



## Ventana Chapter ~ [VentanaSierraClub.org](http://VentanaSierraClub.org) Hikes and Outings for Monterey/Carmel & Santa Cruz September & October, 2016 ~ Contact leader to reserve a spot

This is a current listing of the Outings. Please refer to the website: [VentanaSierraClub.org](http://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, SEPTEMBER 3

#### **Walk: Carmel River Beach Saunter**

How about a morning saunter from Carmel River Beach over the high path with steps to Monastery Beach, returning via the bluff trail. Enjoy the breathtaking views of Point Lobos and listen to the surf. Approximately 3 miles. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather; wind breaker recommended. Bring water and a snack. Meet at 9:30 am at the parking lot at Carmel River Beach at the lagoon (south end of Carmelo in Carmel.) Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

#### **Senior Hike/Saunter: Waddell Creek**

Approx. 4 mile hike on tree lined dirt roads in Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Some uphill. We will hike up the "Skyline to the Sea" trail to "Twin Redwood Camp". Our return will be on the main dirt road. Lunch will be by the horse trail camp. There will be a walking alternative. Prepare for sun/heat/fog. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. or at Shen's Gallery at Mission & King St. before 9:50 am. We will park along HWY 1 after crossing the creek bridge. Restrooms. Bring lunch, water, \$4 carpool fee. Leaders: Perry Brohmer, 650-793-3987; Brooke Ewoldsen, 831-475-6188.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

#### **Hike: Henry Coe State Park, Hunting Hollow**

Although a long drive, we are glad to have this state park after the horrible fires that devastated all hikes south of us in the national forest. From Gilroy Hwy 101 we'll go east on Hot Springs Road to Hunting hollow 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 8:30 am. Hikers from Santa Cruz may drive to the parking lot directly to meet us there at about 10 am. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

#### **Hike: Fremont Peak**

Let's investigate the smallest State Park in California, but one with some great views. We'll hike about 4 miles around the park, climbing about 1500' in elevation, and eventually arrive at the 3169' high peak. After a snack and a walk back to our cars, we'll drive down to San Juan Bautista for lunch in one of the fine restaurants in town. Expect hot weather, so come prepared. Call me for more information. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

#### **Senior Saunter: Levee to Wharf**

Casual 4 mile walk along the levee to Beach Hill and Santa Cruz Wharf. Return along beach to other side of river and San Lorenzo Park for lunch. A shorter walk will be available. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. or at Gateway Plaza on River St. by Ross's, before 9:50. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leaders: Irene Lennox, 831-457-2690; Brooke Ewoldsen, 831-475-6188.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

#### **Hike: DeLaveaga City Park**

We'll do this local Santa Cruz walk as a car shuttle again. I believe that it is 5-6 miles with about 900 vertical feet. We'll start in the Santa Cruz Gardens area and end up at the parking lot on Branciforte. Meet at the Santa Cruz Gov't Center at 10 am to carpool and call for more information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, (831) 462-3101.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

#### **Afternoon Stroll: Del Monte Beach**

Here's a novel idea: stroll the yellow asphalt footprints to find the beach! Once we find it, the sands are lovely, as is the picnic area, and the sea wall is a sight to behold. Beautiful ocean views and endless stretches of sand to explore. To accommodate those who want a strenuous beach walk, we'll make the official walk short and then sign out those who choose to go beyond. Call for details. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

#### **Senior Saunter: Rio del Mar**

Nice casual walk, with one hill, through neighborhoods of Rio Del Mar, then along the beach trail to the sunken ship. A shorter, level walk will be available. Restrooms. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. or go direct Hwy.1 to Rio del Mar exit, to beach parking lot. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. There's a deli if you want to buy lunch. Leader: Bev Meschi, 831-475-4185.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

#### **Hike: Carmel to Pebble Beach**

We temporarily lost a lot of trails in the Soberanes fire, but we still have the Del Monte Forest. This nice lollypop loop begins in Carmel and leads into the quiet Monterey pine forest of Pebble Beach. Lunch gives us the option of purchasing a Poppy Hills sandwich. 6 miles, 750 ft. elevation gain with flora & fauna stops. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00 am from the Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

#### **Hike: Fort Ord Nat. Monument**

This is an improvisational easy to moderate 6-8 mile hike with an elevation gain of 500'. Beginning at the Creekside Terrace Trailhead, we will hike up to Sandy Ridge Road. From there we will spontaneously create a long loop back by selecting from various trails that cross our path as we hike along. Bring at least two liters of water, sturdy boots, trekking poles, sun hat, sunscreen, and lunch. Meet at the Creekside Terrace Trailhead parking area at 9:00 am. RSVP Leader: Stanley Dudek, sdudek829@gmail.com or text: 831-726-6200.

### 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>

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**Hike: Big Creek Reserve/  
Canogas Falls**

The UCNRS Landels-Hill Big Creek Reserve, about 45 miles down the Big Sur Coast, has given us a reservation to hike on their property. We'll hike up to High Camp for a short snack, then continue up a short ways, then drop steeply down about 1000' to Big Creek & the Falls. It's the largest waterfall within the Ventana Wilderness. We'll make the steep climb back up out of the gorge to High Camp where potable fresh water is usually available, then enjoy an easy downhill walk over open meadows with shimmering ocean views, to return to our vehicles. Our day will be relatively strenuous with about 13 miles and 3000' total elevation gain. Bring snacks, lunch, at least 2 liters of water, hat, sun protection and wear sturdy boots. The "prickers" from dried grasses will penetrate mesh type hiking shoes. Also bring \$3.25 (exact change) for the Reserve entrance fee and \$5.00 for carpool gas help. Limited to 12, so RSVP required. Meet at Rio Road Park & Ride at 8:00 am. Leader: Steve Jackson, (831) 320-4561.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**Senior Saunter: Palm Beach**

Pleasant 3 mile walk along the slough by Pajaro Dunes community of vacation homes, then down to the beach and walk on hard sand along the ocean's edge back to the beginning. A shorter walk will be available. We'll lunch at the end of the hike in the picnic area. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. To go direct, drive past main Watsonville exit on Hwy 1 and take Riverside exit, turn right and right again. At West Beach traffic light take a left, drive to the end of the road and park. We'll meet on the road near the entrance to the parking lot. (Lot requires a fee.) Bring lunch, water, \$3 carpool. Leader: Denise Lucy, 831-728-6552.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**Hike: Jacks Peak**

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 9:45 am for carpooling or at the West Parking Lot at Jacks Peak at 10 am. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, ongisela@aol.com or 408-406-9650.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

**Hike: Soquel Demonstration Forest**

This large forest is situated at the high backside of Nisene Marks. A strenuous loop of about 8 miles, 1,200' elevation gain/loss on forest roads and trails, mostly shaded, sharing the trails with mountain bikers. Bring water and lunch, snacks for small breaks. Meet in Seaside at Home Depot at 9 am or at the Corralitos Meat Market at 9:45. Definitely call me for more information. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

**Hike: Holt Road to Snively's Ridge**

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. Expect some poison oak, but views should be gorgeous during our Indian Summer Sunday. About 10 miles total, perhaps 1500' elev. gain. Meet at Mid-Valley shopping center. Call me for more info. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

**Senior Hike:  
Nisene Marks/Hoffman**

Approx. 4 mile shady hike starting at the Porter Picnic area, the last parking lot before the iron gate. Narrow trails, with some uphill, to Hoffman site. A shorter, more level walk will be available. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. or at the dirt parking lot before park entrance. Primitive restroom. Bring lunch, repellent, \$2 carpool and share of entrance fee. Leaders: Perry Brohmer, 650-793-3987; Brooke Ewoldsen, 831-475-6188.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

**Meeting of Sierra Club  
Ventana Chapter  
Monterey Public Library at 5:30**

All Hike leaders, please try to come. Also all other hikers are invited to participate with wishes and ideas. In case you can't make it, send in your write-ups soon to anneliesesuter@gmail.com. Latest at Monday, October 17.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

**Hike: Nisene Marks State Park**

Our 7-8 mile loop with about 800 feet elevation gain at a moderate pace takes us through redwood and oak forest. We will walk along the old railroad trail, past the Hoffman Historic Site to the Bridge Creek for lunch. We return along the creek. Bring water and lunch. Meet at REI near Highway 1 and Imjin Pkwy at 9 am or at 9:40 behind the Epicenter bicycle store in Aptos. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, ongisela@aol.com or 408-406-9650.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

**Hike: Extreme South Los Padres/  
Williams Ranch**

We'll be hiking mainly on the grassy Coulter Pine and oak studded coastal ridge separating the coast from Dutra & San Carpoforo Creeks. Beautiful long distance canyon and mountain views. Total length will be about 9.5 to 10 miles with about 2200' total elevation gain. First 2 to 2.5 miles is a steep climb on the Baldwin Ranch Rd (FS 25506) to the ridge. Then we'll head north on up and down ridge terrain to the flanks of Mt Mars. Returning back the way we came. Bring lunch, snacks and 2 to 3 liters of water. Meet at Rio Rd, Carmel, Park-n-Ride at 8:30am for car pooling and about 2 hour drive 73 miles south to Ragged Pt. (146 miles total) Please plan on reimbursing drivers \$5.00 for gas. Leader: Steve Jackson, (831) 320-4561.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

**Hike: Carmel Mission Trail Park**

We'll start at the bottom of the canyon on Rio Road across from the Carmel Mission. This 2-3 miles and 300' elev. gain hike is an elongated loop with some city streets as part of the return route. Frequently, there are nice views of the Mission dome. We will make a stop by the Flanders Mansion and the adjacent Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden as well as the recently remodeled Outdoor Forest Theater. Meet at 9:30 am at the trailhead. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

**Senior Hike/Saunter: Point Lobos**

Two routes for different abilities will be available in this beautiful Park to the south of Carmel. Hikers will park at Whaler's Cove and make a loop around the park, about 3 miles, to a picnic spot called Piney Woods. After lunch we'll continue back to Whaler's Cove. 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: Bev Meschi, 831-475-4185; Brooke Ewoldsen, 831-475-6188.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

**Hike: Almaden County Park**

We will do a 5+ mile loop walk on the west side of the park starting at the Guadalupe Creek Dam. It involves walking up the rather steep face of the sloping dam so wear footwear with good soles and don't come if this sort of precarious walking/climbing might bother you. Meet at the Santa Cruz Gov't Center at 9:30 am to carpool. Call for more information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, (831) 462-3101.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

**Hike: Elkhorn Slough**

We'll head north to the reserve around mid-morning in order to have time for a picnic lunch before we set foot on the trails. Entry to the Visitor Center and picnic area is free, but a small fee payable by credit card is required for the trails. Layered clothing, sun block, and a picnic lunch needed; group is limited to a small number. For more info call me. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

**Saunter and Aquarium Visit: Monterey**

Walk from Lover's Point to the Aquarium, visit and lunch at the Aquarium then return to Lover's Point by late afternoon. Usual cost of Aquarium visit \$50/\$40 (senior) but as a number of free passes have been offered, the actual cost would be shared among those attending. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave or before 10:30 at Lover's Point. Bring \$5 carpool and entrance fee. Leader: Irene Lennox, 831-457-2690. Phone Irene by October 11 to reserve a place.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

**Hike: Chalone Peak Trail, Pinnacles Nat. Park**

This is a strenuous 9 mile loop hike (elevation gain: 2040') to the highest point in the park: North Chalone Peak (elev. 3304'). Expect incredible geology, panoramic views of surrounding peaks and valleys, and maybe a few condors soaring overhead. Bring 2-3 liters of water, sturdy boots, trekking poles, sun hat, sunscreen, and lunch. Meet at the Nob Hill Foods parking lot on the corner of Hwy 68 and Blanco Road at 8:00 am to carpool to the east entrance of the park. RSVP Leader: Stanley Dudek, sdudek829@gmail.com or call or text: 831-726-6200.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

**Hike: Fort Ord Dunes**

An easy hike through the Dunes and along the ocean, about 4 miles. We'll go first to the new parking lot and the look out where in former times the Military clubhouse was. You remember, it had been taken down before it would fall into the ocean. We might find a few blooming sand flowers and will watch birds and high waves. Bring water and a sandwich, hiking sticks, binoculars and wear layers; it may be windy and cold from the ocean. Meet in Seaside at Home Depot near the gas station at 10 am. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

**Senior Saunter: Natural Bridges**

Four mile roundtrip walk from Lighthouse Field to Natural Bridges. Meet before 9:30 am at Sears on 41st Ave. or by 9:50 in the parking lot on West Cliff, just left of the restrooms. Bring water, lunch, \$2 carpool. Lunch at Natural Bridges. Leader: Jean Harrison, 831-425-5447.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

**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. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, onegisela@aol.com or 408-406-9650.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

**Hike: Palo Corona Backcountry**

Let's get in a good hike before daylight savings time kicks in. We'll hike somewhere in Palo Corona Regional Park, depending on trail conditions and availability. Tentatively, we'll shuttle our cars - entering through Garrapata State Park and exiting another trailhead. Expect 12+ miles and 3000' of elevation gain. We'll probably get to examine areas damaged by the Soberanes Fire. This will be a fairly strenuous hike, so come prepared. Call me for more info. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**Hike: Pt. Lobos Wildlife Saunter**

We'll start this approximately 5 mile leisurely hike around beautiful Point Lobos at the highway, walk down to Whalers' Cove, go north to Moss Beach and back to the top of Whaler's Knoll, returning via south coast trails. There is usually wildlife and birds to observe/identify. Bring binoculars if you wish. We may not be done until 1:30 pm. Meet at the Rio Road "Park and Ride" just east of Hwy. 1 at 9:30 am. There will be a short carpool to the start of the outing. Bring \$1 walk-in fee, lunch, and water. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

**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](mailto:chapter@VentanaSierraClub.org)

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