

Grassy Hollow/Big Pines Recreation Area - May/June Hikes and Activities – Summer 2013

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, May 25, 2013, Memorial Day Weekend **10:00 AM and 1:00 PM** **Pacific Crest Trail Hike**

Choose your time to go hiking on the famous Pacific Crest Trail with a knowledgeable and experienced volunteer.

Time: Approx. 1 ½-2 hours. Easy hike. Beautiful views. Bring your camera!

Leader: Sabrina Johnson, VANF

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Sunday, May 26, 2013 **1:00 PM** **A Showing of MEMORIAL DAY** (104 min)

Join us for an afternoon showing of an excellent movie, “*Memorial Day*” with Jonathan Bennett, John Cromwell, and James Cromwell, with permission of Image Entertainment. On Memorial Day 1993, 13-year-old Kyle convinces his grandfather, Bud (Oscar nominee James Cromwell), to share the heroic and sometimes grueling stories of his days as a soldier in WWII. Then, tying past to present, a grown-up Kyle finds the same sorts of victories and scars on the battlefield in modern day Iraq. At Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Saturday, June 1, 2013 **1:00 PM** **Forecasting Earthquakes?**

Can anyone forecast earthquakes? Come to Grassy Hollow Visitor Center and hear an authority in the field discuss what is involved in forecasting earthquakes. She can give you a different perspective of what we live with in Southern California every day. Approx. 1 hour.

Leader: Joan Fryxell, Ph.D., Structural Geology and Tectonics, Cal State San Bernardino.

Sunday, June 2, 2013 **1:00 PM** **Hug-A-Tree**

Do you know what to do if you are lost in the mountains? Learn how to keep from getting lost and to learn what to do to make it easier for someone to find you. This is a very important program, particularly for children.

Approx. 45 minutes.

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center Amphitheater

Leader: Tom Schneider, Sheriff Search and Rescue.

Saturday, June 8, 2013 **1:00 PM** **Geology of the Area**

What’s underfoot in the San Gabriel Mountains? Learn about the topography of our area, inspect our relief map created by a student from Serrano High School for his Senior Project in 2012, and hear his teacher present a DVD another Serrano student is completing for his 2013 Senior Project.

Time Approx. 1 hour.

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Leader: Loren Schneider, Geology Teacher, Serrano High School, Phelan, CA

Sunday, June 9, 2013 **1:00 PM** **Keeping The Forest Green & Fire Safe**

Learn how NOT to start a fire in the forest to protect humans, animal life, and trees.

Time: Approx. 1 hour.

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center Amphitheater.

Leader: Capt. Jim Wilkins, San Bernardino Fire Dept. Capt. Retired.

Saturday, June 15, 2013 **10:00 AM** **Bird Walk and Talk**

Learn about the local birds we can identify right from our deck at Grassy Hollow; and, then join us on a bird-sighting walk.

Approximately 1 mile. Easy walk. Time: Approx. 1 – 2 hours

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Leaders: Dan Guthrie, Neil Gilbert, Audubon Society, Pomona Valley Chapter.

Sunday, June 16, 2013 **10:00-4:00** **Grassy Hollow Visitors’ Center Open** **Father’s Day**

Come up and enjoy our natural surroundings at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center. Bring a picnic lunch and celebrate Father’s Day.

Take our one-mile loop on the Pacific Crest Trail and catch a beautiful view of the Antelope Valley (easy hike), hike to the

Big Horn Mine (moderate), or hike to Mt. Baden Powell (strenuous). Directions for hikes are at the Center.

Saturday, June 22, 2013 **1:00 PM** **Native American Plants and Culture**

Learn how local plants were used by Native Americans for food, medicine, and more.

Time: Approx. 1 – 1 ½ hours.

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Leader: Robin Cornett of Wrightwood Library, Li'l Hoss & Prairie Fox Native American Presentations.

Sunday, June 23, 2013 **10:00 AM** **Earthquake Walk**

Campers and week-end visitors! Join us for a walk along a local stretch of the famous San Andreas Fault and learn about earthquakes from a well-versed naturalist guide. See some interesting formations. Time: Approx. 1 ½ hours.

Easy 1 ½ mile hike. Location: Apple Tree Campground

Leader: Gail Nieto, President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest. **NOTE: Will be repeated on Aug. 24th due to popularity.**

Saturday, June 29, 2013 & Sunday, June 30, 2013 **Visitor Center Open 10:00-4:00 each day** **Wrightwood Mountaineer Days**

Enjoy the celebration, quilt auction, food, and festivities in town on Park Drive, Wrightwood; then, come to Grassy Hollow and enjoy nature.

Have a picnic and do a hike! Directions for hikes are at the Visitor Center. No special programs planned for Grassy Hollow this weekend.

Grassy Hollow/Big Pines July Hikes and Activities - Summer 2013

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Saturday, July 6 and Sunday, July 7, 2013

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

July 4th Weekend

Get out of the heat and enjoy your holiday weekend with a cool trip to the Angeles National Forest. Check out campsites by visiting www.ReservedUSA.com for reservations. Or simply hike our marked trails and have a picnic at the tables at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center. Directions for hiking and camping are at the Center. No special programs this weekend.

Saturday, July 13, 2013

11:00 AM

Fire Lookouts on the Angeles

Learn about the history and use of Fire Lookouts on the Angeles and across Southern California. Check out an Osborne Fire Finder, and learn to use and site locations through it.

Time: Approx. 1 hour.

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Leader: Pam Morey, Co-Coordinator, Fire Lookout Volunteers.

For about 20 years, Pam and her husband George have coordinated all of the Fire Lookout Volunteers on the Angeles. She has many tales to tell!

Sunday, July 14, 2013

1:00 PM

Lightning Ridge Nature Walk

With one of our experienced volunteers, walk through the area of the forest containing examples of forces of nature that shape our region. Beautiful views. Bring your camera. Enjoy our national forest!

Time: Approx. 45 minutes - 1 hour. Easy ½ mile hike.

Leader: Sabrina Johnson, Vice-President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

Location: Inspiration Point.

Saturday, July 20, 2013

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Mountain Man Talk

Would you like to meet a real mountain man and his pack animals? They will show you Old Ways for Modern Days. He's riding in today to the Grassy Hollow Visitor Center Amphitheater to promote the use, care, and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; and to advocate good trail manners. He has a wealth of information to share and demonstrate with visitors.

Time: Available all day from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Location: Grassy Hollow Amphitheater

Leader: Terry Haider, Santa Ana River Unit.

Sunday, July 21, 2013

11:00 AM & 1:30PM

Reptiles!

See many live specimens. You will learn about the snakes and lizards that slither and crawl around in our area!

Time: Approx. 1½ hours.

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Leader: Joshua Cummings, Herpetologist

NOTE: By popular demand, the program will be presented twice.

Saturday, July 27, 2013

1:00 PM

History of Big Pines

What do the CCC, a zoo, and a skating rink have to do with our local area? Learn these answers and more about the long history of the Big Pines area as a recreational destination.

Time: Approx. 1 hour.

Location: Big Pines Visitor Information Center

Leader: Barbara Van Houten, USFS Retired, and author.

Sunday, July 28, 2013

1:00 PM.

Big Horn Mine Hike

Join us for a hike to a famous lode Gold Mine. Perfect for history buffs. Bring a camera, water, a snack and wear sturdy shoes.

Approx. 4 miles round trip. Easy to moderate hike.

Location: Vincent Gap parking lot

Leader: Sabrina Johnson, Vice-President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

Grassy Hollow/Big Pines Recreation Area August Hikes and Activities - Summer 2013

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Saturday, Aug 3, 2013

10:00AM – 1:00 PM

Smokey Bear's Birthday Party

Open House – Come and meet Smokey Bear. Learn his fire prevention story, help him celebrate his birthday, and have some cake, FREE, and for the kids, make a pine cone bird feeder. Hosted by the Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center!

Sunday, Aug 4, 2013

1:00 PM

Jackson Flat Loop Hike

Join us for a refreshing hike on the Pacific Crest Trail through Jeffery and Ponderosa pines to a quiet meadow. Bring a camera, water, snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Approx. 5.4 miles round trip. Easy to moderate. Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center
Leader: Sabrina Johnson, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013

1:00 PM

Climate Change and Forests

Find out how climate change has affected and will affect our forest.

Come to Grassy Hollow Visitor Center to hear an expert in the field from Cal State San Bernardino. Approx. 1 hour.

Leader: Norman Meek, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Dept. of Geography and Environmental Studies, Cal State San Bernardino.

Sunday, Aug 11, 2013

1:00 PM

Plant Identification Walk

Join two professionals who will take you on a walk and teach you to identify some of our local plants and wildflowers.

Time: Approx. 1 – ½ hours. One mile easy hike. Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Leaders: Kim Williams, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Cal State San Bernardino. and Naomi Fraga, Conservation Botanist, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden.

Saturday, Aug 17, 2013

1:00 PM

Animals of the Forest

Learn more about the animals we may encounter in the forest.

Time: Approx. 30-45 minutes.

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Leader: Linda Dailey, School Programs Coordinator, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013

1:00PM

Landscestors : "A Serrano History."

Learn about the history of the Serrano Indians in Wrightwood, the wilderness, and our surrounding areas.

Time: Approx. 1 hour.

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Leader: Stuart Baker, researcher.

TWO EXCITING ACTIVITIES IN ONE DAY! COME TO BOTH!

Saturday, Aug 24, 2013

1. 10:00 AM

Earthquake Walk

Join us for a walk along a local stretch of the famous San Andreas Fault and learn about earthquakes from a well-versed naturalist guide. See some interesting formations. Time: Approx. 1 ½ hours. Easy 1 ½ mile hike. Location: Apple Tree Campground

Leader: Gail Nieto, President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

2. 1:00 PM

Meet Spanner, A Search and Rescue Dog

As National Dog Day < <http://www.nationaldogday.com/> > is Monday, Aug. 26th and includes not only regular dogs but also, "dogs who put their lives on the line every day, for their law enforcement partner, their blind companion, a child who is disabled, our freedom and safety by detecting bombs and drugs and pulling victims of tragedy from wreckage," meet Spanner, our local Search & Rescue Dog.

Leader: Ingrid Heinig, Search and Rescue Volunteer

Time 30 minutes

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Sunday, Aug 25, 2013

1:00PM

Bird Talk

Enjoy learning about the birds of our area by hearing a local authority on birds and their habitat.

Time: One hour. Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Leader: Don Fisher, Local Realtor and Owner of Park Place Realty, Retired, and former Wrightwood resident.

Saturday, Aug 31, 2013

7:00 PM

(Labor Day Weekend)

Miner Vincent Campfire Program

Join us for the 26th presentation of this campfire program and meet the "old man of the mountain," Miner Vincent himself. Listen to him tell stories of the gold rush and the last of the local grizzlies. Limited parking. Use your Adventure Pass, park at Mountain High North, and carpool or hike in. Recommend flashlight and a jacket. Time: Approx. 2 hours. Location: Table Mountain Campground Amphitheater.

Leaders: Fred Hanrahan, John Cromshow, with other Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

Sunday, Sept 1, 2013

10:00 AM

(Labor Day Weekend)

Miner Vincent's Cabin Hike

Hike to the actual cabin where old Miner Vincent lived. Approx. 1 ½ hours. One mile. Easy hike. Location: Vincent Gap Parking Lot.

Leaders: Don & Marion Shotliff, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

Directions to Program Locations

Apple Tree Campground: From the junction of Table Mt. Rd., N4, and Hwy 2 at Big Pines, take N4 approx. 2 miles. Apple Tree Campground is on the left.

Big Pines Visitor Information Center: Junction of Table Mt. Rd., N4, and Hwy 2 at Big Pines.

Grassy Hollow Visitor Center: From the junction of Table Mt. Rd., N4, and Hwy 2 at Big Pines, take Hwy 2 west approx. 2.8 miles. Turn right at the Visitor Center sign.

Inspiration Point/Lightning Ridge: From the junction of Table Mt. Rd., N4, and Hwy 2 at Big Pines, take Hwy 2 approx. 1.8 miles. Meet at the parking lot on the right near the restrooms.

Table Mountain Walk & Campground Amphitheater: From the junction of Table Mt. Rd., N4, and Hwy 2 at Big Pines, take Table Mt. Road approx. 1 mile to Mountain High North parking lot. For amphitheater, turn left. Follow signs in the campground to amphitheater. Amphitheater parking is limited. You are encouraged to use your Adventure Pass, park at Mountain High North, and carpool or hike in. Bring a flashlight!

Vincent Gap Parking Lot: From the junction of Table Mt. Rd., N4, and Hwy 2 at Big Pines, take Hwy 2 west approx. 5 miles. Park on the left near the base of Mt. Baden Powell.