



Ventana Chapter ~ VentanaSierraClub.org Hikes and Outings for Monterey/Carmel & Santa Cruz Feb. 27 to April 30, 2016 ~ Contact leader to reserve a spot

This is a current listing of the Outings. Please refer to the website: VentanaSierraClub.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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Hike: Jacks Peak, another way

Let's approach Jacks Peak from Carmel Valley. A short but interesting hike of 6 miles and 1000' of elevation gain. Through a meadow and up a fairly steep trail through the pines and oaks. Possible poison oak, so come prepared. Meet at Save Mart/Bagel Bakery at 10 am. Rain cancels. Leader: Larry Parrish, 831-622-7455.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Hike: Mission Trails

This hike is 2-3 miles long and with 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 some city streets as part of the route. If there is no fog, there will be a nice view of the Mission dome. We will make a stop by the controversial Flanders Mansion. Meet at 9 am at the trail-head. Rain cancels. Call me to reserve a place. Leader: Martha Saylor, 831-372-9215.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Senior Hike: Henry Cowell Sand Hills

We'll explore Sandhill/Upper Henry Cowell area. This is a rolling hills semi wilderness hike. We will have lunch at the baseball park near the parking area. A shorter walk will be available. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave or beside the levee in the Gateway Center on River St, between Ross and Petsmart, before 9:40 am. We will be parking at the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Facilities, 3650 Graham Hill Road, Felton, CA 95018. Bring water, lunch, \$3 carpool (\$2 from Gateway). Rain cancels. Leaders: Perry Brohmer, 1-650-793-3987; Helena Cantin, 831-438-4523.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Hike: Fort Ord

Our 6 mile loop with about 700 feet elevation gain at a moderate pace takes us uphill on Oilwell Road and back to the parking lot in a big loop down Guidotti Road. The area is wide open with minimal shade, so bring a hat as well as water and lunch. Meet at the new Fort Ord National Monument parking lot on Hwy 68, across the street from the Café, at 9:30 am. Heavy rain cancels. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, onegisela@aol.com or 831-393-4983.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Hike: Big Sur, Salmon Creek Trail to Estrella Camp

(Rained out twice – Let's try again)
6.4 miles up and back, approximately 1500 foot total elevation gain. This will be an all day event due mainly to the long 140 mile round trip drive from the Carmel P & R where we'll meet up at 7:30 am. Perhaps, if all feel up for it, we can take a short side hike to the possibly "thunderous" Upper Salmon Ck Falls. Trail is exposed and steep at the start but levels out as it enters forested canyon terrain and is in good shape except for one small stretch due to loose soil and previous slides. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and \$6 carpool. Please RSVP. Leader: Steve Jackson, (831) 320-4561.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Hike: Asilomar-Pebble Beach Forest & Coast

This is a 4 mile loop inland of Spanish Bay, through Pebble Beach neighborhood and to sand dunes horse trail and to beach trail. We then go out to Point Joe and return along the beach boardwalk back to Asilomar Blvd. Let's hope to see wild flowers and wildlife. Meet across from the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Drive and Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove at 9:00 a.m. Bring snack, water and binoculars if you have. Call to reserve a space. Leader, Martha Saylor, 831-372-9215.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Hike: Long Ridge to Apple Tree

We neglected the Palo Corona Road area this spring. With carpooling to the Long Ridge resp. to Bottcher's Gap, we'll start at the Hoist, the long, fairly steep road through some development until we get to the woods and up to Apple Tree Camp. The fresh green of maples and sycamores and some wild flowers with beautiful Turner Creek should make this a wonderful spring hike. Then slowly further up to our lunch spot, looking over the Ventana mountains. Back down on the Skinner Ridge trail to our cars at Bottcher's Gap. About 8 miles with 1,500' elevation gain on a slow pace. Bring water and lunch, hiking sticks and wear good shoes. Meet at P & R on Rio Road in Carmel at 8:30 am. Let me know if you are coming. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 831-624-1467.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Senior Hike: De Laveaga Park

We'll hike to the Top of the World and back among trillium and yellow violets. 3 miles with some uphill. A shorter walk will be available. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. or at De Laveaga Park at Twisted Tree picnic area off Branciforte Drive (not Avenue) by 9:50 am. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Rain cancels. Leaders: Janet Schwind, 425-3845; Brooke Ewoldsen, 831-475-6188.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Walk: Point Lobos

Any day is a good day at Pt. Lobos, but traffic and parking are much better on a week day! We'll mosey along the north shore and around to Ixchenta Village at the north end of the Reserve, looking for ocean critters and pretty spring flowers. Good shoes and binoculars are a plus, and a water bottle helps between faucets. Dress in layers; hard rain cancels. For meeting time and place, call me. Leader: Mary Gale, 831-626-3565.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Hike: Elkhorn Slough

Our 5-6 mile loop with minimal elevation gain at a moderate pace takes us along the tidal marshes of the slough. We should see birds and other wildlife, so bring your binoculars. Also, bring water and lunch and a credit card for the entrance fee (last time it was \$4.12). Meet at REI near Hwy1 and Imjin Pkwy at 9:30 am or at 10:00 at the Elkhorn Slough visitor center. Heavy rain cancels. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, onegisela@aol.com or 831-393-4983

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@VentanaSierraClub.org

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FRIDAY MARCH 11

Hike: Henry Coe State Park

It's a long-ish drive to Henry Coe State Park, which is in the hills east of Morgan Hill. But it's worth it for the green rolling hills, oak studded meadows, early wildflowers and interesting visitor center. We'll hike a leisurely 8 mile loop on the Fish, Middle Ridge and Flat Frog trails, with about 1000 feet of elevation gain. Bring lunch, water and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at 9:00 am at the far end of the REI parking lot, next to the wall, in Marina. Santa Cruz area hikers may meet at 41st Ave Sears, no leader, at 9:00 am and make their own way to the park. Take the East Dunne Ave exit from Hwy 101 and follow signs to the Park's main entrance. We should be at Henry Coe parking lot (fee) by around 10:30 am. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton: 831-372-7427.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Hike: North Wilderness Trail Loop, Pinnacles

This is a strenuous 9.3 mile hike in the Pinnacles, with an elevation gain of 1,020' on an unmaintained trail along ridgetops and descending into the west fork of Chalone Creek; it may require several wet crossings. We'll return along the Old Pinnacles and Balconies Cave trails. Bring 2-3 liters of water, sturdy boots, trekking poles, hat, sunscreen, and lunch. Also bring a headlight for the caves and \$5.00 carpool gas contribution and a share of the \$15.00 entrance fee. Meet at 8:30 AM at REI parking lot in Marina, in the far corner to drive to the West Entrance, Chaparral Trailhead. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Stanley Dudek, sdudek829@gmail.com or 831-726-6200.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Senior Saunter: Wilder Cove Walk

Docent led 3 mile walk on the Old Cove Landing Trail followed by a tour of the historic ranch complex. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. or at Shen's Gallery at King & Mission St. before 9:50 am. To go direct, meet group in the parking lot for Wilder Ranch State Park one mile north of Santa Cruz on Hwy.1. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool and share of parking fee. Rain cancels. Leader: Janet Schwind, 831-425-3845.

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>

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Bicycle Ride: Ocean Viewing Circle of the Monterey Peninsula

(Rained out last time – Let's try again) 32 miles, 1180 total elevation gain, around 6 hours. This will be a leisurely paced ride stopping at various vista points as desired. Meet 9 am at Dennis the Menace Park at El Estero Lagoon. Ride south along the Coastal Recreation Trail around Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, Carmel as far south as Pt. Lobos (22 Mi.) for lunch and a short visit. Return via quiet Carmel residential streets to the top of Carmel Hill (the bulk of the elevation gain-580'), then down the Hwy 1 bike path and Iris Canyon Rd. to our cars. Limit 10. Please RSVP, by calling ride Leader: Steve Jackson, (831) 320-4561.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Hike: Danish Creek

We will begin our journey at Los Padres Dam in the northern portion of Los Padres National Forest. Hiking up the Carmel River Trail about 1 1/2 miles we will turn up the Big Pines Trail to the 3 mile mark, and then down to secluded Danish Creek Camp for lunch. A moderate hike of 9 miles and 1400' of elevation gain. Expect poison oak and possible ticks. Please call for meeting place and time. Leader: Larry Parrish, 831-622-7455.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Senior Hike: Garland Ranch

We'll head up the waterfall trail to the Mesa Pond, with some hills and stairs, for lunch at the benches, and back down the Mesa trail, about 3.5 miles. There is an approximately 600 foot gradual climb. For those who want to visit the nature center at the end of the hike, the round trip adds another mile. A shorter walk will be available. Meet at 41st Ave. at Sears by 9:30 am or go directly to the new visitors' center in Garland Ranch Park, about 8 miles up Carmel Valley Rd., by 10:45 am. Restrooms available. Bring lunch, water and a \$6 share of cost for car-pooling. Rain cancels. Leaders: Beverly Meschi, 475-4185; Brooke Ewoldsen, 831-475-6188.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Hike: Tan Bark Trail to Alta Vista

We'll hike up on Tan Bark Tr. along the roaring Partington Creek via Overstrom Tr. to Alta Vista. Spring flowers are out, ocean vistas are breath taking and chances to see Condors are good! Bring 2-3 liters of water, food and sun protection. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Tracking poles will be helpful. We meet 9:00 am at Rio Road P & R, Carmel. Bring \$\$ for ca pooling. If the Waters and Ewoldson Trails are open the hike could continue on from Alta Vista through Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park to Hwy. # 1! In that case a shuttle would be necessary and it would be a strenuous hike of 9 miles and 2,700 ft. elevation. For reservation call: 831-920-1803. Leader: Burk Siedhoff.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Hike: Toro County Park

We will start at the main entrance of Toro Park and explore its eastern boundary with the Marks Ranch. The length is a moderate 5-6 miles and maybe 1000 ft of elevation gain. We'll meet on Main St in Soquel at 9:30 to carpool. Bring Water and lunch. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, (831) 462-3101.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Senior Hike: Pogonip Emma McCrary

This will be a 4 mile loop up the Emma McCrary mixed use trail at Pogonip. (It connects with the Rincon and Ucon trails.) From the McCrary Trail the hikers will join the Spring Trail to the Brayshaw Trail, and from there they will walk to the clubhouse to enjoy lunch or snacks. A shorter Senior Saunter for walkers will be available, with Brooke. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. or beside the levee in the Gateway Center on River St, between Ross and Petsmart, before 9:40 am. Parking is very limited so car pool. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Rain cancels. Leaders: Perry Brohmer, 1-650-793-3987; Brooke Ewoldsen, 831-475-6188.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Hike: Toro County Park

Our 6-7 mile hike with about 800 feet elevation gain at a moderate pace takes us through a forested valley along the Ollason Trail to oak dotted grasslands. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the dirt parking lot outside Toro Park at 9:30 am. Heavy rain cancels. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, onegisela@aol.com or 831-393-4983.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Hike: Henry Coe State Park, Hunting Hollow

Although a long drive, the wild flowers and vistas will make it worthwhile for us. From Gilroy Hwy 101 we'll go east Hot Springs Road to the parking lot. The hike is on trails, about 8 miles long and partly quite steep, at a leisurely pace. Bring \$\$ for carpooling and sharing of entrance fee; also bring water and lunch, a camera and hiking sticks, and wear good shoes. Meet at Home Depot near the gas station in Seaside at 8 am. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 831-624-1467.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Hike: Garland Ranch Regional Park

By now we should have a lot of wildflowers at Garland Ranch. We will walk up and down on several trails, 4 to 5 miles at a modest pace with some mild elevation. Bring water and a snack. Meet at 9:30 am at P & R on Rio Road in Carmel. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Martha Saylor, 831-371-9215.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Hike: Butano State Park Wildflowers

This will be a delightful hike of 9 to 10 miles. We'll visit magnificent old-growth redwoods, the headwaters of Butano Creek, and the north ridge with its fine views. We should see many wildflowers, including, if we're lucky, a colony or two of the uncommon Calypso orchids (John Muir's favorite wildflower). Meet at 8:45 am at the Santa Cruz County Government Center parking lot to car-pool. Bring lunch and water. Call leader Peter Scott at (831) 423-0796 (or write to drip@ucsc.edu) for details.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Senior Hike: Toro Park

We'll hike the Ollason Trail and hopefully see great flowers. 3.5 miles with one uphill section. We'll take it slowly. A shorter walk will be available. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. or at Toro Park at the next to last parking lot near restrooms. Toro Park is off Hwy.68 between Monterey and Salinas. Bring lunch, water, \$5 carpool. Leaders: Bev Meschi, 831-475-4185; Brooke Ewoldsen, 831-475-6188.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Meeting of Sierra Club Ventana Chapter

Please come to our Chapter Meeting, only every second month, at the Monterey Public Library at 5:00 p.m. We'll talk about new hikes/outings and tell each other how many people participated at the last hikes and what should be changed maybe. If you can't make it, please send in your write-ups by e-mail to anneliesesuter@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Walk: Asilomar to Bird Rock and back

Our 4-5 miles out and back hike with minimal elevation gain at a moderate pace takes us along the board walk and trail along Spanish Bay, along the ocean to Bird Rock with lots of beautiful views. Bring water and a snack. Meet near the FishWife restaurant at 9:30 am. Heavy rain cancels. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, onegisela@aol.com or 831-393-4983.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Hike: Soberanes Canyon / Rocky Ridge Loop

This is a mostly strenuous loop hike of 6 miles with an elevation gain of 1,600' in Garrapata State Park. Our route ascends through the shaded Creekside redwoods of Soberanes Canyon up into open grassy hillside (and possibly, depending on our inclination, a side trip of 0.7 miles and 300' elevation to Doud Peak). We will return via the rugged sage scrub of Rocky Ridge Trail. Bring 2-3 liters of water, sturdy boots, trekking poles, hat, sunscreen, and lunch. Also bring some \$ carpool gas contribution. Meet at Rio Road Park and Ride in Carmel at 9:00 AM. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Stanley Dudek, sdudek829@gmail.com or 831-726-6200.

MONDAY APRIL 11

Hike: Pacheco State Park

Near the top of Pacheco Pass is a windswept area of rolling hills, secluded meadows, and in the spring hopefully wildflowers. We'll walk a leisurely loop of 5 or 6 miles with some steep ups and downs. Bring lunch, water (there is no drinking water at the trailhead,) sturdy shoes and maybe your camera. Meet at 9am at the far end of the parking lot in front of REI (next to the wall) in Marina. Santa Cruz area hikers may meet at 41st avenue Sears, no leader, and make their own way to the park. Take Hwy 152 east to Pacheco Pass, turn right on Dinosaur Point Rd then soon the park entrance is on your right. We should be at Pacheco State Park parking area (fee) by 10.30 am. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 831-372-7427.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Senior Hike: Point Lobos

Two routes for different abilities will be available in this beautiful Park to the south of Carmel. Hikers will park at the picnic spot called Piney Woods and make a loop around the park, about 3 miles, returning there for lunch. Some of the terrain is hilly but not strenuous. Walkers will park at Bird Island and follow a more level route. Scenery is spectacular. Dress for windy cool weather. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. Bring lunch, water, \$6 carpool and share of Park fee. Restrooms. Leaders: Irene Lennox, 831-457-2690; Brooke Ewoldsen, 831-475-6188.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Hike: Henry Coe State Park Loop

This 6.5 mile, 1600 foot elevation gain hike traverses the western ridges where beautiful old stands of ponderosa pine dominate along with gray pine, giant live oaks, blue oaks and coast and canyon oaks and huge, over 20 foot tall, big berry manzanita bushes. Also plentiful are pacific madrone, western sycamore, California bay laurel and California buckeye. Since it will be April, miles of wild flowers and more. Bring water, snacks, lunch, for a hike lasting 5 hours and \$5 or \$6 carpool. Meet at 9 am at Marina Dunes Shopping Center (REI). Please RSVP. Leader: Steve Jackson, (831) 320-4561.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Hike: Flower Walk at Garzas Creek

Winter showers bring spring flowers! We'll see how they're coming along on the Terrace Trail and down by the creek on this moderate (easy for some!) hike. Wear layers (could be cool in early am), good boots for the steep downhill section, and bring poles if you need help with balance on a narrow hillside trail. Carry water and a snack or lunch for our break, expect to return to the trailhead in early afternoon. Hard rain cancels. Call me for meeting time and place. Leader: Mary Gale, 831-626-3565.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Hike: Mal Paso to Rocky Ridge

We'll meander up a private road above Mal Paso Creek enjoying many wild flowers. Eventually crossing the Creek, and then up a steep ridgeback, and finally through some redwood groves to the Rocky Ridge Trail. We'll end our circuit near Soberanes Creek. A beautiful, rugged 5-6 miles with 1000' of elevation gain. Bring lunch, water, and wear good hiking boots. Call early for reservations, meeting time and place. Leader: Larry Parrish, 831-622-7455.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Senior Saunter: Paradise Park

We'll take a leisurely walk through the Park alongside the San Lorenzo River. Many flowers in the Park. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. We'll lunch at the picnic area. Restrooms. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leader: Pat Herzog, 831-458-9841.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Hike: Mill Creek Redwood Preserve

Our 5 1/2 mile in and out hike with about 400 feet elevation gain at a moderate pace takes us through Redwoods, Tan Bark Oak, and Laurel forest to a coastal overlook with benches for lunch. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Rio Road "Park and Ride" parking lot near Bank of America at 9:30 am. Please let me know if you are coming. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, onegisela@aol.com or 831-393-4983.

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.

Go to www.VentanaSierraClub.org and join for as little as \$15 a year.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Hike: Big Basin to the Sea Using the Bus

Please join us for this marvelous all-day car-free hike from the Big Basin Park Headquarters via the waterfalls to the mouth of Waddell Creek on Highway 1. Meet at the Santa Cruz Metro Center in time to board the #35A bus, which will leave promptly at 8:30 am. I will give a brief talk on the bus about our geology. Please bring a poem or a piece from John Muir, to read (or a song to lead) at lunch. We'll be back at the Metro Center before 6:00 pm, after returning down the coast on the #40 bus. The hike is about 13 miles, but moderate and relaxing, with ample time for photos and lunch. Please call Peter Scott (leader) at 831-423-0796 (or write to drip@ucsc.edu) to reserve a place.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Hike: Garrapata to Palo Corona Traverse

From Garrapata State Park, ascend the Rocky Ridge Trail over Doud 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. Rain cancels. Leaders: Randy May and Stanley Dudek.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Senior Saunter: Neary Lagoon

4 mile loop from Lighthouse Field to Neary Lagoon to Santa Cruz Wharf. A shorter walk will be available. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. or by 9:50 am in the parking lot at Lighthouse Field on West Cliff, just left of the bathrooms, across from the Lighthouse. Bring lunch or eat at one of the wharf's restaurants. Restrooms. \$2 carpool. Leaders: Jean Harrison, 831-425-5447; Brooke Ewoldsen, 831-475-6188.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Hike: Point Lobos

Point Lobos at peak wildflower season....wow!! Besides numerous wildflowers, we will enjoy magnificent views, a variety of wildlife and a walk through a quiet Monterey pine forest. 4 miles with minimal elevation gain. Bring water, lunch and \$ for State Park fee. Arrive early; we depart at 10 am from Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 831-375-7777.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Hike: Kirk Creek to Twitchell Flats

Kirk Creek Campground to Vicente Flat is the first part of the hike with fantastic vistas from high above Hwy. 1. Expect steep slopes covered with spring flowers. From Vicente Flat we continue along Stone Ridge Trail to a point with an exceptional view for lunch. Then we continue along Stone Ridge for a steep descent to Twitchell Flats (a late 1800 homestead). From there on to our shuttle near Rain Rock, a recently completed rock shed on Hwy. 1. Those who are interested in carpooling will meet 7:30 at Rio Rd. P & R in Carmel. Strenuous for distance and elevation gain (total 2800 ft., around 13 miles, time approx. 7 hrs.) Bring 2 -3 liters of water. We meet across the campground gate of Kirkwood, east side of the road. Rain cancels. Call for reservation 831-920-1803. Leader: Burk Siedhoff.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Hike: Henry Coe S.P. Hunting Hollow Entrance

We saw lots of butterflies in late April last year in the Hunting Hollow meadows. We can hope for the same this year and wonderful wild flowers. The length is about 7 miles and will be perhaps 700 ft of elevation gain. We'll meet on Main St in Soquel at 9:30 to carpool. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, (831) 462-3101.