



Ventana Chapter ~ Ventana.SierraClub.org Hikes and Outings for Monterey/Carmel & Santa Cruz July 1 to August 31, 2015 ~ Contact leader to reserve a spot

This is a current listing of the Outings. Please refer to the website: Ventana.SierraClub.org for any additions or changes, and contact the leader for a reservation as most outings are weather dependent. Note that some may require a small fee for transportation

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Senior Hike/Walk: Fall Creek-Santa Cruz area

Shady 3 mile hike in redwood forest partly along a creek. Some moderate uphill, rocky in places. Lunch at limestone kilns. After lunch, we'll do another mile or so. Alternative shorter walk available. Meet before 9:30 AM at Sears on 41st Ave. or before 9:40 AM in the Gateway Shopping Mall by the levee, between Ross and Petsmart. To go direct, cross from Graham Hill Rd to Felton Empire Rd in the center of Felton and drive half a mile to the Fall Creek parking lot on the right. No restrooms. Bring water, lunch, repellent, \$3/\$2 carpool. Leader: Bev Meschi 359-9961; Walk: Brooke Ewoldsen 475-6188.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Hike: Carmel Beaches

Our 4-5 miles out and back with minimal elevation gain at a moderate pace take us along Carmel Beach, Carmel River Beach to Monastery Beach. Enjoy views of Point Lobos, surf and ocean. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the bottom of Ocean Ave at 9:30 am. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, onegisela@aol.com or 393-4983. Please let me you if you are coming.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Hike: Point Lobos State Reserve

We'll start this 4-5 mile hike around beautiful Point Lobos at the highway, walk down to Whaler's Cove, go north to Ixchenta Point and the bedrock mortars, back to visit the Whalers' Cabin, then on to the top of Whaler's Knoll and return via south coast trails. There will be wild flowers to see and wildlife to watch. Meet at the Rio Road "Park and Ride" just east of Hwy 1 at 9 am. There will be a short carpool to start of the outing. Bring snack, water, and binoculars if you like for close-ups of the animal life. The park requests a walk-in fee of \$1/person. Their maps cost \$2. Call leader, Martha Saylor, 372-9215 to reserve a space.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Hike: Gazos Creek to Sandy Point-Santa Cruz

Hiking uphill from the end of Gazos Creek Rd is another way to get up to Sandy Point in Big Basin. Expect 6-7 miles or so and about 1300 vertical feet. We'll meet at the Govt Center in Santa Cruz at 9:30 to carpool. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, (831) 462-3101.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Hike: Julia Pfeiffer Burns to Tin House-Big Sur

I would like to take serious hikers from Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park up and through the Park, then over on newly opened trails to the Tin House for lunch. It is a beautiful way high through the hills with gorgeous views down the coast. After lunch, we'll walk down on the Tan Bark trail to the Highway where some of our cars are parked, pick up the first cars from Pfeiffer Burns and drive back. About 12 miles with about 1,500' elevation gain/loss in a moderate pace. Bring lunch and lots of water, some \$ for park entrance share. Don't forget a hat and your hiking poles. Reserve time for a long day. Meet at Park & Ride on Rio Road in Carmel at 8:00 a.m. For more info, call me. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 831 624-1467.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Hike: Garrapata to Palo Corona Traverse

The chapter now has a special use permit to access the currently closed backcountry of Palo Corona Regional Park. From Garrapata State Park, ascend the Rocky Ridge Trail over Dowd Peak, continue over the shoulder of Palo Corona, down through the redwoods of Seneca Creek and eventually out to Route 1 near the mouth of Carmel River. Strenuous 9+ hour hike, 15 miles and 3300'. Meet at the Rio Road Park & Ride by 7:30 am to arrange car shuttle. Bring lunch, 3+ liters water, and rain/wind protection. Limited to 14 hikers, so please reply to CarolAndRandyHike@yahoo.com with your name and phone number, and we will call you. Leaders: Carol Greenstreet & Randy May.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Senior Hike: Lower Nisene Marks

This is an approx. 3.5 mile nature walk among the redwoods, the largest tree in the park and the twisted trees. Some uphill. Meet before 9:30 AM at Sears on 41st Ave or go direct. Park at the first kiosk. Primitive restrooms. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool and share of entrance fee. Leader: Perry Brohmer 1-650-793-3987.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Hike: West Molera

Meet at the Park and Ride Lot on Rio Road at 9am for this moderately strenuous hike of around 8 miles with elevation gain of 1200 feet. We shall hike up Hidden Trail and Ridge Trail, enjoying views of Pico Blanco and Post Summit. After lunch we descend via the Panorama Trail and Bluff Trail, with views of the ocean and Point Sur. Bring lunch, water and a sweater or windbreaker as the ocean breeze can be cold even at this time of year. Optional: bring sandals or aqua shoes for a possible river crossing. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton 372 7427.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Afternoon Walk: Fort Ord State Beach

How about a stroll on the beach to admire sea shells where the big guns once roared? Never crowded, often windy, this is a place to stretch our legs or just enjoy sitting/staring at the waves. Meet at the Ft. Ord Thrift Store (on the right just past first traffic light on Lightfighter entrance) at 1 pm. From there we'll caravan to Fort Ord State Park. Dress in layers, bring water, and be ready for either sun or fog or both. Distance walked may be an individual decision. Sit down when you need to! We'll leave the beach by 3. Call beforehand to see if the walk is still on! Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Senior Saunter: Asilomar South

Easy 3+ mile walk from Asilomar to Point Joe and return along sandy paths and beach boardwalk. Lunch at tables just south of Point Joe. Meet before 9:30 AM at Sears on 41st Ave. To go direct, meet by 10:40 AM at Fishwife Restaurant & Asilomar in Pacific Grove. Bring lunch, water, \$5 carpool. Leader: Bev Meschi 359-9961.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Hike: Jacks Peak Park

Our 6 mile loop with about 700 feet elevation gain at a moderate pace takes us along the quiet forested trails with some views of Carmel and Monterey Bay. Bring water and lunch. Meet near the Whole Foods store at 9:40 am for carpooling or at the West Parking Lot at Jacks Peak at 10 am. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, onegisela@aol.com or 393-4983. Please let me you if you are coming.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Hike: Jacks Peak - The Trails Less Traveled

We will explore some of those trails that you always wanted to take, but never did. Well, let's see where they go. Expect 6-8 miles, perhaps 1200' of elevation gain, and probable poison oak exposure. Good hiking boots will be beneficial, and bring a lunch. Let's meet at 9:30. Call for meeting site and shuttle info. Leader : Larry Parrish 622-7455.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Senior Saunter: Capitola Stairs

An approx. 3 mile walk takes us through the "Jewel Box" of Capitola, down steps to the Esplanade with a walk through the Venetian condos, up and round Depot Hill and back to the Esplanade. Shorter walk available. Meet before 9:30 AM at Sears on 41st Ave., where walk begins. Restrooms. Bring water and lunch or buy lunch at one of the local restaurants. Leader: Denise Lucy 831-728-6552.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Hike: Del Monte Forest

Our 4-5 mile loop with about 500 feet elevation gain at a moderate pace takes us along quiet forested trails that are even pretty in fog. Bring water and a snack. Meet at the parking area along highway 68 at the Haul Road between Skyline Forest and Forest Hill at 9:30 am. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, onegisela@aol.com or 393-4983. Please let me you if you are coming.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Hike: Monte Bello to Black Mountain

We did this one cold winter day a couple of years ago. The shady puddles were still frozen at 1pm. Let's see what it's like in July. Expect 7 or so miles and 1100 uphill ft. We'll meet at the Govt Center in Santa Cruz at 9:30 to carpool. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, (831) 462-3101.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Walk: Mission Trails Park-Carmel

This hike is 2 - 3 miles and 300' elev. gain. We start at the bottom of the canyon on Rio Road across from the Carmel Mission. We will make an elongated loop with possibly some city streets as part of the route. If there is no fog, there is a nice view of the Mission dome. We will make stops at the controversial Flanders Mansion and its neighboring Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden and the Outdoor Forest Theater. Meet at 9 am at the trailhead. Call Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215 to reserve a place.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Senior Saunter: Pogonip Spring Street-Santa Cruz

A 3.5 mile mostly level walk in Pogonip. We will take the Spring Trail to the lime kilns and back, visiting some unique stone labyrinths along the way. A shorter walk will be available. Meet before 9:30 AM at Sears on 41st Ave. or at the top of Spring St. in Santa Cruz before 9.50 AM. Make your own arrangements for lunch. No Restrooms. \$2 carpool. Leader: Janet Schwind, 425-3845

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Senior Saunter: Salvia Gardens-Santa Cruz

Tour Salvia Gardens with Ernie at Cabrillo Horticultural Center. We'll lunch at tables in front of gardens. Great views! Optional short hike. Meet before 9:30 AM at Sears on 41st Ave. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leaders: Mary Stabler and Brooke Ewoldsen. 475-6188 Wednesday, August 12 Hike Leaders' Meeting at Monterey Public Library at 5:30 pm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Morning Walk: Carmel River State Beach

We might go check out the warning signs at Monastery Beach and then race to safety on the higher ground past the little red schoolhouse! Or we might start from the high ground up on Ribera Rd. and mosey a little way in each direction, looking down at danger from the heights. Meet at 9 am at Rio Road P&R, since parking at all potential trailheads is limited. Dress in layers, bring water, and expect to be back to the cars around noonish. Call beforehand to see if the walk is still on! Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Hike: Buzzards Roost and Molera Headland

Starting in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, we'll hike up through redwood forest to Buzzards Roost viewpoint, 5 miles round trip and 700 ft elevation gain. The trees and plants on this trail suffered badly during the Dec 2013 Pfeiffer fire. It's fascinating to observe the regeneration. After a picnic lunch by the Big Sur river we'll drive a few miles back up the road to Andrew Molera State Park. Here we'll walk the easy trail through the campground and out to the headland, 2 miles round trip. Bring lunch, water and \$ for your share of the park entrance fee. Meet at the Rio Road Park and Ride at 9 am. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton 372 7427.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Senior Saunter: Lover's Point

This is an approx. 2 miles round trip north from Lover's Point to the Monterey Bay Hotel Plaza, or 3 miles to the Coast Guard Wharf. Lunch near the coffee shop at the Plaza. Meet before 9:30 AM at Sears on 41st Ave or take Hwy 1 exit at Fisherman's Wharf, drive south and park on street by Lover's Point. Restrooms. Bring lunch, water, \$5 carpool. Leader: Brooke Ewoldsen: 475-6188

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Hike: Terrace Creek in Big Sur

We'll hike up the Pine Ridge Trail for about 5 miles. Then go up the beautiful Terrace Creek trail to our lunch spot. This is the most strenuous part of the hike. Afterwards, we'll walk down the old Coast Road via the Ventana Resort back to some cars to return to the other cars at the first parking lot. About 11 miles and 1600' elevation gain/loss at a moderate to slow pace. Bring lunch and lots of water. Don't forget a hat and hiking poles. Reserve time for a long day. Meet at Park & Ride on Rio Road in Carmel at 8:00 a.m. For more info, call me. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 831 624-1467.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Hike: DeLaveaga City Park

This one is local for the Santa Cruz crowd. We shouldn't ignore the closeby parks. Expect 6-7 or so miles and 800 feet of elevation gain. We'll meet at the Govt Center in Santa Cruz at 10:00am (!) to carpool. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, (831) 462-3101.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

**Senior Saunter:
Seabright/Arana Gulch**

3 to 4 miles along the cliffs in Seabright, across a beach, around the marina through Arana Gulch and back. A shorter walk is available. We'll lunch at Frederick St. Park. Meet before 9:30 AM at Sears on 41st Ave. or by 9:50 AM at the beginning of East Cliff Dr. at the junction with Alhambra Ave. Restrooms. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leader: Irene Lennox 457-2690

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

**Walk: Asilomar to Bird Rock
and back-Pebble Beach**

Our 4-5 miles out and back with minimal elevation gain at a moderate pace take us along the board walk and trail along Spanish Bay and the Ocean to Bird Rock with lots of views of the ocean. Bring water and a snack. Meet near the Fish Wife restaurant at 9:30 am. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, onegisela@aol.com or 393-4983. Please let me you if you are coming.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

**Hike: Holt Road to
Snively's Ridge-Garland Park**

We will carpool from Mid-Valley to the trailhead at the Western extremity of Garland Park. Then up a moderate incline about 5 miles to our lunch spot atop Snively's Ridge. Possible side trip to higher elevations. Views should be gorgeous during our Summer Sunday. About 10 miles total, perhaps 1500' elev. gain. Meet at Mid-Valley shopping center. Call for info. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Sierra Club Ventana Chapter's Trail Guide and Map to the Northern Los Padres Forest is available on line at REI for \$14.95 plus shipping at the link below. All proceeds from sales go to our Conservation work:
<http://www.rei.com/product/616587/trail-guide-to-the-los-padre-national-forest-northern-section-trail-map-7th-edition>

The Chapter wants to thank all our Outings and Hike leaders for their years of service to the Club. Through them, our members are able to enjoy and explore our many parks and wilderness areas. In order to allow us to keep members updated on outings and hikes and attract new members, please send your email address to: chapter@ventana.sierraclub.org

All our hikes are offered FREE to the community. What better way to advocate for the natural world than to show it to you. Breathe in the salty pine scented air and take in the grand landscapes, and know there is no other place like this on earth. Sign up for one or more of our hikes and we'll show you our surrounding wilderness up close and make it personal. After you've enjoyed one of our hikes, please consider becoming a member and joining your 6000+ Monterey Bay neighbors in protecting these natural wonders for generations to enjoy.

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