynne Benti, Joe Young  
Historical photo from 1971



Bob Cates::  
R.S. "Sam" Fink leading a Hundred Peaks Section hike to Winston Peak and Peak 7003' in the San Gabriel Mountains, July 17, 1983.



**Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities**  
**Jul - Aug 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 July 25, 2023. These outings cover the period ranging from Jul 26 through Dec 2, 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!!

**Wed            Jul 26            Hundred Peaks**

**I: Mount Pinos (8832'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (8280')** - Join us for a hike that includes the highest peaks in two counties! Enjoy a mostly ridge-and-trail hike to four peaks near Frazier Park through a nice forest with grand views in the Los Padres National Forest. The summit of Mount Pinos is the highest point in Ventura County and the 11th greatest prominence in California. Sawmill Mountain is the highest point in Kern County. Mount Pinos was created over 100 million years ago, and it lies on the edge of the Chumash Wilderness. Moderately paced 10.5 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, layers, sunscreen and hat. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outings Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact the leader for meeting information. *Leader: JIM HAGAR, [jhagar1@gmail.com](mailto:jhagar1@gmail.com), Co-Leaders: SHARON MOORE, LIDIA BARBOSA*

**Wed            Jul 26            Hundred Peaks**

**I: Marion Mtn (10320)** - Join us for an exhilarating hike to a marvelous mountain south of Mount San Jacinto. We'll hike mostly via the Marion Mtn Trail, as it climbs through an alpine forest and winds around boulder-accented slopes. We'll leave it for a cross-country approach to our distinctive summit and be treated to views of Lilly Rock and Tahquitz to the south; San Gorgonio, in the distance to the north; and, nearer by, five of the remaining Seven Summits, including Mt San Jacinto. This 8-mile 4000' gain hike is only for the fit experienced hiker. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. [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, JINOAK CHUNG*

**Sat            Jul 29            Hundred Peaks**

**I: Lockwood Pk (6261), San Guillermo Mountain (6602)** - Join us to enjoy a pleasant day near Frazier Park to enjoy these two peaks in Lockwood Valley. Expect superb views of the mountains and adjacent badlands and wildflowers. Stats for Lockwood will be 5.5 mi rt with 1200' gain and 2 mi rt with 800' gain for San Guillermo. High clearance vehicles advised. Bring liquids, layers, lugsoles, lunch sunscreen and hat. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. Contact primary leader Sharon Moore [justslm@earthlink.net](mailto:justslm@earthlink.net) for meeting time and location. *Leaders: SHARON MOORE, BILL SIMPSON, LIDIA BARBOSA*

**Sat            Jul 29            Hundred Peaks**

**I: ☆ San Gorgonio Mountain 4 peaks -- San Gorgonio Mountain (11499'), Jepson Peak (11205'), Little Charlton Peak (10696'), Charlton Peak (10806')** - Join us hike in the San Bernardino National Forest. Escape the heat and

hike the highest peak in Southern California. The total for the day will be about 18 miles and 5800' gain. Bring 3-5 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* ([sunnyyi1125@gmail.com](mailto:sunnyyi1125@gmail.com)), *Co-Leaders: JASON PARK, CATHERINE ROSSBACH*

**Wed Aug 2 Hundred Peaks**

**O: Mill Peak (6,670'), Slide Peak (7,841'), Keller Peak LO (7,882')** - Join us for two easy hikes and one drive up south of Big Bear Lake, CA. The distance should be about 2.0 RT miles and 600' of gain for Mill Peak, 1.5 RT miles and 450' of gain for Slide Peak, and if the gate is locked and we can't actually drive to the summit, about 2.5 RT miles and 300' of gain for Keller Peak. We will return to the vehicles after each peak. The hike offers hikers an opportunity to immerse themselves in the natural splendor of the San Bernardino Mountains, with stunning vistas of rugged peaks, verdant forests, and expansive valleys. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, layers, sunscreen and hat. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outings Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact the leader for meeting information. *Leader: LIDIA BARBOSA* ([lidia.barbosa3@gmail.com](mailto:lidia.barbosa3@gmail.com)), *Co-Leaders: JAMES HAGAR, LARRY POND, SHARON MOORE*

**Sat – Sun Aug 5 – 6 WTC, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Three Tahquitz Peaks - ☆Tahquitz LO (8,846'), Red Tahquitz (8,720+'), Gray Tahquitz (8,792')** -- Join us for an easy overnight trip up into the San Jacinto Wilderness near Idyllwild, CA. Saturday: 7.0 miles, 2,600' gain. Sunday: 7.7 miles, 1,000' gain. Priority given to current WTC students needing an Experience trip. This WTC outing is co-sponsored by HPS. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outings Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leaders at the trailhead prior to the hike. To sign up for this trip, email Mat at [mkelliher746@gmail.com](mailto:mkelliher746@gmail.com) and Jeremy at [jnetka@gmail.com](mailto:jnetka@gmail.com) with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning and experience, and WTC Area & Group. *Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JEREMY NETKA*

**Sat Aug 5 Hundred Peaks**

**I: Hike to Dobbs Pk (10,459'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997') & Dragon's Head (10,866')** -- Join us for a hike to three seldom-visited ten-thousand-foot peaks in the neighborhood of San Geronimo Mountain. The peaks are within the Sand to Snow National Monument (created in 2016) and the San Bernardino Mountains. Around half of the hike distance will be off trail, with the other half of the hike distance being on trail, including the Vivian Creek Trail, the San Bernardino Peak Divide Trail, and the Sky High Trail. Total distance should be around 14 miles, and total elevation gain should be about 6,200 feet. Suitable only for experienced and well-conditioned hikers. Moderate pace. Bring hiking footwear, water, lunch, snacks, layers, sunblock & hat. 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 hike details. *Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: LIDIA BARBOSA, TAO ZHANG, LARRY POND*

**Wed                      Aug 9                      Hundred Peaks**

**I: Thunder Mountain (8587'), Telegraph Peak (8985'), Timber Mountain (8303')** - Join us for this classic hike with its spectacular scenery in the Mt. Baldy area and beat the LA heat. We will begin the hike by taking the ski lift up to Baldy Notch, and we will finish at the Icehouse Canyon parking lot. Total distance for this shuttle hike will be about 10 miles, and total gain will be around 3000 feet on mostly good trail. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, layers, sunscreen and hat. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outings Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact the leader for meeting information. *Leader: LIDIA BARBOSA ([lidia.barbosa3@gmail.com](mailto:lidia.barbosa3@gmail.com)), Co-Leaders: LARRY POND*

**Sat                      Aug 19                      Hundred Peaks**

**I: Traverse Marion Mountain (base) and Newton Drury via Marion Mountain Trail** - This is an approximately 9.5-mile strenuous out-and-back hike with 4,500' of gain. The hike begins with an approximately two-mile climb and 1700' of gain to the top of the Marion Mountain Trail. Shortly after passing the junction with the Pacific Crest Trail, we will head off-trail to Marion Mountain and head cross-country to the summit of Newton Drury before rejoining the Deer Spring Trail. We will descend to the Marion Mountain Trail and return to the trailhead. The hike has great views from the peaks and Mount Marion Trail should be shaded in the morning. There could be small patches of snow on the peaks. Please bring sufficient water, sun protection, appropriate hiking shoes, snacks, lunch for the peak, and hiking poles if you like. This is a backcountry outing and requires a Local Outings Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leaders at the trailhead prior to the hike. Wilderness permit limits group size. To sign up for this trip, email leaders Michael Gasbarro [mikecg93@yahoo.com](mailto:mikecg93@yahoo.com) & Larry Pond [larryhikes17@yahoo.com](mailto:larryhikes17@yahoo.com) with contact and carpool info, and recent conditioning and experience. *Leaders: MICHAEL GASBARRO, LARRY POND*

**Sat – Sun                      Sep 16 – 17                      WTC, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Sugarloaf Peak (6,924) via Cedar Glen CG?** - Definitely not the most efficient way to scale this peak, but it is an enjoyable way to do it if you're looking to spend a night within a gorgeous stand of Incense Cedar in the Cucamonga Wilderness near Mt Baldy, CA before heading back home. Saturday: pack in 2.5 miles with 1,350' gain, set up camp; then 2.9 miles with -1,050' loss, 1,700' gain to the peak, followed by 2.9 miles with -1,700' loss and 1,050' gain back to camp. Sunday: pack up and out. Although the pack in to our camp is relatively easy, the hike up to the peak is very strenuous and is only appropriate for experienced hikers who are at ease on loose and shifting, bouldery terrain. Climbing helmets are required while we're in Falling Rock Cyn. Priority given to current WTC students needing an Experience trip. To sign up for this trip, email Mat Kelliher [mkelliher746@gmail.com](mailto:mkelliher746@gmail.com)

and [jnetka@gmail.com](mailto:jnetka@gmail.com) with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning & experience, and WTC Area & Group. *Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON, JEREMY NETKA*

**Sat Sep 23 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Navigation - Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle** -- Navigation noodle at Mt. Pinos to satisfy the basic (I/M) or advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to *Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS.* (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

**Sat – Sun Nov 11 – 12 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks**

**C: Wilderness First Aid Course** - The course runs from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday in Fullerton plus four hours of video lectures (on-demand) during the following week. Review of course notes and completion of pretest (est. 4 to 8 hours) is required prior to course. This course meets the 24-hour WFA requirement for I/M/E leader ratings. Fee includes instruction, skills materials, pdf of course notes and two laminated cards with response protocols. COVID precautions include distancing when possible and required masks for skills activities. Proof of CPR training within previous 5 years, signed release of liability and proof of COVID vaccination status are required to enroll. Fee \$180 (full refund until 10/13/23). *Lead Instructor: STEVE SCHUSTER.* For sign-up, see instructions and application at <http://wildernessfirstaidcourse.org>.

**Sat – Sun Dec 1 – 2 Hundred Peaks**

**2023 HPS Holiday Hooplah** - This year the Hundred Peaks Section will be holding its 2023 Holiday Hooplah over the weekend of December 1-2. We've reserved a group campsite for both Friday and Saturday nights (Dec 1 and 2) at Joshua Tree Lake, RV and Campground located nearby Joshua Tree National Park. The campground has plenty of parking and has toilets and pay showers. It also has picnic tables and fire rings. For those who prefer not to camp out, there are numerous lodging choices in the nearby communities of Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley. After spending the day bagging peaks on one of the several outings that will be available, Saturday night we'll all meet up at the Campground to celebrate the Holiday Season HPS style with a big Potluck Happy Hour about 6 pm. There will be ample opportunity to socialize and hang out around a roaring campfire with old and new friends. Whether you're camping out or staying in town, everyone is welcome, and all are encouraged to attend. Advance reservations are required since we will have to make arrangements with the Campground for the number of people attending. There is no fee for HPS Members. Non-members are requested to pay a fee of \$12 per person for each night you'll be camping out. For questions,

campground information, driving directions, potluck suggestions and campground reservations, contact the *HPS Programs Reservationist, MIKE DILLENBACK* ([dillyhouse1@gmail.com](mailto:dillyhouse1@gmail.com)).

**Sat – Sun                      Dec 1 – 2                      LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Navigation - Mission Creek Preserve Navigation Noodle** -- Navigation noodle at Mission Creek Preserve to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework. Sunday checkoff or additional practice. Medical form required from all participants. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to *Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS.* (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

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### Spring Fling 2023



Photos Contributed by Jenny Gardelle , Michael Dillenback, Peter and Agnacia Doggett and others.



## Will Rogers State Park

### Hearts For Sight Hike

June 18, 2023

By Mark S. Allen



Forty-seven enthusiastic hikers hiked the trails of Will Rogers State Park in June of this year. They met and assembled at the park in the midst of horse polo games and other activities.

There was typical instructional time where white tipped cane hikers are matched with escorts.



Then the hikers were off to hike on trail through the famous Will Rogers Estate to Inspiration Point. Hearts For Sight hiked in partnership in this 4.5 mile hike.

Leading was Will McWhinney and Joan Schipper of the Sierra Club.



George White was amongst other Sierra Club volunteers guiding people of limited vision.



Finally, a wonderful lunch was provided under the coastal oak trees by the Hearts For Sight Organization. A great event to be sure.

## Mount Islip Hike By Sharon Moore

We celebrated Bill Simpson's 4000th HPS peak on top of Mt. Islip on Wednesday July 19. We went early to beat the heat; early enough to scare off at least one participant. My achievement for the day was to take Bill hiking on a trail he had never hiked before. Imagine that!



We met at a rideshare in Monrovia at 5:30am to carpool up to the Windy Gap trailhead in Crystal Lake Campground. This enabled us to start hiking before 7am. The early morning shade was lovely, but unfortunately the gnats were out enjoying the trail, too. Those of us who are bug magnets needed to either wear head nets or eat bugs for second breakfast.

Just above the South Mount Hawkins Truck Trail is a junction. To the left is the Big Cienega Trail, a slightly longer and less steep option that I chose to help Jim Hagar get a pathfinder. The lower section is forested and pleasant, with views of Crystal Lake between the trees. Thanks to last winter, the lake is full. The trail is in excellent shape with no downed logs even though it enters a burn zone before it connects with the Islip Ridge Trail. On the ridge the views open out to the Angeles high country and the Antelope Valley beyond. Although we were in the sun at this point, light breezes and comfortable temperatures prevailed all the way to the top.

We reached Mt. Islip by 9:30am and broke out the treats to share. We had gluten-free ginger cookies, caramel candy, gooseberries, strawberries, and green grapes to go with the Champagne and sparkling cider that Bill himself brought up. We spent a leisurely hour on top enjoying our treats, the views, and the company, and after the obligatory summit photos we made our way to Windy Gap for the descent to the cars.

The Windy Gap Trail is a bit steep and exposed, and a couple of areas are prone to washing out. It is probably the better ascent option. But it's a great trail with panoramic views (when you can spare your attention from your footing!). After a short break at the truck trail, we made it back to the cars before 12:30pm.

Burning question of the day: would we be able to get through the construction closure zone on Highway 39 on the way out? I had mixed information about it. Was it a complete closure from 8am to 4pm, or would one lane be open as the CalTrans web-site implied? They were using a helicopter to place steel mesh on a road cut. When it was in the air the road was completely closed. When it wasn't, they could escort cars through one direction at a time. Phew! We all returned safely to Monrovia park and ride where temperatures hovered near 100°F. We kept our cool all morning, but coolest of all is the hiking master, Bill Simpson!

# Milestones



**Saint Louis, Missouri.** Matthew Hengst and Jennifer Blackie have been on the Mississippi Source to Sea Paddle Day 41 | River Mile u151 | 1,188 miles paddled. Despite hearing how bad it was going to be from multiple folks we encountered up river it went pretty damn smoothly with just the usual amount of tow / barge dodging. Also since the Missouri River joined into the Mississippi the current has been downright glorious and we find ourselves constantly commenting on how fast we're going even without paddling. And as an added bonus with no more locks we don't have to worry about random delays waiting on barges.



**Mt. Fuji, Japan.** 12,388 ft. July 14, 23. Sue Wyman, Vic Henney and their Grandson Tom Henney on the summit.



**Mount Rainier** July 9, 2023 after summit photo: Dan Coulter, Greg Gerlach, Coby King, Laura Newman, and Ken Snyder.





# Walking The Camino

By Randolph Bernard

All pilgrims say 'BUEN CAMINO' when they meet each other. It means Happy Trails.

It is said, nobody walks **El Camino de Santiago** (in Spain) accidentally. At the best it takes many months and probably years of planning for your pilgrimage. After the end of World War II many Europeans have dreamed of walking the 'Camino' from France to the Cathedral in Santiago in the north-west corner of Spain. The two biggest groups are the just graduated from college before looking for work, and the just retired from work older folks. Only 5% of the pilgrims are from the USA.

An Albergue (or Refugio) is like a hostel that is reserved only for pilgrims. In Spain there are albergues about every ten miles on the path. Our packs would only be half the weight as our frame packs that we had used hiking the Pacific Crest Trail; We would NOT need to carry tents, sleeping bags, food, pots & pans, and a stove with fuel, a 25-pound rucksack would feel a lot lighter than a lot better and a lot lighter than a 50 pounder. We would stay at an albergue at night and enjoy a hot shower at the end of the day's hike. All they ask is a small donation of 5 euros to help pay for the electricity, water and building maintenance.

After two prior attempts, I started the Camino from St. Jean de Port, France, hiking over the Pyrenees via the Napoleon route, 496 miles to Santiago, in western Spain. This time it took me 58 days. Total for both trips: I have walked 967 miles on the *Camino Frances*.

The people you meet at the albergues, you will keep meeting each evening at the next albergue. During the day you may walk alone, or in a small group, but in the afternoon at the albergues is where you really get to know your fellow travelers. Some albergues are not close to a restaurant. In that case the pilgrims pool their money, and they go shopping at the town market and cook a big dinner in the kitchen. At the beginning of dinner, the host would say I will speak in English as that is the only language, we all know. After the prayer, we were asked to introduce ourselves by name and our country of origin, (Canada, Germany, France, Netherlands, South Korea, Brazil, Israel, Union of South Africa) of the 35 pilgrims that night I was the only person from the U.S.A. During dinner I heard the same jokes as when I was sitting around a campfire in the USA.

It is always emotional when the Pilgrim, after several months and years of planning reaches his goal of the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. At the zero km marker in front of the church I rejoiced with a dozen other pilgrims that I had met on the path. First you go to the office of the Pilgrims and pick-up the Certificate of Completion. Written in Latin it's called "Compostellae". Then at Noon we celebrated the 'Pilgrims Mass' with 200 other Pilgrims from around the world.



Eagle Roost May 25th



South Mt. Hawkins Hike. Photo by Virginia Simpson



Teresa and Fred hiking Colorado Springs



May 9, 2023

- James Hagar - Chair
- Sharon Moore – Vice Chair
- Mark S. Allen - Secretary
- George Christiansen - Access and Mountain Records
- Larry Pond - Access and Mountain Records
- Lidia Barbosa - Member At Large
- Ron Campbell - Outreach Chair
- Chair Report, Call to order. New Members approved by MCOMM
- Approval of Minutes.
- Programs Chair Report:
  - Spring Fling - Weekend of May 20, 2023, at Idyllwild Campground, Mike Dillenbeck has made reservations.
  - Holiday Hoopla - Weekend of December 2, 2023 Plan to have at Joshua Tree Lake Resort
  - Annual Awards Banquet - Sunday January 21, 2024. Mike and Mat will approach the Reef Restaurant as well as Almanzor Court for prior quotes
- Treasurers Report, Laura Newman filed on Google Drive
- Jim has been working to produce a new logo that we can put on merchandise to sell on redbubble.com or a similar site.
- The bylaws were clarified and voted unanimously that the responsibility to approve new members and emblems is delegated to the membership chair, subject to review by the committee. Ways for the membership chair to keep the membership database up to date were also discussed.

## HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May/June Lookout Issue, Steve Russell, HPS Membership Chair

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

New Emblems

None

New Member

Robert Kunc

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: look-out\_membership@hundredpeaks.org.

Membership Stats

Members: 187

Life and Honorary Members: 20

Subscribers: 9

Total: 214

## MOUNTAIN RECORDS REPORT

May 9, 2023

GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN

LARRY POND

### ● PEAKS RECOMMENDED FOR SUSPENSION

SR-33 north of Ojai from Matilaja Hot Springs Road to Lockwood Valley Road is closed for major repairs following winter storm damage. The highway is expected to remain closed through the summer and potentially longer. As a result, many HPS Peaks are affected, some to be recommended for suspension, and others that will require alternate, and longer, hikes.

First, the recommended suspensions, hereby submitted to the Management Committee for discussion and a vote.

Three peaks are recommended for suspension due to the closure of SR-33, and closed access via Romero Cameusa Road to the the upper San Ynez River area.

These Peaks are: Hildreth Peak (6M), Monte Arido (6N), and Old Man Mountain (6O).

Access to other peaks is restricted due to closure of SR-33, but alternate routes are available. Specifically, they are: Chief and Topatopa, Reyes and Haddock. Other areas are closed due to the normal winter closures which are continuing until approximately June 1 due to the wet winter.

### ● FAIRVIEW FIRE

The FAIRVIEW FIRE in the South Fork of the San Jacinto Wilderness Area (near Hemet), affected the Cahuilla's and Thomas Mountain areas. A Forest Closure Order was in effect (Order 05-12-55-22-12, with Rouse Hill (5168', Peak 29A) inside the closure area. This closure was in effect through January 24, 2023. The Closure Order has expired, but the SBNF web site indicates that an extended order is pending. This is still the situation more than three months after the original order expired.

### ● LOS PADRES CLOSURE

A sixty day closure was put into effect for the Los Padres National Forest on January 13, 2023 due to road, trail, and infrastructure damage from the recent storms. This closure was extended through May 9, and now through June 13. Since this continues to be a short term closure order, it does not meet the criteria for suspension of any of the peaks affected. The closure specifically outlines closed areas, roads and trails, and if planning hikes in the Los Padres, check the website and the District office. With each extension, the listed closures are being updated.

- Voted, Old Man, Topa Topa and Hines suspended
- Waterman Rendezvous possibly suspended this year
- Meeting adjourned. 1hr, 16mins