



Rancho Simi Trail Blazers

A Division of the Rancho Simi Foundation



Weekly hikes!!



Has anyone ever told you to take a hike?

Did you know that in Simi

Valley you can take many hikes with the Rancho Simi Trail Blazers and explore the beauty of Simi Valley and other beautiful locations? We have so much fun taking photos, talking and just viewing the beautiful scenery like the photos above.

Hikes are every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and most Saturdays

Welcome New Members

Cece Worrall-Rubin
Elisabeth Hammon
Michael Green &
Kristin Stiles Green



Volunteers Needed!!



If anyone is interested in volunteering for the **work parties** contact Mike Kuhn at:

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June 7, 2014 - 8AM to 12:00PM

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RSTB CLUB MEETING

This month's RSTB meeting will be at:
Sycamore Drive Community Center
1692 Sycamore Drive – Room B-1
Wednesday: June 18, 2014 5:30PM
(NOTE: Early Start Time)
Everyone Welcome to attend!

Upcoming Events

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Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District events can be viewed at <http://www.rsprd.org> to see what is happening next!

ALAMO STREET PALMS

The California fan palms in the center median in Alamo Street between Sycamore Drive and Tapo Canyon Road were originally planted in 1915 by the Patterson Ranch Company on the northern side of what came to be called Palm Avenue as part of the promotional effort in the sale of farm lots in "Tapo Ranch." Parcels in the ranch were planted with citrus and avocado trees and offered for sale. When Alamo Street was widened during the late 1970s and early 1980s, the trees occupied the medians. The west-bound lanes were constructed north of the trees. The palm trees are mentioned in the City's first General Plan as historic. Eventually, they were designated as a Ventura County Historic Landmark.

As development occurred, it became necessary to remove many of the trees in order to make room for left turn pockets and for cross streets. It became the City's policy to move those palm trees to vacant spots in the median. Two of the trees were moved to the median on Tapo Canyon Road near City Hall and the library. Three of the trees are Mexican fan palms (*Washingtonia mexicana*) - the wrong species. Those three trees were moved to the northeastern corner of what was then the City's Development Services Building on the Civic Center site, where they remain today. Initially, a few trees died because the developer's contractor planted the palms higher than they were originally growing. This would have been appropriate if you were moving some other kind of tree (a woody dicot), such as an oak tree, however, palms are monocots, which must be planted lower than their original positions - otherwise no new roots will form.

Pat Havens, the City Historian, has the original June 7, 1915, order from the Patterson Ranch Company for 110 *Washingtonia filifera*, i.e., California fan palms, to Theodore Payne of Los Angeles. The price was \$.85 each, for a total of \$93.50. Mr. Payne indicated

that... "This palm has become quite scarce here the last two seasons and I will probably have to ship these in from some other point as there are none to be had in this section at the present time." Mr. Payne also indicated that the Patterson Ranch had ordered some California fan palms before. The order for 110 trees was filled the same year and the rest is history.

While Mr. Payne carried a wide range of plants and seeds, he seems to have specialized in "California Native Seeds and Plants." The Theodore Payne Foundation is still present in Sunland and offers California native plants and seeds exclusively.

Mike Kuhn
12-2-04 (revised 6-1-10)

CAMULOS

Camulos is a place on State Route 126 east of Piru. The name was originally what the Ventureño Chumash Indians called a *Tataviam* (*Alliklik*) (a tribe of Shoshonean stock) village. The village was just on the line between the two linguistic groups. According to Applegate (1974), *kamulus* means "it is the juniper" (Single Chumash words could stand for whole sentences.). The village was named for a lone juniper near the Santa Clara River. Junipers are present in the headwaters of the Santa Clara River. One so far down the river would be unusual. According to Kroeber, the name *kamulus* contains the root "*mulus*," the name of an edible fruit. Juniper berries are edible. In May 1821 a rancho called "*Camulus*" is mentioned, and the name "*Camulos*" appears in many Spanish documents. A *diseño* of the land grant *Camulos*, dated 1843, shows a *Rio*, a *Lomeria* and a *Cañada de Camulos*. Gudde (1969) indicates that the name doesn't seem to appear on early Anglo-American maps but seems to have been given by the Southern Pacific Railroad to the railroad station in the 1880s.

While it was a *Tataviam* (*Alliklik*)

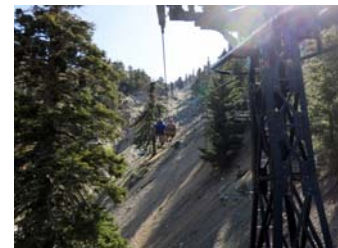
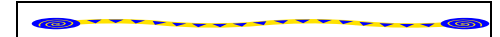
village, there must have been many Chumash living there. Indeed, the village originated during the historic period and, therefore, included a polyglot population. *Piru* also was *Tataviam*, while, to the south, *Ta'apu* was Chumash.

Mike Kuhn
10-15-11 (revised)

VENTUREÑO NAMES RELATING TO SYCAMORES

Applegate (1974) indicates that the *Ventureño* Chumash word for "sycamore" was *xso*. "Place of the sycamore" was *mixso*. Big Sycamore Canyon, i.e., now in Mugu State Park, was *suwa-laxso*. Sycamore Canyon in Santa Barbara (in *Barbareño* Chumash) was called *mixso* ("place of the sycamore"). The Chumash names for Sycamore Canyon on the old Wood Ranch, Alamos Canyon, and Meier Canyon presumably would have been some variation of these names.

Mike Kuhn
7-19-06



May 3rd - East Canyon, Corral Sunshine Motorway, Mission Point



9 hikers carpoled to the "East Canyon, Rice Canyon, and Michael D. Antonovich Open Space" section of the 4,000-acre Santa Clarita Woodlands Park in the San Fernando Valley on an unseasonably hot day. One additional hiker joined us at the trailhead and we began hiking southward along the non-maintained and somewhat-eroded East Canyon Motorway as it followed the small creek in the canyon bottom. The route was lined with bay laurel, black walnut, cottonwood, sycamore, and oak trees. Soon the dirt road began rising more steeply along the western side of a wooded ridge and we were greeted by an abundance of wildflowers including lupine, cliff-aster, clarkia, sugar bush, elderberry,



California everlasting, black mustard, and sticky monkey flower. We enjoyed views of the steep green slopes to the west and relics of the bigcone Douglas-fir trees that once covered the mountain. The heat of the day was mitigated by intermittent shade and refreshing breezes as the road led inexorably upward to a junction with Bridge Road (and the Oat Mountain Motorway) which is blocked by a SoCal Gas fence and gate. Having reached the highest point in our hike, we headed southeast along the very pleasant Corral Sunshine Motorway to Mission Point which provides a panoramic view of the San Fernando Valley and beyond. After resting, we retraced our route to the trailhead, enjoying beautiful surroundings. We reached our very hot vehicles and returned home having completed a 9-mile hike with 1,600' of elevation gain/loss on a surprisingly good day for mountain hiking.

May 18th - Mt. Baldy, Ski Lift, Devil's Backbone, Ski Hut Loop Hike

12 hikers gathered in the Mt. Baldy (Mt. San Antonio) Ski Lift parking lot (6,447') at the north end of Mt. Baldy Road on a pleasant spring morning to hike to Mt. Baldy peak (10,064'), the highest peak in the San Gabriel Mountains. After riding the ski lift up to Baldy Notch (7,802'), we set out on the 3.6-mile climb to the peak. Initially the trail followed a fire road/ski run heading up the mountain to the west for about 1.25 miles, eventually leading to the well-



named Devil's Backbone portion of the trail. This middle portion of the trail led onto a sharp narrow ridge with steep drop-offs on both sides posing a serious danger to careless hikers, but affording great views into the deep gorge of Lytle Creek to the north and into San Antonio Canyon to

the south. The trail then narrowed to a pulse-raising 12" - 18" width as it wound around the southeast flank of Mt. Harwood, again requiring a keen focus on the trail. Eventually, Mt. Baldy peak came into view in the



distance. After crossing a saddle, we began climbing the steep trail to the top of the mountain, pausing as needed to catch our breath. Finally we reached the top of Mt. Baldy and were rewarded with a 360-degree view (which was limited by heavy smog in the distance). After resting, eating our lunches, and enjoying the view we descended the unsigned Mt. Baldy/Bear Flat Trail (referred to by John Robinson as "The hard way to do Old Baldy") to Mt. Baldy Village (4,273').

The last section of this trail below Bear Flat (5,580') was lovely; there were ferns under a canopy of live oak, bay, and bigcone Douglas-fir trees and a pleasant stream gurgled as it cascaded down the



canyon. We returned to Simi Valley, tired but happy, having completed a 10.4-mile hike with 2,448' of elevation gain and a whopping 5,836' of elevation loss.



RSTB Calendar June



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 May 26th - June 1st Yosemite National Park* Rocky Peak Hike canceled See Schedule	2	3 Mt. McCoy Trail 6PM See Schedule <i>Happy Birthday</i> Skyler Harper	4	5 Chumash Trail 6PM See Schedule	6	7 Hummingbird Trail Work Party & Cache In Trash Out Event - National Trails Day 8AM See Schedule
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22 Rocky Peak Fire Road 5PM See Schedule <i>Happy Birthday</i> Alice Buchanan Linda Mann	23	24 Mt. McCoy Trail 6PM See Schedule	25	26 Chumash Trail 6PM See Schedule	27 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Rick Pealer	28 Danielson Memorial via the Fossil Trail* 8AM See Schedule
29 Rocky Peak Fire Road 5PM See Schedule <i>Happy Birthday</i> James Hanley	30					



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REGULARLY SCHEDULED HIKES

(Rain cancels – No hikes on holidays)

Sunday Evening - Rocky Peak Fire Road *(June 1st hike canceled)*

Meet at **5PM** at the Rocky Peak Fire Road trailhead. Take the Rocky Peak exit on the 118 Freeway and head north over the freeway. Park at the trailhead or across the bridge on the Santa Susana Pass Road.

(We Meet at 5PM during daylight saving time.) (Strenuous - 4.8 MRT - 1,200' elevation gain)

Tuesday Evening - Mt. McCoy Trail

Meet at **6PM** in the parking lot, to the south of Donut Delite, located on the north east side of the intersection of Royal Avenue and Madera Road. (Moderate - 4.0 MRT - 675' elevation gain)

Thursday Evening - Chumash Trail

Meet at **6PM** at Chumash trailhead. Directions: Take the 118 Freeway to Yosemite exit. Go north on Yosemite and turn right on Flanagan Dr. The trailhead is at the end of Flanagan Drive. (Moderate to Strenuous - 5.4 MRT - 1300' total elevation gain.)

JUNE HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

June 7th Hummingbird Trail Work Party & Cache In Trash Out Event - National Trails Day

This event is being held in conjunction with a geocaching.com CITO event. Meet at **8AM** at the Hummingbird Trail trailhead, just north of the 118 and Kuehner Drive. The event will end at noon. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District will provide all that we need. We will pick up trash and paint over graffiti. You must bring your own water, snacks, and sunscreen. Wear old work clothes, gloves, and a hat.

June 14th Switzer Falls and Bear Canyon Trail Camp*

Moderate - 8.0 MRT (1,000' elevation gain)

Take the shady trail from the Switzer Picnic Area, downstream in the Arroyo Seco, then ascend the only sunny stretch of trail to get past a narrow gorge. Visit Switzer Falls, then hike downstream to the Bear Canyon fork and follow Bear Canyon Creek upstream to the Trail Camp. Return the same way. Meet at **8AM** at the 118 & Stearns St. Park & Ride. Bring your camera, water and lunch. Wear boots. **Note:** An Adventure Pass is required to park at the trailhead.

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5:30PM - The Sycamore Drive Community Center - 1692 Sycamore Drive - Room B-1

June 21st Trippet Ranch, Eagle Rock, Hub Junction, Musch Trail Loop*


7.1 mile loop - Moderate (1,350' of elevation gain/loss)

Our hike will begin along the Nature Trail and will then head up the Eagle Springs Fire Road to the awe-inspiring Eagle Rock monolith. After exploring Eagle Rock we'll follow a fire road eastward to Hub Junction and then loop back to Eagle Junction where we'll begin hiking down the pleasantly shaded Musch Trail as we return to the parking lot. Meet at **8AM** near Donut Delite at the corner of Madera and Royal. Bring 2 to 3 quarts of water and lunch/snacks. Wear boots.

June 28th Danielson Memorial via the Fossil Trail*

6 Mile Lollipop Loop - Moderate (1,000' of elevation gain/loss)

Our hike in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) will begin by following the Wendy Trail in Newbury Park to the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center at Rancho Sierra Vista. Then we'll drop into Big Sycamore Canyon and take the Fossil Trail uphill to the Old Boney Trail which we'll follow to the abandoned Danielson Road which will lead us to the Danielson Memorial and the remains of a cabin. As we complete our loop hike we'll stop at a waterfall along the way. Meet at **8AM** near Donut Delite at the corner of Madera and Royal. Bring 2 to 3 quarts of water and lunch/snacks. Wear boots.

* Not within the jurisdiction of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. No  dogs allowed on trail(s). For additional information on hikes/work parties, contact the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District at 805-584-4400. **Special Note: On all hikes and work parties, bring water and wear lug-soled boots.** Full descriptions of these hikes and activities are available at <http://www.simitrailblazers.com/activities/index.html>

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