

2023 Los Padres Wilderness Basics Course

WBC Backpack 2

April 1-2, 2023

Trip Grading System

The grade is a 3-part code describing the difficulty of the outing. The first part, a letter, refers to the overall difficulty of the trip. The second part, a number, states the number of miles that will be traveled on the longest day. The third part, another letter, refers to the total cumulative elevation gain, or loss, for the longest day.

Difficulty	Mileage	Elevation Gain/Loss
E = Easy	This is the number of miles, rounded to the nearest mile, traveled on the longest day of the trip.	A = less than 500 ft.
M = Moderate		B = 501 to 1000 ft.
S = Strenuous		C = 1001 to 2000 ft.
		D = 2001 to 3000 ft.
		E = over 3001 ft.

Example: M8C

"M8C" would be a moderately difficult trip with an 8-mile hike on the longest day and which could climb or descend up to 2000 feet in one day.

What to bring: backpack, good boots, 10 essentials, water, 1-2 lunches, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, headlamp, overnight backpack gear (stove and water filter can be shared) and the other items from your backpack list.

Figueroa Mountain-East Pinery Ridge Road

Grade: Easy-Moderate

Leader: Assistant Leader:

Meeting time and date: Saturday, April 1 at 10am at the trailhead

Description: Hike East Pinery Road for 2.4 miles with 285' gain. Find a suitable camp with a view and set up camp. Enjoy the wildflowers and views. Hike Munch Canyon trail as an optional 4 mile exploratory day hike.

Sunday-consider an optional day hike up Figueroa Mountain lookout road on your way home

Directions: Drive Hwy 101 north to Hwy 154. Exit and drive to Los Olivos. Drive north on Figueroa Mountain Road. Continue driving past Figueroa Station for ~4 miles to a closed gate across the road near Ranger Peak. Carpooling is encouraged. 2 hour drive from St. Paul's in Ventura.

Water: Must haul all water (4-6 liters is recommended)

Weather: 60s during the day, 40s at night

Emergency Contact:

Law Enforcement: Santa Barbara County Sheriff

805-681-4100

140 CA-246

Buellton, CA

Hospital: Santa Ynez Cottage

2050 Viborg Road

Solvang, CA 93463

805-688-6431

Trip Title : Cozy Dell Backpack above Ojai

Meeting Time and Date: 8:30 am Saturday April 1

Meeting Place: Cozy Dell Trailhead: directions: From the Jct of CA 33 and CA 150, (The 'Y' in Ojai nears Vons), drive North 3.3 miles to a parking area on the west side of the road. There are no facilities here. The trail is on the west side of the road. This parking area is just south of the Friends fruit packing warehouse.

Distance: 6 miles round trip with a 1200 foot elevation gain on Saturday.

Water: There are small creeks along the trail and within .3 mile of our camp. Hikers will probably start out with a liter of water but need the ability to treat and carry 2-3 liters to our camp.

Description: This trail is a rolling traverse of the foothills above Ojai. We climb steeply at first and then gradually climb as we head east below Nordhoff Ridge. This trail is through grassy slopes past rocky outcrops and wildflowers. We could find muddy trails and small creeks to cross. Before we meet the Pratt trail, we will hike up to the shoulder of Magic Mountain for our secluded campsite. There will be no campfire, but we should enjoy the sunset and city light views. We will carry water the last .3 mile to our camp and pack out all our trash and TP. It could be windy, so pack extra stakes and ropes for securing your tent. Food to share for happy hour is encouraged. Sunday, we will pack up and return to our cars around noon.

Weather: Forecast for Mostly Sunny. Highs around 60 Lows around 40 deg F.

Emergency Contacts:

Law Enforcement: Ventura County Sheriff

Ojai Patrol Station
402 Ventura St. , Ojai, CA 93023
805-646-1414

Nearest Medical: Ojai Community Memorial Hospital

1306 Mariposa Hwy, Ojai, CA 93023
805-646-1401

Conservation Message: Post-Fire Recovery since 2017 Thomas Fire
Trail Maintenance since Heavy rains

Teaching Objectives: Navigation Enroute on Map and using Phone GPS Apps

Time Estimates and Progress of the day
Knots for securing Tents
Planning Bail-out points
Stream Crossings

Cold Spring-Forbush Camp
Outing Leader:

Grade: Strenuous
Assistant Leader:

Meeting time and date: Saturday, April 1 at 8am

Description: A Santa Barbara front country hike that is 5.50 miles to Forbush Camp. Hike involves 2700' of gain in 4 miles on the Ridge trail/Cold Spring trail to Cold Spring saddle then downhill for 1.5 miles to 2 small backcountry camps with lots of water. The camp used to be an old homestead with apple trees. We'll check out the unique canyon with an optional day hike further along Cold Spring trail.

Directions: Drive Hwy 101 north and exit Hermosillo. Turn right on Hot Spring Rd and left (north) on Sycamore Canyon Rd and turn right (north) on Cold Springs Rd. Turn right on Mountain Rd and park at the trailhead. Google has the trailhead listed as Tangerine Falls TH. Please consider carpooling as the trailhead can be busy.

Water: Must haul water the 5.5 miles to camp (2-4 liters is recommended). Camp is located near a creek

Weather: 60s during the day, 40s at night

Emergency Contact:

Law Enforcement: City of Santa Barbara
215 E. Figueroa
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
805-897-2465

Hospital: Santa Barbara Cottage
400 W. Pueblo
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
805-682-7111