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Elkhorn Slough photographed by Don Monkerud

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**Activists successfully defend Del Monte Forest**

The Pebble Beach Company lost its bid to cut down nearly 18,000 trees and fill in some of the last remaining coastal wetlands in California when their 2000 Measure A and the project came before the California Coastal Commission in June. The massively destructive plan which included a golf course, driving range, luxury homes and commercial space was resoundingly denied by an 8-4 vote. The Chapter was represented by our attorney, Tom N. Lippe, and Sierra Club California Coastal Program director, Mark Massara. Many club members attended the 10-hour hearing in Santa Rosa.

The Coastal Commission staff gave a compelling synopsis of their 200-page report describing the rare and protected habitat that exists in this Monterey pine forest—one of only five remaining in the world. This ecosystem contains three to four dozen special status species including some which are so rare that they would

qualify for ESHA (Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area) on their own. The forest contains two federally-endangered species, Yadon's piperia and the California red-legged frog as well as significant areas of delineated coastal wetlands, maritime chaparral, and coastal dunes.

This project was viewed by a majority of the commissioners as too destructive and illegal under the Coastal Act. Commissioner Sara Wan noted, "In my 20 years of attending the Coastal Commission's meetings, this is the most egregious example of development trying to circumvent the Coastal Act. It amounts to wholesale destruction of the environment and destroys the essence of the Monterey pine forest."

The 2000 Measure A was opposed by

the Chapter at the time. To promote the measure, the Pebble Beach Company featured Clint Eastwood in TV ads claiming a yes vote would "save the forest." When in 2004 the plan was revealed to include cutting down 18,000 trees, filling in wetlands, and wholesale destruction of habitat, voters felt they had been duped, and there was a firestorm of protest over the deception. Another troubling aspect of the project was that the Pebble Beach Company wanted to disregard an existing conservation easement that was a condition of approval of Spanish Bay in 1986.

Thanks to all who contacted the Coastal Commission to express your support for preserving this critical habitat.

—Rita Dalessio



**Seeing the light**

When I mentioned to a friend that my husband and I had decided not to buy any more incandescent lightbulbs, they complained about the long warm-up time for fluorescents.

Not any more. If you are still shopping for fluorescent lightbulbs at the supermarket or drugstore, your eyes will light up when you check out the dozens of choices at a specialized lighting store. There are bulbs of all sizes and shapes for most types of fixtures.

Besides the traditional tube fluorescents in many different sizes, both linear and circular, there are the familiar squiggly compact fluorescents. Newer choices include fluorescents that have the same size and look as incandescent bulbs. Others have the torpedo shape and candelabra base used in popular hanging fixtures.

There are warm white, daylight, full spectrum, and cool white colors, as well as yellow fluorescent bug lights and even fluorescent black lights for glow-in-the-dark-applications. Also new are 3-way fluorescent bulbs, indoor and outdoor flood lights, and even dimmable fluorescents. I counted six different manufacturers.

All use considerably less energy for the same amount of light provided by incandescent bulbs. The Sierra Club notes that if every American household changed 5 lightbulbs to compact fluorescents, global warming emissions would be cut by ONE TRILLION pounds/year. That's the equivalent of eliminating carbon emissions from 8 million cars.

Fluorescents are not without problems, however. Because they contain mercury, they should not be tossed in the trash, but

must be discarded properly with other hazardous waste such as batteries. Interestingly, fluorescent bulbs may actually keep mercury out of the environment even though they contain about 4mg of mercury. That's because the most common fuel used in the U.S. to produce energy is coal. Since fluorescents use about 75% less energy than incandescents and last 6 to 8 times longer, their use releases less mercury than the 10mg of mercury emitted when producing the energy needed for an incandescent bulb.

Additionally, the lighting specialty clerk said that some people are especially sensitive to the pulsing of fluorescents. Some report getting headaches from certain colors.

If you are just starting to convert to fluorescents, you might want to try one or two lights first. A good choice might be to replace bulbs that you tend to leave on for long periods such as porch lights. I have not experienced any problems with fluorescents. One advantage is that fluorescents don't get hot enough to burn someone. My husband bumped his hand into a light over a power tool and burned himself. Now with the fluorescent bulb, the work light is no longer a danger.

Australia has recently announced that it will phase out incandescent lightbulbs by 2010. All in all, it seems a relatively painless and inexpensive way to save energy. That means more money in your wallet and fewer carbon emissions for the planet.

What a brilliant idea!

—Debbie Bulger

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### We need bike paths

During the first two weeks of June, I had the pleasure of bicycle touring along the Rhine and Mosel Rivers north of Frankfurt, Germany with my daughter and two friends. We all brought folding touring bikes that fit in regular-sized suitcases, so I knew that part of our adventure would be convenient. What I didn't know was how incredibly easy it would be to travel by bike in Germany.

To call Germany "bicycle friendly" would be a gross understatement. The country has a complete infrastructure that provides for bicycle travel as an expected means of transportation. Of the 225 miles that we cycled, at least 200 was on bicycle paths that were completely separate from roads. It was delightful to see so many people on bikes, especially those in their 70s and 80s. We did see lots of spandex and helmets (tourists), but the Germans were dressed in street clothes. Of course, they were on bikes that looked like they couldn't go more than 10 mph downhill with a tailwind assist!

Now I ask you, doesn't it seem that if Germany can provide bike paths all over their country, we ought to be able to do the same? Not only were the bike paths well maintained, ubiquitous, and heavily used, every other aspect of bike travel was convenient. Most of the trains allow you to just walk right on with your bike. Many of the hotels have signs and/or flags advertising that they cater to cycling tourists. Even the dogs in Germany are bicycle friendly. Not one of them barked at us!

To paraphrase an old quote, "If we build [bike paths, cyclists] will come." Actually, we are already here. We just need safe, plentiful bike paths to use.

—Lilly Ann Popken  
Santa Cruz

### Let's Marathon

I am inviting all the people who did the 24-mile marathon hike and anyone else daring enough to join me for the Big Sur Marathon power walk in April. We could go as a Sierra Club group. Sign ups start as early as September. The sooner you sign up, the cheaper it is. Call me if you are interested: 678-1968.

—Esperanza Hernandez  
Soledad

# POST and Sempervirens Fund acquire Little Basin Property from HP



The Little Basin property is bordered on three sides by Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

The Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) and Sempervirens Fund have acquired the historic Little Basin property in the heart of the Santa Cruz Mountains near Boulder Creek. In a joint arrangement, the two nonprofit land trusts purchased the redwood-studded, 535-acre property for \$4 million from the Hewlett-Packard Company (HP), which had previously used the land for private employee recreation and company picnics. Honoring this rich legacy of outdoor recreation by its own employees, HP has now chosen to enable Little Basin to be opened to the public by selling it to

Sempervirens Fund and POST for permanent protection.

Rising 2,000 feet above sea level, Little Basin is bordered to the north, east and west by Big Basin Redwoods State Park. The property features scenic woodlands, an old-growth redwood forest, diverse wildlife, hiking trails that connect to Big Basin, a reservoir, and two creeks—Scott

Creek and Blooms Creek—in the Santa Cruz County watershed. Thanks to HP, a portion of the property is also equipped with an impressive array of recreational facilities, including 14 rustic cabins, 36 tent sites, a picnic area, playgrounds, a recreation hall, restrooms, and an amphitheater.

POST and Sempervirens Fund hope eventually to transfer Little Basin to California State Parks for inclusion in adjacent Big Basin Redwoods State Park. "Little Basin presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to save a gloriously scenic and historic property that would otherwise be built up with luxury mansions and closed off from the public for good," said POST President Audrey Rust.

Developed in 1885 as a logging operation, Little Basin served as a cattle ranch in the 1930s and as a World War II military surplus depot before HP purchased it in 1963. A consultant management team will oversee maintenance of the land temporarily until such time as it is ready to pass on to public agency ownership.

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# What is a working forest?

by Betsy Herbert

The term "working forest" is commonly used to describe forests that we humans use primarily to produce timber. The term "working forest" brings to mind traditional working class values. One can imagine a "working forest" struggling and straining to produce timber, while taking great pride in its practical endeavor to provide decks, paper, and plywood.

The term "working forest" is very mis-

leading, though, because it implies that forests that are not logged are "non-working forests," which don't serve any practical purpose. It suggests that a forest that isn't logged is a kind of free-loading, lazy, good-for-nothing forest. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In the past several decades, we've learned that *all forests are working forests*, in the sense that they provide natural services like water filtration, wildlife habitat, flood control, and carbon sequestration. We've learned that these natural services from forests are extremely valuable economically. While water treatment plants can cost many millions of dollars, forests can and do provide water filtration for free.

We've also learned that forests play a vital role in earth's life-sustaining processes, including the carbon cycle. Mature forests have a great capacity to store carbon. Carbon storage is a natural service that is critical to counteracting global warming. Redwood trees take in carbon from the atmosphere, like all plants, through photosynthesis. Because redwoods are so big, they store enormous amounts of carbon. Redwoods continue to take in carbon from the atmosphere for a long time, because they live so long.

Now that global warming and drinking water protection have become such important issues, redwood forests will become more valued for the vital natural services they provide, rather than just the timber they produce. Preserved redwood forests are not just beautiful and inspirational; they are also some of the world's hardest working forests, without ever producing a stick of timber.

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## Forecast: Cozy

Santa Cruz family installs energy-saving windows



Ventana staff photo

Dave Laughlin looks forward to saving money on heating bills.

Dave and Sue Laughlin of Santa Cruz can look forward to warmer winters, cooler summers, a quieter house, and smaller utility bills. They have replaced the aging, single-pane windows in their house with modern, double-paned, argon-filled ones. Because argon is a poor heat conductor, it boosts the insulating capacity of the already-efficient, double-paned windows.

Dave saved additional money by installing the windows himself.

The Energy Star program of the EPA and the Department of Energy estimates that a typical California homeowner would save approximately \$100/year in heating/cooling costs by upgrading a house to double-paned windows. According to the EPA Energy Star website, homeowners who install eligible windows may receive a tax credit on upgrades made before the end of 2007. To learn more visit [www.energystar.gov/](http://www.energystar.gov/). Click on "Tax Credits Under the Energy Bill" at the bottom of the page.



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# Will the next version of the General Plan recognize environmental constraints?

When a majority of Monterey County voters neither endorsed the slow-growth Measure A nor the big-growth Measure C on the June ballot, residents were left with uncertainty about the future of land use in Monterey County. One bright spot was the defeat, once again, of the sprawling Rancho San Juan golf subdivision's first phase called "Butterfly Village."

What happens next? The Board of Supervisors is talking "compromise" between the two plans. Given the track record of developers getting their way in Monterey County, the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club has many concerns:

- The subcommittee of Planning Commissioners shaping the compromise is weighted in favor of development. Only one member is from a district that

voted in favor of the slow growth plan. The four other subcommittee members are from the districts that opposed the slow-growth plan. Of these, two were very active promoters of the Supervisors' big growth plan. Given the history of how development interests are favored in this county, it is understandable that environmentalists are not optimistic about the outcome of this process.

- Existing resources necessary for development are already stressed. Wells, rivers, and aquifers are going dry or being polluted by salt water intrusion. Critical commuter roads are already gridlocked. We are already losing farmland to subdivisions, and there is only a finite supply

of farmland. So-called new farmland is only a conversion of range lands to vineyards. Would any compromise heed existing limits on growth such as

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prohibitions on development and cultivation on steep slopes? Would a compromise respect the carrying capacity of the land?

Notably the public recognizes that there are reality-based constraints on development as they demonstrated when residents from throughout the county

helped create the 12 Guiding Objectives in the early days of the General Plan Update process. Unfortunately this wisdom was jettisoned by the Supervisors in GPU4.

Will the Supervisors finally take a stand in favor of the facts? Unless the next version of the General Plan really deals with the finite nature of existing resources, it will drag the key indicators of human and environmental health further downward. The Chapter will continue to raise this reality to our decision-makers.

## Supervisors bypass CEQA and allow 8-foot fences

Under a new Emergency Ordinance passed in July, farmers and ranchers throughout Monterey County can erect fencing as high as 8 feet around their fields without environmental review or a public hearing. This hurried action is ostensibly to address concerns about *E.coli* contamination of agricultural products, but an unintended consequence is a threat to deer, elk, and other wild animals. Even worse, the harmful actions are being taken without evidence of the source of *E.coli* threats.

Eight-foot fences could impede river access for wildlife and may trap them during periods of flooding. Eight-foot fences can disrupt wildlife passage impacting procreation, migration, and ultimately survival. Eight-foot fences can prevent wildlife from escaping predators.

The Western Growers Association "best practices" agreement does not automatically recommend fencing off lettuce fields and other leafy greens. Rather, it sets forth a process of specific activities including documentation of animal encroachment into a field and evaluation of both domestic and wild animal activity. So in addition to the lack of

CEQA review, a rush to erect fences skips these important assessment steps and is not science based.

"This rush to build high fences appears to be the result of pressure from major produce buyers who are eager to show strong measures are being taken. However, only actions which are based on facts will constructively address the problem."

Jumping to conclusions and erecting high fences without knowing if it is an ef-

fective action means that the real sources of contamination could be overlooked and effective actions delayed. Additionally, resources could be misdirected, and time and money wasted on fruitless actions. The unintentional harm to wildlife could be devastating.

The Ventana Chapter is urging the Board of Supervisors to reverse this poorly-thought-out policy and instead support the research needed to find the real cause of *E.coli* contamination so a real solution can be implemented.

For more information and a copy of our letter to the Board visit [www.ventana.sierraclub.org](http://www.ventana.sierraclub.org).

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Basil Childers

Christopher Swain's swim of the Columbia drew attention to the benefits of wild rivers.

On July 1, 2003 Christopher Swain became the first person to swim the entire 1,243 mile length of the

Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest. More than 30 filmmakers, led by Andy Norris, followed Swain's swim, and cre-

ated a modern history of the Great River of the West. The result was *Source to the Sea*, a 90-minute film that one viewer called, "a heart-wrenching tale of a man and a river."

The film includes stunning pre-inundation footage of Celilo and Kettle Falls, as well as a broad spectrum of interviews with tribal members, agency representatives, fishers, authors, nonprofit leaders, and citizens who trace the natural history and present-day challenges of the Columbia River in their own words.

Presented by Friends of the River, the Ventana Wilderness Alliance & the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club. View this award-winning film, and learn more about local efforts to protect our last wild rivers. Refreshments. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with information about local rivers. Film starts at 7:30 p.m. \$10 admission. Wave Street Studios, 774 Wave Street, Monterey.

*Source to the Sea* won Most Inspiring Adventure Film, 2007 Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival and Environmental Activism/Social Justice Award, 2007 EarthVision Film Festival.

There will be a Q and A with director Andy Norris after the screening.

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View *Source to the Sea* and learn about local efforts to protect our last wild rivers. \$10 admission. Wave Street Studios, 774 Wave Street, Monterey. 6:30 p.m. For more details see story on this page.

## Non-Sierra Club Events of Interest

The following activities are not sponsored or administered by the Sierra Club. The Club makes no representations or warranties about the safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service.

Saturday, August 25

### Redwood Docent Training

Become a Sempervirens Fund docent. When you become a docent, you can choose to lead interpretive hikes, work booths at local festivals and attend enrichment activities every month. Next training: Saturday, August 25, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For details visit [www.sempervirens.org](http://www.sempervirens.org) and click on Special Events and Activities or call Melanie Kimbell, 650-968-4509.

Wednesday, September 5

### Volunteer Training: Año Nuevo

Training begins on September 5 for volunteers who would like to lead guided tours of the reserve during the Elephant seal breeding season. For more info. call 650-879-2032.

Saturdays

### Habitat restoration sponsored by California Native Plant Society

Volunteer to restore native habitat in State Parks in Santa Cruz Co. Wear layered work clothes. Bring water & gloves. Tools provided. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We work rain or shine, but if things get particularly unpleasant, we call it a day. Contact Linda Brodman, 462-4041, [redwdrn@pacbell.net](mailto:redwdrn@pacbell.net). website: [www.cruzcnps.org](http://www.cruzcnps.org).

September 15, Twin Lakes State Beach  
September 29, Sunset Beach State Park

### FREE Composting Workshops

Home composting improves soil fertility and keeps valuable organic materials and greenhouse gases out of our landfills! Master Composters will teach you how to successfully compost food scraps and garden clippings. Learn what makes composting

happen, what should/shouldn't be composted, different styles of making compost, and how to use compost and mulch in the garden. Backyard compost bins will be available at the workshops at a \$20 discount for residents of the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County and Scotts Valley who register in advance. For more information or to pre-register for a workshop contact the Rotline, 423-HEAP (4327) or visit [www.compostsantacruzcounty.org](http://www.compostsantacruzcounty.org).

Sat., Sept. 15, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Floriculture Exhibit Patio, 2601 East Lake Ave., Watsonville. 4-6 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 29, Cabrillo College Hort. Center, 6500 Soquel Ave., Aptos. 1-3 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 20, Camp Joy Gardens, 131 Camp Joy Rd., Boulder Creek. 1-3 p.m.

FREE Wormshops

Learn how worms can eat your food scraps and make beautiful compost for your garden. FREE workshop for Santa Cruz County residents. 1-3 p.m. Optional worm bin, \$20. Call to reserve bin. Sponsored by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. Call Karin Grobe, 427-3452.

Saturday, Aug. 25, Grey Bears Recycling Facility, 2710 Chanticleer, Santa Cruz

Sunday, Oct. 14, Quail Hollow County Park, 800 Quail Hollow Rd., Felton

Second and Fourth Saturdays

### Habitat restoration - Watsonville

Sponsored by Watsonville Wetlands Watch. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meet at the Fitz Wetlands Educ. Resource Ctr. at Pajaro Valley HS. Gloves, tools, and snack provided. Call Jonathan Pilch, 728-4106 for more info. No experience necessary.

# New roles for our national parks

## An expanded vision for parks in the 21st century

by John F. Byrne

The Sierra Club's National Parks and Monuments Committee has exciting new ideas for expanding and enhancing our national park system. Our goals include:

- Including all the country's major ecological regions;
- Advancing the scientific study of the parks—including learning how to deal with ecological threats and how to adapt to global climate change;
- Educating the public; and
- Limiting and greening development in the parks.

The United States played a pioneering role in inventing national parks, but today we lag behind in using national parks to protect and learn about our ecosystems. We should follow the models of neighbors such as Canada, Costa Rica, Panama, and the Dominican Republic.

### Filling the gaps

In this diverse nation, shouldn't all major ecological regions be represented by a national park or similar natural reserve large enough to assure long-term preservation of natural resources?

A preliminary analysis based on this goal suggests the need to create 38 new national parks (or similar areas) and to expand or change the management of 28 others. Within California, for example, the study identifies four gaps in current protection:

- California Central Valley grasslands;
- California montane chaparral and woodlands;
- Pacific Northwest coastal rivers and streams;
- The Californian Current.

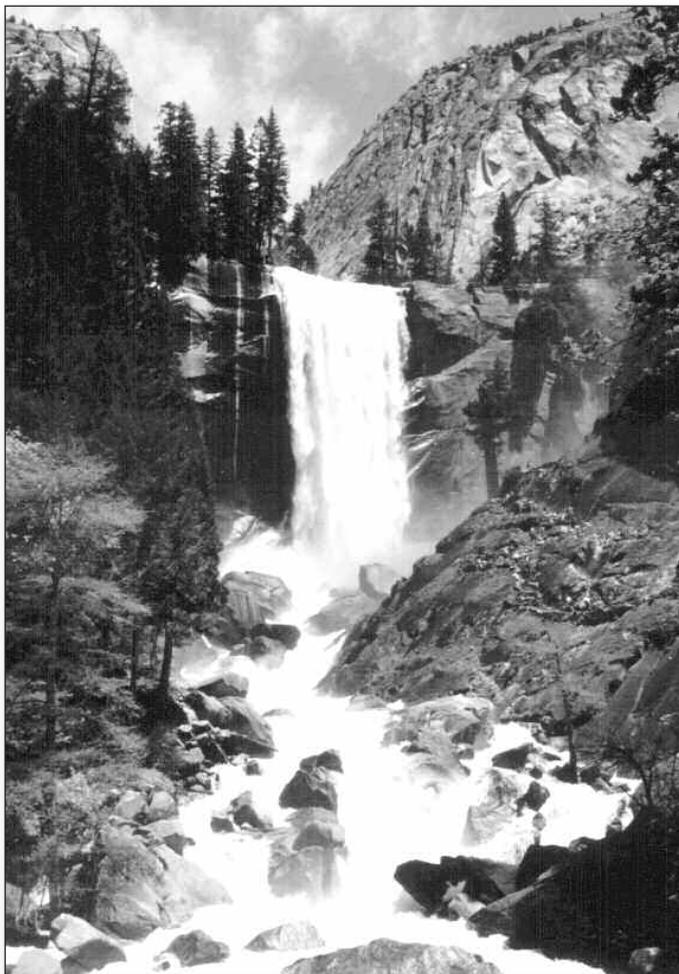
These suggestions are designed to start a discussion of the future of the national parks. In California we may ask such questions as:

- Where should new parks be located?

- Should management be significantly upgraded in the Carrizo Plain National Monument, our last large remnant of Central Valley grassland?

- How might the National Park System protect our marine ecosystems?

Per-capita visitation to our national parks peaked 20 years ago and is now down 23%. With rising gasoline costs and increasing public concern about greenhouse gases, this trend is likely to continue. We should establish new national parks closer to where people live.



### Hearing what our National Parks can tell us

National parks can also serve as bellwethers of environmental change caused by development, industrialization, and global warming. National parks are ideal sites for studying our natural world and how it reacts to change—and for learning how to protect it.

We need to expand science programs in parks. We need to evaluate land use to determine what practices within each ecological region are compatible with ecological vitality. As we gain such knowledge, we need to expand education programs in the parks to spread such knowledge widely.

### Limiting development, greening de-

### velopment

We need to limit development in the national parks. The only facilities in the parks should be those essential to their protection and to enabling visitors to enjoy and learn from them. Even these should be carefully located in the parks' vestibules, away from critical habitats. Park access and use should encourage walking and minimize fuel use and pollution.

Park facilities should be net zero-energy users, designed according to the highest green standards. They can be models for all of us. Facilities not essential for resource management and public use should be located outside the parks, where they can provide visitors with a full range of services while minimizing impacts on the parks themselves.

### Funding

Of each federal budget dollar, 1/12 of a penny goes to national parks. Our nation can afford to do better. Entrance fees are not an answer. Today these contribute only 5% of the National Park Service budget, and they are already high enough to discourage use, especially by people with lower incomes. Fees just for entering national parks should be abandoned.

Nor should park staff have to beg for contributions, or invite private companies to use our national parks to advertise their products. The government does not ask sailors to pass the hat to launch a new destroyer.

National parks can play an invaluable role in making a better world for us, for our children, and for our grandchildren.

*John F. Byrne is chair of the Sierra Club National Parks and Monuments Committee.*

## Whaler's Cove Beach on north coast again open to public

Seven years after the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) purchased Whaler's Cove near Pescadero for permanent protection, the non-profit land trust announced that the beach at Whaler's Cove is once again accessible to the public. Located 20 miles south of Half Moon Bay on Hwy. 1, the beach is part of Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park and is owned and operated by California State Parks.

New recycled-redwood stairs to the beach from the bluff above provide public access which was blocked by the former property owner.

Whaler's Cove boasts a rich and colorful past. Portuguese whalers once hauled their catch onto the beach, which in the mid-1800s was also a loading ground for sending timber to market. Rumrunners secretly used the shores to deliver their

stashes of liquor, and in the mid-1940s, a commercial oyster farming operation occupied the cove. Historical remains are partially visible on the property today.

More recently, in 1981, a private buyer purchased Whaler's Cove with the intent to construct a home on the site. In 1994, the owner changed her plans and sought permission from San Mateo County to develop a nine-unit motel instead. As part of the negotiations, she agreed to give the 1.5-acre beach portion of the property to the state. However, she maintained title to the access points for the beach and promptly erected a chain-link fence and posted "No Trespassing" signs, effectively blocking access to the beach.

Today the motel and fence are gone. For the first time in 13 years, the public will officially be able to access the beach again.

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# Michael and Emily choose a **green** wedding

by Bob Hagopian

More than 2.2 million couples tie the knot each year in the United States, spending an average of \$26,000. According to *Sierra* magazine, the average U.S. wedding and honeymoon generate 9 to 16 tons of carbon dioxide emissions.

San Francisco residents Michael Heacock and Emily Hagopian wanted their April 2007 wedding to reflect their values. Michael is an architect who specializes in environmentally sustainable buildings. Emily is an architectural photographer whose various projects often emphasize green designs. Their wedding planner, Mary Lou Sanders, a UC Santa Cruz environmental studies graduate, helped guide Michael and Emily's sustainability theme.

To minimize paper use, their 150 guests received email invitations, and the couple provided family members and friends wedding information on the website they designed.

Their desire for a wedding site which would provide a natural backdrop combined with social and ecological advocacy led them to choose the Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club. This private non-profit's Mission Statement is "To preserve the natural scenery of Mill Valley and the surrounding country, to beautify the grounds around public buildings, to work against the wanton destruction of birds and game, to encourage the development of outdoor art and to engage in other civic, literary and charitable work." The setting provided spring flowers and towering redwoods.

Mill Valley also was centrally located for Emily and Michael's wedding guests, thereby minimizing travel and fuel con-



Leah McCormick

sumption. Much lodging was within walking distance, and the couple arranged a biodiesel shuttle for guests staying in hotels beyond walking distance.

To offset the carbon emissions from their guests' travel, Michael and Emily

purchased 12 "green tags" from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation. In total, they offset approximately 16,800 pounds of carbon dioxide—the equivalent of planting roughly 2.3 acres of trees in a year or not driving a car for 17,192 miles.

The wedding reception used washable dishes and glasses and featured mostly organic and local foods including fair trade coffee and tea. All food waste was composted and left over food was donated to a local homeless shelter.

The flowers were organic and local, and all photography was digital. Additional information about treading lightly on the environment was provided at a table in the back of the reception along with Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch consumer guides.

The wedding programs were printed with soy inks on biodegradable seed paper. The newlyweds gave each guest small cartons containing redwood saplings from Emily's late grandfather Lem Hagopian's

backyard redwood grove, which he started from Humboldt County saplings 50 years ago.

Emily's remarks at the dinner summed up the couple's feelings: "We wanted to bring it to the front of your minds that we can make decisions that will lessen our impact on the environment. I think it's important for our future and for our children's future to know that we have options; it doesn't have to be the way it has been in the past. Every little bit counts, and we as individuals can do things that have a true effect on making positive changes in the way we live."



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# Branciforte Creek: which part do you prefer?



Debbie Bulger

Branciforte Creek upstream from the section channelized in 1958.



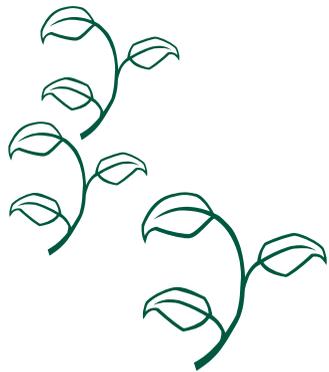
Debbie Bulger

Branciforte Creek where it joins the San Lorenzo River in Santa Cruz.

"The government tells us we need flood control and comes to straighten the creek in our pasture. The engineer on the job tells us the creek is now able to carry off more flood water, but in the process we have lost our old willows where the owl hooted on a winter night and under which the cows switched flies in the noon shade. We lost the little marshy spot where our fringed gentians bloomed.

"Hydrologists have demonstrated that the meanderings of a creek are a necessary part of the hydrologic functioning. The flood plain belongs to the river. The ecologist sees clearly that for similar reasons we can get along with less channel improvement on Round River."

—Aldo Leopold, *The Round River*



***Calochortus luteus*** is a Mariposa tulip commonly called "Gold Nuggets." It is distinguished from other yellow Mariposa lilies by the central red-brown spot on its inner surface. This one was photographed by Nick Wyckoff on the Pogonip in Santa Cruz.



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## Can you cut down?

Transportation accounts for 50% of greenhouse gas emissions in the San Francisco Bay area according to the Bay Area Transportation and Land Use Coalition. Other sources and their contributions are: Industrial and commercial activities, 26%; residential activities, 11%; electricity generation, 7%; and oil refining, 6%.

## Don't use cypress mulch

If you use cypress mulch in your garden, stop right now. This product is made from cypress trees which act as storm buffers during hurricanes. Gulf area swamps are being clear cut to produce mulch. Sierra Club is urging stores and nurseries to stop stocking this product. For more information visit [www.saveourcypress.org](http://www.saveourcypress.org).

## Dam removal being studied

The California Coastal Conservancy is studying the technical and environmental aspects of removing the San Clemente Dam on the Carmel River. The aging dam poses a seismic hazard in the event of a 6.5 or greater earthquake. The study should be completed by December. Removal of the dam would recover the full potential of the Carmel River as a viable steelhead run.

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## Sign the petition

If you've watched Fox News, you know they're working overtime to prop up the myth of uncertainty about global warming, calling it a "hoax" and characterizing climate scientists as "alarmists." To expose this inaccurate coverage Sierra Club and others have launched a petition campaign targeting Home Depot, a major Fox advertiser. To see video clips and sign a petition visit [foxattacks.com](http://foxattacks.com).

## Toxic trailers

Despite documentation that disaster-relief trailers are out-gassing toxic levels of formaldehyde, FEMA has said it will continue to distribute trailers made with formaldehyde-based glues to disaster victims and even sell them to Native Americans across the country. Testing by Sierra Club showed that 88% of such trailers had formaldehyde levels above the EPA's recommended limit. At press time FEMA was reevaluating its decision in the face of massive public outcry. Check the internet for latest developments.

## What's your footprint?

The June *National Geographic* contains a website that helps you calculate your personal impact on climate change. Check it out: [safeclimate.net/calculator](http://safeclimate.net/calculator).

## Hang out

Did you know that if you line-dry just half of your laundry instead of using the dryer, you save 720 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> from being emitted? Start with a few loads and work up to more. Saves money too!



## Roots

REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY

ARTICLES FROM OLD VENTANA NEWSLETTERS

### Reported in January 1971:

The Ventana Chapter agreed to construct 1.8 miles of trail in the Forest of Nisene Marks. Laid out by State Park engineer and Chapter member, Dale Wilson, with the advice of the park Advisory Committee. Volunteers were asked to sign up for work parties.

### Reported in November 1971:

"Chapter members who would be willing to drive or provide their pick-up or other trucks about once a month to collect recyclable bottles and cans are asked to call Sharon Raney."

"The Sempervirens Fund is currently spearheading a campaign to raise funds for the acquisition of Rancho del Oso, a critical 2300-acre single ownership land parcel on Waddell Creek between the Big Basin Park center and the Pacific Ocean."

### Reported in January 1972:

The Chapter sent a letter to the U.S. Forest Service opposing the construction of an astronomical observatory on Junipero Serra Peak.

*Reported in March 1972 when environmentalists were working to get a Coastal Act Passed:*

"On Monday evening, Feb. 28, Chairman Vern Yadon received an urgent tele-

phone call from Janet Adams, Executive Director of the Coastal Alliance, asking him to send someone to Sacramento the next day to testify before the important Assembly Planning and Land Use Committee on AB 200. Result: Jerry Lebeck enlarged some aerial photos which Vern Yadon delivered to me [Earl Moser] at 6:20 a.m. at Monterey Airport Feb. 29, and I was off on the 7 a.m. plane for San Francisco and Sacramento.

At 1:45 the hearing chamber was packed, with many people standing. . . . When my turn came I told of threatened development along the beautiful stretch of beach controlled by the cities of Monterey, Seaside, and Sand City. I showed Jerry Lebeck's photos of the beach, and pointed out on a map where a 10-story hotel would probably be built in Seaside and where a 618-unit apartment complex would ruin a quarter mile of shoreline in Sand City. . . ."

### Reported in November 1972:

WE DID IT!

**Editor's Note:** The California Coastal Commission was created in 1972 by passage of a voter initiative. The Coastal Commission was permanently established by the State Coastal Act of 1976.

## Learn more about international trade

**W**ant to learn more about the impact of international trade at a get-together with some of your friends? Consider hosting a film screening of the short documentary, *Maquilapolis: City of Factories*. The film documents the daily struggles of women factory workers in Tijuana as they fight for better treatment and a cleaner living environment.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was designed to facilitate trade between Mexico, the United

States, and Canada. Yet it also led to a fundamental restructuring of the rural economy in Mexico. Many small farmers, unable to compete with subsidized U.S. corn, were left with no choice but to move and find jobs in the maquiladora—foreign-owned assembly factories—on the U.S.-Mexico border. Despite flagrant workers' rights abuses and rampant pollution, these Maquiladoras are frequently the only hiring employers in border regions, forcing workers to compete for meager salaries often in toxic work environments.

No need to be a free trade expert, the Sierra Club can help you plan your party or find one in your neighborhood. Visit [www.sierraclub.org/trade](http://www.sierraclub.org/trade) or contact Susan Ellsworth at 202-548-6593 or email [susan.ellsworth@sierraclub.org](mailto:susan.ellsworth@sierraclub.org) for more information.

The film screening series will culminate in a Sierra Club sponsored US-Mexico border tour on October 27-28 in San Diego, Tijuana and surrounding areas.

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# OUTINGS

## OUTINGS RATINGS

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

All outings begin and end at the trailhead. Carpooling to and from the trailhead is strictly a private arrangement between the driver and the riders. Carpool drivers are not agents or employees of the Sierra Club.

### EXPLANATION OF RATINGS:

The outings described vary in difficulty from leisurely walks to strenuous hikes. The following explanation are general guidelines. (For more information about the difficulty of a particular outing, call the leader).

**Walk:** Between 2-5 miles, leisurely pace.

**Easy:** No more than 5 miles; slight elevation gain; easy pace.

**Moderate:** 5-10 miles; up to 2000' gain; boots; better than average fitness required.

**Strenuous:** May involve off-trail hiking; demanding pace; for experienced hikers in good condition only.

## MEETING PLACES

### DIRECTIONS:

**Black Bear Diner Park & Ride:** This parking lot is on Rio Road in Carmel.

**Save-Mart / Bagel Bakery:** (formerly Albertson's) South of Monterey on Hwy. 1. One mile past Ocean Ave., turn L on Carmel Valley Rd. Almost immediately, turn R at the light. Save-Mart/ Bagel Bakery on the R.

**Santa Cruz County Government Center:** The large grey building at the corner of Ocean & Water in Santa Cruz. We meet at the corner of the parking lot nearest to the intersection.

**Felton Faire:** The shopping center at the junction of Graham Hill and Mt. Hermon Rds in Felton. We meet at the edge of the Safeway parking lot nearest Graham Hill Rd.

**41st Avenue / Sears:** From Hwy. 1 in Capitola take the 41st Ave. exit. Go toward the ocean on 41st Ave. Pass the main Mall entrance and turn right into the next entrance near Sears. We meet behind the bank located at 41st and Capitola Road.

**MPC Parking lot:** Monterey Peninsula College Parking Lot. From Hwy. 1 take the Fisherman's Wharf exit, go straight one block, turn L and L again into the first parking lot—A. This is the site of the Thurs. Farmers Mkt. Plenty of parking with no fee on weekends.

## carpool news

Meet 1 hour before formal meeting time in order to save gas and protect the environment when participating in out-of-county outings. Informal (no leader) carpool meeting spots:

**Santa Cruz:** County Gov't Center.  
**Monterey:** K-Mart Seaside

*In the interest of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ridesharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.*

## AUGUST

Friday, August 10

### BIKE RIDE: PEBBLE BEACH

We'll ride along paved streets for 15 miles, enjoying ocean scenery and stopping at views. 2 hours. Bring lunch to eat at the end of the ride in the leaders' back garden. Hosts will provide cups of English tea. Meet at 10:00 a.m. outside the Fishwife Restaurant in Pacific Grove (Hwy 68 and Asilomar Blvd.) with your bicycle and helmet. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

Saturday, August 11

### HIKE: VICENTE FLAT

We'll hike to Vicente Flat from Cone Peak Road past giant redwoods. Hopefully, the creek will still have water. Spectacular ocean views. We will again benefit from the recent hard work of the Ventana Wilderness Alliance. Bring big lunch, water, \$ for carpool; wear good hiking shoes for this 12-mile hike, mainly downhill. We'll drive down the coast to Kirk Creek Campground and car shuttle to Cone Peak Road. Call for more information. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Sunday, August 12

### WALK: POINT LOBOS

4-mile walk, starting from Hwy. 1, to the Pit, then back past Whaler's Cove to the top of Whaler's Knoll and back via southern trails. Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 a.m. for a short carpool. Bring snack, water, and optional binoculars for close-ups of the animal life. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Sunday, August 12

### HIKE: WEST MOLERA

Let's do this great hike, passing through meadows, redwoods, chaparral, and along the beach. We'll lunch at a secluded pocket beach with dark purple sand at the south end. 8 miles and 1000' elevation gain. Bring lunch and water; wear boots. Meet at Save-Mart at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Tuesday, August 14

### SENIOR HIKE: RINCON / UCSC

Easy to moderate 3-mile hike starts at the Rincon parking lot on Hwy. 9 approx. 2.2 mi. from Hwy. 1. We'll go thru one corner of Pogonip and up to UCSC along Fuel Break Rd. to Chinquapin Rd. for lunch in wooded area behind UCSC bldgs. Some uphill. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or go direct to the Rincon parking lot on Hwy. 9. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leader: Brooke Ewoldsen 475-6188.

Saturday, August 18

### HIKE: CHINA GRADE TO PESCADERO

We'll hike from Big Basin's "Basin Trail Easement" across Red Trees Properties lands off China Grade (north boundary Big Basin) into Pescadero County Park. We'll try to avoid Au-

gust heat on this north-facing slope. 8 miles, 1800' elevation gain (down 1st, uphill return). Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call for additional info. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, August 19

### BEACH WALK

Let's check out some historic sites between Monastery Beach and the Carmel River and hear good stories about old times around San Jose Creek. We'll check out the Carmel River Lagoon before returning. 4 miles on the beach. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner Park and Ride. Bring lunch, water, sunblock, and windbreaker. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Tuesday, August 21

### SENIOR WALK: NEW BRIGHTON / POT BELLY BEACH

It's a great time for a walk on the beach. Leader will take us the back way past the museum to the cement ship. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, take Hwy.1 to Park Ave. exit, right at stop sign to Kennedy. Park on street. Bring lunch, water and \$1 carpool. Restrooms. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.

Saturday, August 25

### HIKE: NISENE MARKS STATE PARK

6-miles, beginning at Cabrillo College and ending at Safeway in Rancho Del Mar Shopping Ctr in Aptos. Car shuttle. We'll traverse the Scout Tr, over the ridge, to the Aptos Creek Fire Rd. in Nisene Marks. Then, we'll follow the Split-Stuff, Vienna Woods, Terrace, and Oak Ridge Trs to the Old-Growth Loop Tr in the Marcell's Forest section where we will view the fascinating Twisted Grove and the grove with the largest old-growth redwoods. The hike ends with a trek along the Aptos Rancho Tr, past a gorgeous vertical fern grove. One shallow, unbridged creek crossing. Meet at the Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch and \$1 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Saturday - Sunday, August 25 - 26

### TAMARISK BASH IN DEATH VALLEY

Help remove invasive tamarisk from Surprise Canyon in Death Valley. Expect very warm weather, but the year-round stream will let us soak and cool as the spirit moves us. We will work Saturday with Marty Dicks, our coordinator from the BLM. Sunday we will hike up nearby Telescope Peak for long views and cooler weather above the desert. Enjoy car camping, a potluck dinner Saturday, and campfire stories. Contact leader Craig Deutsche, deutsche@earthlink.net, 310-477-6670.

Sunday, August 26

### HIKE: HENRY COWELL STATE PARK

We'll explore some of the latest acquisitions to the park as well as the giant redwoods and the



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# OUTINGS

pine/madrone trees. Possible good birding. Hiking mostly under trees. Two unbridged river crossings will make this a refreshing afternoon with a break at a sandbar. 8 miles. Meet at Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:00 a.m. or at the parking lot at the southeast corner of the park on Graham Hill Rd. at 9:10 a.m. Leader: John Howerton, 476-4253.

*Tuesday, August 28*

## SENIOR HIKE: WADDELL/BIG BASIN

5-mile hike on tree-lined dirt roads in sun & shade. Some uphill. We'll take the Marsh Tr to Nature Ctr for lunch. Prepare for sun/heat/dust/fog or wind. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at 9:50 a.m. at Shen's on Mission & King. Bring lunch, water, \$4 carpool. Restrooms. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.

*Thursday, August 30*

## HIKE: GARZAS CANYON

Our 4-mile loop with 800' elevation gain takes us through a redwood canyon and along Garzas Creek with six picturesque bridged crossings. Moderate pace with stops to enjoy the flora & fauna. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride at 10:00 a.m. or at the Garzas Cyn trailhead on East Garzas Rd. at 10:20 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Call for reservation; limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

## SEPTEMBER

*Saturday, September 1*

## HIKE: TERRACE CREEK

Hike up the Pine Ridge Trail from Big Sur Station to Terrace Creek and then up to the Old Coast Road. Great views of the coast as we hike down to the Ventana Inn. 11 miles with 2000' elevation gain. Bring lunch, water, and wear boots. Meet at Save-Mart in Carmel at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

*Saturday - Monday, September 1 - 3*

## TUSHAR MOUNTAINS, UTAH

Join Utah Chapter and others on this service trip to conduct range monitoring in one of Utah's wildest and least-known mountain ranges. The Tushar Mountains, east of Beaver, include high alpine peaks, rugged escarpments, wildlife-rich meadows, aspen, and conifer forests. We'll collect on-the-ground data to resolve a grazing decision. (Sierra Club and others hope to change grazing management in order to bring beaver to key streams and improve aspen regrowth.) For info and to sign up contact Vicky Hoover, Utah Wilderness Task Force, 415-977-5527 or vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org. Central commissary by Vicky.

*Sunday, September 2*

## HIKE: EAST WADDELL GORGE

This trail in Big Basin goes to the boundary with Last Chance (alternative lifestyle mecca of the 1960s and continuing today on a lesser scale) which is south of the park. The Gorge is a little publicized part of Big Basin (not on most maps). 7 miles; 1200' elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call Nick for additional info. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

*Tuesday, September 4*

## SENIOR WALK: POINT LOBOS

This is one of our favorite spots. We'll park at Whaler's Cove and hike the North Shore Trail, Allen Cypress Grove then Sand Hill Trail to Piney Woods for lunch. Bring binoculars. 3 miles on good trail with some moderate uphill. Heavy poison oak. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave or at Whaler's Cove parking lot about 10:30 a.m. Dress for weather. Bring

lunch, water, \$5 carpool and share of entrance \$. Restrooms. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

*Thursday, September 6*

## HIKE: POINT LOBOS

Our grand loop takes us along tree-clad headland trails with spectacular views where we are certain to see a variety of wildlife and wildflowers which we will stop to enjoy. 6 miles with very little elevation gain. Bring water, lunch, and (optional) binoculars. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride at 9:30 a.m. Call for reservation; limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

*Saturday, September 8*

## HIKE: TO THE SEA VIA MCCRARY RIDGE

A 10-mile hike from Big Basin HQ to Waddell Beach along the Howard King, McCrary Ridge and Skyline-to-the-Sea Trails. We'll pass over Mt. McAbee Overlook at 1730' and follow East Waddell Creek to Camp Herbert, before heading to the beach. Meet at the Santa Cruz Metro Center at 8:15 a.m. to catch bus 35A at 8:30 a.m., to arrive at Big Basin HQ at 9:45. At hike's end, we'll catch bus 40 at 5:15 p.m. from Waddell Beach, to arrive at the Metro Center at 5:55 p.m. Bring plenty of water, lunch and exact bus fare for each bus (\$1.50 general; 75¢ senior). Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

*Sunday, September 9*

## HIKE: SALINAS RIVER STATE BEACH

Hike on a gorgeous beach from the Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge to Phil's seafood restaurant, in Moss Landing. After lunch at Phil's, we'll head back via the same route. 8 miles with no elevation gain. Wear shorts or quick-drying pants in case a wave catches you. Meet in the parking lot of the Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge at 9:00 a.m. (Exit Hwy. 1 just south of Salinas River overpass, at Del Monte Blvd./Neponset Rd. Follow Neponset 1/2 mile west to the parking lot.) Rain cancels. Leader: Eugene Sobka, 449-0873.

*Sunday, September 9*

## WALK: ASILOMAR-PEBBLE BEACH

A 4-mile loop starting on neighborhood streets; then through dunes, out to Point Joe and back along the beach boardwalk. We may find some beach wildflowers and possibly some wildlife. Bring a snack and water. Meet across from the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Drive and Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove at 9:00 a.m. Back about noon. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

*Tuesday, September 11*

## SENIOR HIKE: NISENE MARKS

Starting at Porter Picnic area, we'll hike to the site of the Hoffman House. Shady. 4+ miles on narrow trails with some uphill. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or the dirt parking lot before park entrance. Bring lunch, water, sit upon, repellent, \$2 carpool and share of entrance \$. Restrooms. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 475-4185.

*Thursday, September 13*

## HIKE: MITTELDORF PRESERVE

Our 4-mile loop begins near a rustic log lodge, has 8 bridged creek crossings, 900' elevation gain through a redwood forest. Lunch at a spectacular vista. Moderate pace with stops to enjoy the flora & fauna. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride at 9:30 a.m. Bring water and lunch. We need 4W and all-wheel vehicles! Call for a reservation; space is limited. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

*Saturday, September 15*

## BEACH HIKE

Let's stay cool in this hot September month by hiking from Marina Beach to Monterey Wharf and back. Lunch at one of Monterey's fine restaurants. Bring a trash bag to help clean up the beach along the way. 14 flat miles at a leisurely pace. Call for more information. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

*Sunday, September 16*

## COMBO WALK: POINT SUR/MOLERA

Let's enjoy this beautiful season along the coast with a guided tour of the Point Sur Light Station followed by a brown bag alfresco lunch on the beach at Molera. Because the docent-led tours are limited in size, this outing is limited to the first callers to phone the leader. Anyone wanting to join us later for a short walk to the beach at the mouth of the Big Sur River may meet us about 1:30 p.m. in the Molera parking lot. For more information and reservation, call. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

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# OUTINGS

Thursday, September 20

**HIKE: NISENE MARKS**

This loop takes us through a lovely, shaded redwood forest and along beautiful creeks with several crossings. 900' elevation gain over 8 miles. Moderate pace with stops to enjoy the flora & fauna. Meet in Seaside at the Home Depot parking lot near the gas station at 8:45 a.m. or in Aptos in the parking lot behind Dance Synergy at 9:30 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Call for a reservation; limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, September 22

**HIKE: CALAVERAS SOUTH GROVE**

A 7-mile hike through the South Grove of Calaveras Big Trees State Park, off of Hwy. 4. We'll drive 8.2 miles into the park, along one-lane paved road to the South Grove parking area at 4,400'. This grove has the largest Sequoias in the park. It is less developed and less visited than the North Grove. Highlights of the hike include the Palace Hotel Tree, which reminded early visitors of the grand entrance to San Francisco's most celebrated 19th-century hotel; the 31' diameter Agassiz Tree, the park's largest; and the Smith Cabin Tree which was the residence of the grove's first guardian, Alexander Jackson "Trapper" Smith. It was here, in 1861, that Smith cowered in terror when winds toppled the behemoth, Old Goliath. Dinner on our trip home. Back in Santa Cruz around 8:30 p.m. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center before 8:00 a.m. for the 410-mile round trip. Call before Wed., Sept. 19, for reservations, which are limited to multiples of 4. Please indicate if you are willing to drive. Bring water, lunch, share of park entry \$ and \$25/passenger for carpool. For those planning to make this trip an over-nighter on their own, check with leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Saturday, September 22

**HIKE: MOUNT MANUEL**

Hike through Pfeifer Big Sur Park and up to the top of Mount Manuel. This strenuous, 10-mile hike climbs almost 3,000' and is a great work out. The views from the top are incredible, up and down the coast. Bring boots, lunch,

and water. Meet at Save-Mart at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Sunday, September 23

**HIKE: FALL CREEK**

Farewell to summer as we hike the cool trails of Fall Creek. Enjoy one of the greenest hikes in Santa Cruz almost entirely under the canopy of trees and with abundant running water. Ferns and lichen abound. We'll see remnants of a barrel mill and lime kilns. 8 miles. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:00 a.m. or at the parking lot for Fall Creek on Felton Empire Road at 9:20 a.m. Leader: John Howerton, 476-4253.

Tuesday, September 25

**SENIOR HIKE: HARVEY WEST/POGONIP**

4 miles with uphill climbs (some steep) from Harvey West parking lot by baseball fields. We'll walk by Scared Tree and lunch at the Ranger Station. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at the Harvey West parking lot at 9:50 a.m. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Restrooms. Leader: Helena Cantin, 438-4253.

Wednesday, September 26

**HIKE: FREMONT OLDER OPEN SPACE**

Just above the Cupertino and Saratoga foothills lies the 739-acre Older Preserve with trails that wind along open fields, chaparral and oak ridges. It is named for a famous San Francisco newspaper editor who built his home here in 1914. This home is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. On this 7-mile walk, we'll pass through orchards and Cara Older's pet cemetery. Bring lunch and water. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. with lunch and water or meet at 10:00 a.m. at the preserve parking lot. Exit Hwy. 85 on De Anza Blvd., left to Prospect Rd. and continue past the Saratoga Country Club to the parking lot. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, September 27

**HIKE: JULIA PFEIFFER BURNS**

This gorgeous 4-mile lollipop loop has 1600' elevation gain and follows a creek through dense coastal redwood forest. Lunch at a spectacular overlook of the Big Sur coastline. Moderate

pace with stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Bring water, lunch, and optional binoculars. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. Call for reservation; limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Sunday, September 30

**HIKE: JUNIPERO SERRA**

This is the right time for you to come and join me on this very strenuous 12-mile hike with 4500' elevation gain. We'll hike through unique rock formations and see beautiful sugar pines. The views from the summit of the highest peak in the Ventana Wilderness (just under 6000') are fabulous and unforgettable. Call for more info. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

view in Santa Cruz at 9:20 a.m. We'll be at the parking lot of Butano where the hike starts at 10:00 a.m. 35 miles north of Santa Cruz right on Gazos Creek Rd. and left on Cloverdale Rd. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, October 4

**HIKE: GARZAS CANYON**

See August 30 for description. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday - Sunday, October 5 - 7

**HIKE: HALF DOME**

This 17-mile hike with 4500' elevation gain from Yosemite Valley to the top of Half Dome is a strenuous climb with a final stretch up the cables to the top. This hike is a classic. We'll try to leave early to beat the crowd. The plan is to leave the Monterey area on Friday afternoon and camp in the Valley. Start the hike at 6:00 a.m. and be back for dinner. Camp in the Valley on Saturday night with a short hike on Sunday morning as an option. Call for more information. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Saturday, October 6

**HIKE: PORTOLA REDWOODS**

This will be the third year in a row for this 12-mile hike through beautiful Portola Redwoods State Park to the uncut and awesome Peters Creek Grove. This large grove of giant old-growth redwood trees is tucked away in the far

## OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 3

**HIKE: BUTANO STATE PARK**

Here is a forested canyon along the coast that looks much the same as it did a century ago. We'll begin this 11-mile hike with 1300' elevation gain on the uphill Año Nuevo Trail and continue to the ridge of light-colored shale and sandstone. Ocean views as we come down through the best grove of redwoods in the park. The Ben Ries campground is in the center of the park. Bring water and lunch for this strenuous hike. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at the corner of Mission St. and Grand-

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reaches of the park in a deep canyon along Peters Creek. We'll do a 1.3-mile circle through the grove. One tree measures 17' in diameter, and there are many others up to 14'. 1000' elevation gain and two creek crossings. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Bring plenty of water and \$6 for carpool, plus share of park entry \$. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

*Sunday, October 7*

## WALK: HATTON CANYON/MISSION TRL

We'll ramble up Hatton Canyon to enjoy the solitude and birdsong. On the way, we'll talk about our hopes for a Hatton Canyon Park and how the canyon escaped from Caltrans disastrous freeway plans. Then we'll circle back through the Roundtree Arboretum and Mission Trails Park in the footsteps of Father Serra. Easy 4 miles. Bring lunch and water, and wear suitable walking shoes or boots. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Save-Mart. For more information, call easy-going leader: Joyce Stevens, 624-3149.

*Sunday, October 7*

## HIKE: SOBERANES CREEK/ROCKY RIDGE

Join us on this 5-mile loop hike with 1650' elevation gain. We'll follow the Soberanes Creek Tr into a delightful redwood grove, then climb the steep, badly eroded trail up to grassy knolls for great views at lunch. We'll descend Rocky Ridge with fine views all the way down. Boots

necessary; hiking poles helpful. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Black Bear Diner Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Call for reservation. Leader: Dwight Goehring, 277-9908.

*Tuesday, October 9*

## SENIOR HIKE: MT. MADONNA

Located off Hwy. 152, this is a moderate 3 1/2-mile hike. We'll return via Gisdich Farms for dessert. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, meet by 10:00 a.m. just beyond park's kiosk entrance by restrooms. Bring lunch, water, \$4 carpool and share of entrance fee. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

*Wednesday, October 10*

## HIKE: WILDER RANCH STATE PARK

Hike along the sandstone and mudstone bluffs with scenic views of sandy beaches, a seal rookery, spectacular jagged bluffs and a hidden fern cave. We'll pass Wilder Beach, a critical habitat for the snowy plover. The Old Landing Cove was a place where small schooners came in to anchor and load lumber in the late 1800s. The Old Cove Landing Tr continues onto the Ohlone Bluff Tr for an 8-mile flat hike. Bring lunch and water. Be ready for fog and wind or bright sunshine. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or at the corner of Mission & Grandview in Santa Cruz at 9:20 a.m., or at the Wilder Ranch parking lot on Hwy. 1 just north of Santa Cruz. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

*Thursday, October 11*

## HIKE: MILL CREEK REDWOOD PRESERVE

Hike 5 miles thru a lovely forest gaining 250' elevation to a viewpoint overlooking the mountains and ocean. Moderate pace with stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Call for a reservation; space is limited. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride at 10:00 a.m. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

*Friday, October 12*

## BIKE RIDE: PACIFIC GROVE/MARINA

Let's explore the new "links in the trail" through Monterey and Sand City and see how they connect with the Monterey/ PG Rec. Trail and the old Fort Ord bike path. Meet at Lovers' Point in Pacific Grove at 10:00 a.m. at the start of the Rec. Trail. Our route is mostly on paved bike trails, with some streets in Sand City. Expect a relatively flat ride with a few short, sharp hills. Be prepared for headwinds and some congestion especially around Fisherman's Wharf area. 30 miles, but we'll take it at a leisurely pace. Helmets mandatory. Bring water and lunch to eat at Lock Paddon Park in Marina. Please phone a few days beforehand to confirm that outing will take place. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

*Saturday, October 13*

## HIKE: CHALK MOUNTAIN

I have always liked Chalk Mountain in Big Basin State Park for its interesting access and views. We'll see if permission is given for us from the owner of a portion of the Chalks Trail to use this normally-closed route. If not, we'll start on Whitehouse Canyon Rd. 8 miles with 1500' elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

*Saturday, October 13*

## HIKE: POINT LOBOS

A 4-mile loop, starting from Hwy. 1, to Whaler's Cove, then out and back to the Pit and Ichxenta Point, then along North Shore Tr to the Cypress Grove, and back thru woods.

Meet at Save-Mart at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Bring snack, water, optional binoculars. Done about noon. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

*Saturday - Monday, October 13 - 15*

## CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE TRIP

Explore and serve in the Carrizo Plains National Monument. Pronghorn antelope will not jump fences to escape predators but rather attempt to crawl under. Our service on Saturday will make several sections of fence antelope-friendly. Sunday we'll either hike in the Caliente Range or tour popular viewing areas in the plains—participants' choice. Those who can stay on Monday will continue assisting in fence modification. Combine car camping, day-hiking, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. Contact Leader: Craig Deutsche, 310-477-6670 or deutsche@earthlink.net.

*Saturday - Sunday, October 13 - 14*

## CAMPING: SAN FRANCISCO PRESIDIO

We'll spend the night at a little-known Presidio treasure, Rob Hill Campground, the only overnight campsite within the Presidio. It is situated at the Presidio's highest point in a stand of eucalyptus trees overlooking Baker Beach and the Pacific Ocean. The next day we'll explore Baker Beach or whatever we like. Call me for reservation; space is limited. Leader: John Howerton, 476-4253.

*Sunday, October 14*

## HIKE: SALINAS RIVER STATE BEACH

See September 9 for description. Leader: Eugene Sobka, 449-0873.

*Tuesday, October 16*

## SENIOR HIKE: GARLAND RANCH

We'll hike from Visitor's Center to the Maple Cyn. Trail to the fern pond and grinding rocks and return via the nature center. Some moderate uphill. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at the parking area on Carmel Valley Rd. 8.6 miles from Hwy. 1. Bring lunch, water, sit upon, \$5 carpool. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 475-4185.

*Wednesday, October 17*

## HIKE: FALL CREEK STATE PARK

Even in the fall, there is a crystal-clear full-flowing creek here, tumbling and cascading through a mixed hardwood forest canyon. The colorful big-leaf maples will be showing their fall colors. Our 8-mile hike has 1500' elevation gain as we take the Capehorn Trail to the Lost Empire Trail past the Big Ben tree. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. to carpool at 9:00 a.m. or at the park entrance at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.



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