

THE LOOKOUT

The Official Newsletter of the Hundred Peaks Section

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IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER, PLEASE SEND A LIST OF 25 PEAKS YOU HAVE HIKED THAT ARE ON THE HPS LIST, with the month and year of the peak completion. (See the HPS Website, for a list of the 275 or so HPS peaks.)

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HPS Subscription email address: lookout_membership@hundredpeaks.org

Make checks to Hundred Peaks Section c/o HPS Treasurer or hpstreas@gmail.com

**Tony Santana
392 S. Arroyo Blvd
Pasadena, CA 91105**

Letter From The Chair

Hello hikers!

With the banquet behind us we are back to business as usual and planning upcoming events.

I would like to welcome our new treasurer Tony Santana. Tony is a forensic accountant with decades of experience, so our modest finances are in good hands. I would like to offer our thanks once again to our outgoing treasurer, Laura Newman, who has served the section well for the last nine years.

We have several upcoming events:

- The Spring Fling will be at the Keller Ski Hut May 17th to 19th.
- The Waterman Rendezvous is back on and will be held on June 15th.

Mark the dates for these great events! You will also be receiving additional event announcements as we get closer to the date.

We are continuing to work on the new web site. If you would like to devote some time to help with this please let me know.

That's it for now. It's prime hiking season so let's get out there!

Jim Hagar

On behalf of the Management Committee

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

March-April 2024, Steve Russell, HPS Membership Chair

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

New Emblems 100 Peaks

Ray Thompson #2432 Chaparrosa Peak 12/3/2023.

New Members

Judy Aiiike

Chris Griffith

New Subscriber

Bill Elkman

Koravee (Yui) Hsieh

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. Membership Stats Membership Stats

Members: 205

Life and Honorary Members: 20

Subscribers: 11

Total: 236

Expired: 12

2024 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
<u>Elected Members:</u>	<u>Appointed Members:</u>	<u>Appointed Members:</u>
James Hagar - Chair (12/2025) 1621 Marion Drive, Glendale, CA 91205 jhagar1@gmail.com	Laura Newman, Treasurer hpstreas@gmail.com	Jim Fleming, Co-Chair, Safety
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Summits

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Five Fingers Summit, March 19th. Photo by Jason Park

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Snow shoeing Angeles Crest. Peaks: Winston and Akawie. Photo by Nick Shah.

Cover: Sheep Mountain summit. March 9, 2024.

Photo by Nahid Shirazi.



Terri and Shaa



Russel - Backus hikes March 19th. Photo Jason Park.



Martinez Mountain in the distance Rabbit Ramp- up hike.
Photo by Anjna Bhagnvanjee



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LEADER CONTACT INFO

The 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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Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
March - April 2024
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 Apr 1, 2024. These outings cover the period ranging from Apr 3 through Dec 8, 2024. 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 Apr 3 Hundred Peaks
I: Snowshoe outing to Winston Peak (7502 ft), Winston Ridge (7003 ft), Mount Akawie (7283 ft) - We invite you to get out your snowshoes and join us to take advantage of the recent snowfall for a snowshoe outing to these normally easy peaks which will equate to a moderate level snowshoe. It is going to be an absolutely beautiful day with fresh snow in a particularly beautiful and scenic part of the Angeles Forest. Our first two peaks will be a loop hike over road, PCT, and use trail to Winston Ridge and continuing on to Winston Peak. For our third peak we will drive a half mile on the highway to the Mt. Akawie trailhead. Our total for the day is about six miles with around 1600 feet of elevation gain. Bring snowshoes, poles with snow baskets, water resistant footwear, liquids, layers, lunch, snacks, hat, sunscreen and medical form bit.ly/scmedicalform for this backcountry outing. Outing depends on the highway reopening on schedule and may be modified based on access. For meeting time and place contact primary leader: Jim Hagar jhagar1@gmail.com, *LEADERS: JIM HAGAR, SHARON MOORE, LIDIA BARBOSA*

Sat Apr 6 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
LTC Seminar - The Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Seminar is geared towards outings leader candidates at all levels and those wishing to refresh their Outings Leadership Training (OLT). Even if your focus is Conservation or Political Action, we think you'll have interesting things to learn. For this hybrid training (all virtual), you'll need to be a Sierra Club member in order to access the online e-learning component. Seminar homepage: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-seminar> Email LTPSeminarRegistrar@gmail.com for more information from the Seminar registrar, Pamela Sivula. *LEADERS: JANE SIMPSON, PAMELA SIVULA*

Sat - Sun Apr 6 - 7 Hundred Peaks, DPS
I: Bighorn Mountains (5,894') - Join us for an overnight expedition to the Bighorn Mountains on a little-used route that begins in the Antelope Valley and climbs steeply into the Bighorn Wilderness through a dramatic canyon, imposing boulders and stately Joshua trees. This area lies between the Little San Bernardino Mountains of Joshua Tree National Park and the higher San Bernardino Mountains east of Big Bear. It is a rare transitional region between desert and montaine biogeographic zones. Sadly, the Bighorn Sheep endemic to this region have vanished. Saturday, after a short and relatively flat cross country trek across the desert, we'll make camp at the mouth of a gorgeous canyon and will enjoy dinner together as the sun sets behind our mountain. Sunday we'll make the 7-mile round-trip (2,500' gain) ascent to the high point of the Bighorn Mountains. Contact Catherine Rossbach (catherinerossbach1@gmail.com) to sign up for this trip. *LEADERS: CATHERINE ROSSBACH, SUNNY YI*

Sat Apr 6 Hundred Peaks, DPS
I: RABBIT RAMP-UP HIKE #5 -- Rabbit Peak #2 (6,640+') and Villager Peak (5,756') - Join us for the final hike in a series of five every-other-Saturday hikes. The Seventh Annual Rabbit Ramp-Up hike series culminates today 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, beverages, 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: LARRY POND, LIDIA BARBOSA, ROB KUNC, YOKO ISHIGURO, SHANA RAPOPORT*

Sat **Apr 13** **Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks**
MR: New York Mountains High Point (7533), New York benchmark (7461), Linder Peak (5581) - We'll be climbing the New York Mtn peaks on Saturday using the Keystone Canyon route (Route A in the Desert Peaks Road and Peak Guide), which is accessed via Ivanpah Road to the east. New York Mtns High Point involves some class 3 scrambling near the summit, so class 3 climbing experience is necessary. If there is interest, we can descend via New York Mtns east ridge and hike over Keystone Point on the way back to the trailhead. This route will also involve a short section of class 3 along the ridge. Expect 4-5 miles of hiking round trip with 2000 feet of gain. On Sunday, we will hike up class 2 Linder peak, high point of the Castle Mtns Range, which is to the east of the New York Mtns. This hike will be about 5 miles round trip with 1200 feet of gain. Because Saturday is an M (restricted)-rated trip, all participants must be Sierra Club members and comfortable on class 3 rock. Rock helmets are required. A completed Sierra Club medical form will also be required at the start of the hike. Please send Sierra Club membership number and climbing resume including most recent off-trail and class 3 experience to Daryn Dodge at the e-mail address below. Vehicles with reasonable clearance and AWD is highly recommended for the final two miles of dirt road to the New York Mtns trailhead, and for the drive on Sunday to the Linder Peak trailhead. *LEADERS: DARYN DODGE (daryn.dodge@oehha.ca.gov), KATHY RICH (kathrynrich@gmail.com)*

Sat **Apr 13** **Hundred Peaks**
I: Eagle Crag (5077') - Join us on a very strenuous hike to this beautiful peak in Northern San Diego County near Aguanga. The entire hike will be about 18 miles round trip on trail, dirt road, and cross country with 4,100 of gain. Very strenuous. Hike will start in the dark and end in the dark. Bring food, beverages, 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: LIDIA BARBOSA, CO-LEADERS: BILL SIMPSON, LARRY POND, SHARON MOORE, JIM HOYT*

Sat Apr 13 Hundred Peaks

O: Liebre Mountain (5760') - Welcome to WTC students and others interested in hiking and peak bagging with the Hundred Peaks Section! Join us for a trip to one of the most beautiful peaks in Southern California at the height of the spring bloom. We should see a great wildflower display, an oak forest and, at the top, commanding views of the Tehachapi range. Total distance 7 miles, 1850 feet gain. This back country outing requires a completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the leader at the trailhead. Contact leader for status and details. *LEADERS: RON CAMPBELL, LIDIA BARBOSA*

Sat – Sun Apr 13 – 14 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, and 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*

Sun Apr 14 Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Islip (8250) - Venture into the beauty of the Angeles National Forest and Crystal Lake area, as we welcome oldcomers and newcomers to HPS hiking, visiting a peak on the Hundred Peaks Section list. Only cabin ruins remain of a once active lookout, yet hikers are rewarded with an abundance of striking summit views, including Antelope Valley to the north and the LA Basin to the south. Starting from Crystal Lake, ascending via the Windy Gap Trail, and descending via the Big Cienega Trail, totals for the day will be 8 miles round trip with 2400' gain. Hike-experienced dogs with well-behaved owners welcome. 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 for trip details. *LEADERS: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, JINOAK CHUNG*

Sun Apr 21 Hundred Peaks

O: Mt. Lukens (5074') HPS Intro Hike, 9.5 miles 2700' gain - Welcome to WTC students and others interested in hiking and peak bagging with the Hundred Peaks Section! Join us for a pleasant and moderate hike mostly on trail with some hiking on fire road. Be prepared for spectacular views of the Los Angeles basin, the surrounding mountains, and Catalina Island from the highest point in the City of Los Angeles. Please register to receive additional details about this hike. *LEADERS: SHARON MOORE, RON CAMPBELL*

Sat Apr 27 Hundred Peaks

I: Hike to Scodie Mountain (7,294') - Hike to Scodie Mountain (7,294') with inspiring summit views; located in Kern County; hike statistics: about 7.5 miles round trip and around 2,600 of elevation gain. *LEADERS: PAUL MAURIN, SHARON MOORE*

Sat - Sun May 4 - 5 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks 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 4/6/24). This WFA course is only offered twice a year by a dedicated, highly experienced team. For sign-up, see instructions and application at <http://wildernessfirstaidcourse.org>. *LEADER: STEVE SCHUSTER*

Sun May 5 Desert Peaks 2024 DPS Annual Awards Banquet - This year's DPS Banquet will be held from 5:30 - 9.30pm on Sunday May 5th, at the Castaway Restaurant in Burbank. Our speaker will be Joel Brewster, who will tell us about the Las Vegas Mountaineers Club (LVMC) and their "Las Vegas Mountaineers 50 Classic Peaks" list. Tickets are \$65 each (until April 19, \$70 after). Please use Zelle or PayPal to send payment to desertpeakstreasurer@gmail.com or mail a check payable to DPS and your dinner selection (beef or salmon) to DPS Membership Chair: *RON BARTELL*, 1556 21st Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. For questions, send email to desertpeakssection@gmail.com.

Sat May 11 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks LTC Seminar - The Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Seminar is geared towards outings leader candidates at all levels and those wishing to refresh their Outings Leadership Training (OLT). Even if your focus is Conservation or Political Action, we think you'll have interesting things to learn. For this hybrid training (all virtual), you'll need to be a Sierra Club member in order to access the online e-learning component. Seminar homepage: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-seminar> Email LTPSeminarRegistrar@gmail.com for more information from the Seminar registrar, Pamela Sivula. *LEADERS: JANE SIMPSON, PAMELA SIVULA*

Sat May 11 Hundred Peaks I: Scodie Mountain (7,294') - Join us for a hike in the Kiavah Wilderness to the highest point of the Scodie Mountains!! We'll start at Walker Pass Campground and hike a short distance on the Pacific Crest Trail. Then the challenging cross-country fun begins as we ascend a gully through a pinyon pine forest to bag that peak and enjoy some amazing views. Total hike statistics for the day: about 7 miles and around 2300 feet elevation gain. *LEADER: KAT JANKAEW ksjankaew@gmail.com, ASSISTANT LEADER: BILL SIMPSON*

Fri - Sun May 17 -19 Hundred Peaks 2024 HPS Annual Spring Fling at Keller Ski Hut Across from Snow Valley Ski Resort - Location: In a rocky, forested area in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Elevation 6,800 feet. Overnight Capacity: 30 (Overnight: Inside 20 sleeping pads - Outside space for tent, hammock, or sleep in vehicle) Facilities: Two rustic living/dining rooms, two dormitory lofts (separate men and women on open weekends) with 10 sleeping pads each. Fully equipped kitchen with cookware, dishes, and utensils. Furnish your own food, sleeping bag or bedding, lighting, and personal items. For cold weather, please contribute firewood for the pot-belly stove and fireplace. There should be ample parking. There is some parking at the Hut and more at a nearby trailhead. Contact for Info/Reservations: *MIKE DILLENBACK* (dillyhouse1@gmail.com). Come join the 2024 Hundred Peaks Section Spring Fling! After spending the day bagging peaks, we'll all meet up Saturday night at the Hut to celebrate with a big potluck Happy Hour at 6 pm. Hang out around a roaring campfire with old and new friends! Whether you're staying at the Hut or in town, everyone is welcome. Please let us know if you will be staying at the Hut. There is no charge for HPS members or \$15 for non-members. Please pay at the event. Further details will be provided later. Hope to see a large turnout! As we get closer to the event, HPS outings will be posted. Make sure to check the HPS Website at <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm> for newly added outings. Once you've found the hike(s) you're interested in attending, contact the respective outing leaders directly for status and specific details.

Sat Jun 8 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 SHIELDS* (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

Sat Jun 15 Hundred Peaks
2024 Waterman Rendezvous - Hard to believe it's already upon us, but sure enough, summer is here!! And along with summer come long days, warm nights, high altitude peaks to climb, and maybe best of all, the Annual HPS Waterman Rendezvous!! This year we're holding the Rendezvous Saturday June 15, 2024. The idea is to have several hikes scheduled from different starting points converge on the summit of Waterman Mtn (8,038') at about the same time. Once on the summit we'll all spend some quality time enjoying the company of our friends, old and new alike, over a nice festive potluck that we all contribute to and carry up to the summit with us. Be sure to check the online HPS Outings schedule <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm> for hikes as we get closer to the date. For general questions, contact *MIKE DILLENBACK*, HPS Program Chair at dillyhouse1@gmail.com

Sat Sep 21 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 SHIELDS* (This is a backcountry

outing; a medical form will be required.)

Sat - Sun Nov 23-24 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, and 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 SHIELDS*

Fri - Sun Dec 6 - 8 Hundred Peaks
2024 HPS Holiday Hoopla - This year the Hundred Peaks Section will be holding its 2024 Holiday Hoopla over the weekend of December 6-8. We've reserved a group campsite for both Friday and Saturday nights (Dec 6 and 7) 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*, at dillyhouse1@gmail.com. As we get closer to the event, HPS outings will be posted. Make sure to check the HPS Website at <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm> for newly added outings. Once you've found the hike(s) you're interested in attending, contact the respective outing leaders directly for status and specific details.

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- There should be ample parking. There is some parking at the Hut and more at a nearby trailhead.
- **Contact** for Info/Reservations: Mike Dillenback (dillyhouse1@gmail.com)

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JUNE 15, 2024



Hard to believe it's already upon us, but sure enough, summer is here!! And along with summer come long days, warm nights, high altitude peaks to climb, and maybe best of all, the Annual HPS Waterman Rendezvous!! This year we're holding the Rendezvous Saturday June 15, 2024. The idea is to have several hikes scheduled from different starting points converge on the summit of Waterman Mtn (8,038') at about the same time. Once on the summit we'll all spend some quality time enjoying the company of our friends, old and new alike, over a nice festive pot-luck that we all contribute to and carry up to the summit with us.

Be sure to check the online HPS Outings schedule

<http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm> for hikes as we get closer to the date.

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Sandstone Canyon to Diablo BM

By Larry Edmonds

On Saturday, March 17th of this year Richard Carey, Shelley Rogers, Alann Lopes and Mark Sutton joined me for a hike to Diablo BM in Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Diablo BM is a peak on the Sierra Clubs San Diego 100 Peaks List. The most common route to Diablo is up June Wash but in my opinion the best route is up Sandstone Canyon simply for the beauty of the canyon. But my opinion does not mean much since I have never climbed Diablo via June Wash. This was my third time on the peak and each time I ascended via Sandstone Canyon. The one drawback to this approach is that you need a vehicle capable of driving up Fish Creek which does require 4WD and some clearance. The drive in varies from year to year depending on the amount of water that flows down the creek during the winter rains. But if you do have a vehicle that is capable just the drive through the split in split mountain is worthwhile. I was shocked at the number of vehicles driving up and down the wash plus the number of folks camping along the wash including the lower part of Sandstone Canyon that can be driven up. I have been up Fish Creek many times to do various hikes over the years and never seen so many folks out here. It is a Saturday and wildflower season in the desert so that likely has drawn the crowds. Once we left the drivable part of Sandstone Canyon we encountered not a sole. At about 1.8 miles up Sandstone Canyon from Fish Creek we took a slot canyon on the left side of Sandstone which opens up at the base of Diablo BM. From there it is just a matter of picking a route up the steep face of the mountain to Diablo. After having lunch atop Diablo we followed the Diablo ridge north with plans to drop into Sandstone Canyon when possible. In the past I have always directly dropped down to the saddle between June Wash and Sandstone Canyon and then down Sandstone from there. As I followed the ridge down I was starting to wonder if we would come to a safe spot to drop into Sandstone Canyon which is steep walled for much of the canyon. Alann who was next in line following me down the ridge said to me "I'm starting to get concerned about your route down" to which I responded, me to. Fortunately we did come to a steep gulley dropping into the canyon that was steep but safe. From there we dropped into Sandstone canyon and followed it out to our vehicles parked along Fish Creek. For me the real plus to the climb is the final walk back down Sandstone Canyon. A beautiful canyon that I never tire of. The stats for the day was 7 miles with 1280 feet of elevation gain.



Alann entering the slot



Alann, Shelley, Richard & Mark on Diablo. Whale Peak in background



Mayan Peak

By John Sheehe
March 24, 2024

For some, Jawbone Canyon may conjure images of RVs, off road vehicles, and motorcycles. But travel back a way and a desert oasis awaits (at least in the early spring!) Located 25ish miles from Jawbone Canyon Road and the 14 freeway, Mayan Peak is a short but steep 2.4 mile, out and back/cross country hike that is relatively straight to the top (the HPS site has 3 mile RT but I took a very direct route!).

On 3/24 I visited the peak while the cool weather remained in SoCal. Knowing a potential storm could hit the area I left Santa Clarita at 5:20a and started the hike at 8a. I could have made it to the trailhead at road SC123 sooner but stopped several times while in Jawbone Canyon for sunrise pics.

The 1800 ft ascent took an hour and a half with plenty of rest along the way. Several outcroppings may fool you into thinking you've reached the top, but soon you reach the summit and are rewarded with 360 degree views of the



surrounding Scodie and Piute Mountains and the eastern Mojave. On this day, clouds hung close to Weldon, Sorrell and Piute Peaks while the winds on Mayan gusted. A summit register was intact and in great condition. I signed it (HPS #147), grabbed a bite to eat, took some pictures (ok..more than some..a lot) and was off to enjoy the scree escalator down (34 minutes!)

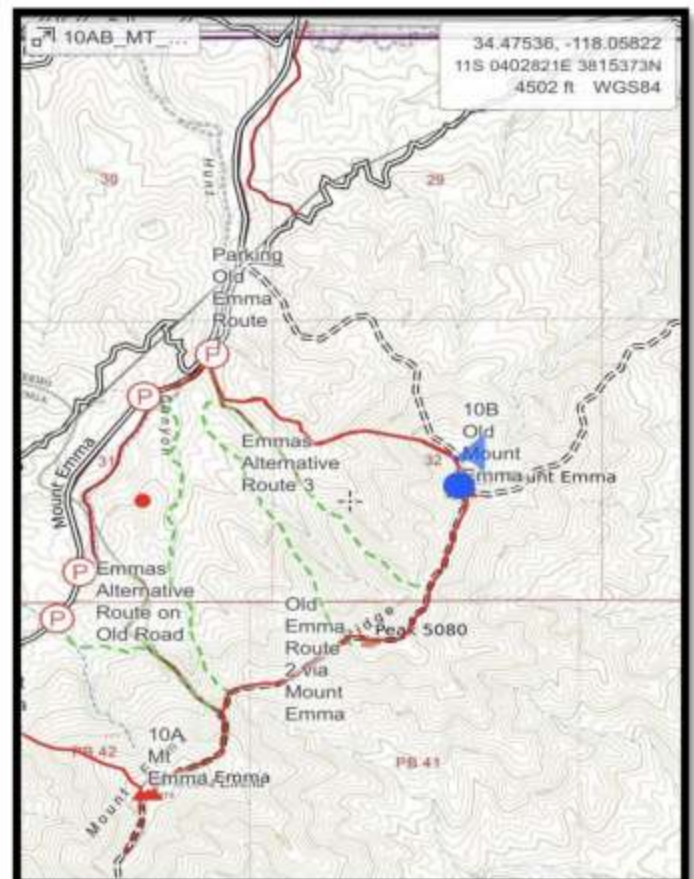
The leisurely pace allowed me to watch the storm clouds, now edging closer to the valley with a mixture of rain and snow. Spring blooms, just making their presence known, covered the lower mountains/foothills. With additional rain forecast in March, it should be beautiful well into April.



Mt. Emma and Old Mt. Emma
By Isa Galan
March 17, 2024



Three was the number of the day! It took me three years to come back to this area and finish what I had started. Three peaks for breakfast. Three friends sharing quality time on the trails. Three really interesting sightings along the trail including deer prancing on a ridge in the distance, horseback riders, and two guys on dirt bikes on the summit.



Summits

Photo by Eric Chu



Ice House Canyon Snow Shoeing.
Leading Sunny Yi. Photos by Jason Park.



Sunny Y1 March 25th



Judy Akike on Smith Mountain with Bill Simpson
and Rob Kone



Lary Pond, Martinez Mountain
March 12th