

# HIKES IN THE PUENTE CHINO HILLS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

Join us on any of these hikes and become familiar with everything our hills have to offer. The Puente-Chino Hills Task force (PCHTF), a group within the Sierra Club, organizes the hikes. The PCHTF is working towards the preservation of the Wildlife Corridor as an island of beauty and biological significance in a sea of urbanization. The hikes should appeal to people who want to stay in shape, are eager to enjoy the outdoors, and want more information about their hills and wildlife.

Hikes for 2009/2010, All are on Saturdays at 9 am.

HIKE	DATE
1 Sycamore Canyon (Whittier)	Oct 3
2 Powder Canyon (Rowland Heights)	Nov 14
3 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave (Hacienda Heights)	Dec 12
4 Hellman Canyon (Whittier)	Jan 9
5 La Vita Trail, CHSP (Brea)	Feb 20
6 Lower Aliso Canyon, CHSP, (Chino Hills)	Mar 13
7 Rim Crest, CHSP (Yorba Linda)	Apr 10
8 Hills for Everyone Trail, CHSP, (Chino Hills)	May 15

## DETAILED HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

For updated information about the hikes, see the website:

<http://www.SaveTheWildlifeCorridor.org>

### Hike 1

**Oct 3            Sat**

#### **O: Sycamore Canyon (Whittier)**

Stroll through this beautiful canyon in the hills of Whittier with informative discussion about the effort to preserve this native area. 4 mi negligible gain. Meet 9 am at trailhead parking lot. Exit 605 Fwy at Beverly Blvd east, N onto Workman Mill Rd, park in lot at 5030 Workman Mill Rd. Rain within 48 hours cancels.

Leader: Jim McCullough. Assistant: Eric Johnson, c 714 366-6571, h 714 524-7763

*Note: the entrance to the parking lot is on the east side of Workman Mill and is hard to spot. After about 20 cars, the parking lot is full. Additional cars will have to park on Workman Mill Rd.*

*(GPS: 34°00'14"N, 118°03'17"W)*

Hike 2

**Nov 14 Sat**

**O: Powder Canyon: (Rowland Heights)**

Enjoy a 4 mi, 800' gain hike and info about the Powder Cyn Significant Ecological Area. Meet 9 am Powder Canyon entrance (equestrian ring) along Old Fullerton Rd , 400 yds W of Harbor Blvd (near Pathfinder) in Rowland Hgts. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Co-leaders: Fred Reed and Eric Johnson, c 714 325-2710, h 714 528-4841

*Note: people new to this hike should be careful to find the right parking lot. This is the Old Fullerton Rd/Harbor Blvd intersection in Rowland Heights, not the more southern Fullerton Rd/Harbor Blvd intersection in La Habra Heights.*  
(GPS: 33°57'51"N, 117°55'18"W)

Hike 3

**Dec 12 Sat**

**O: 7<sup>th</sup> Ave (Hacienda Heights):**

Join us on a loop hike above Hacienda Heights with great views of the San Gabriel Mtns. 4.5 mi, 600' gain. The preservation of this land launched the Habitat Authority effort. Meet 9 am at 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and E. Orange Grove Ave, Hacienda Heights. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Co-leaders: Fred Reed and Eric Johnson, c 714 325-2710, h 714 528-4841

(GPS: 34°00'40"N, 117°59'52"W)

Hike 4

**Jan 9 Sat**

**O: Hellman Canyon (Whittier):**

Enjoy a hike in the Whittier hills with great views back over the southland. The 5 mile 700' gain hike will go up to the ridgeline and continue on towards Hacienda Heights. Meet 9 am at the Hellman trailhead parking lot at Rose and Greenleaf in Whittier. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Leader: Fred Reed Assistant: Eric Johnson c 714 325-2710, h 714 528-4841

(GPS: 33°59'26"N, 118°02'13"W)

Hike 5

**Feb 20 Sat**

**O: La Vita Trail: (CHSP in Brea)**

Hike a remote and relatively unknown loop through the back hills of Brea in the Chino Hills State Park (CHSP). 4 mi loop, 1100' gain, along a trail crossing Sonome Creek. Meet 9 am in Olinda Village at 200 Verbena Ln (and Olinda Dr; off Carbon Canyon Rd) Rain within 48 hours cancels. Co-leaders: Eric Johnson and Fred Reed , c 714 325-2710, h 714 528-4841

(GPS: 33°55'49"N, 117°48'13"W)

Hike 6

**Mar 13 Sat**

**O: Lower Aliso Canyon (CHSP in Chino Hills):**

Enjoy a hike through this gentle sloping valley. This is a 5 mile, 200' gain hike. Meet 9 am at the parking lot/picnic area, 2.6 miles in from the Chino Hills State Park entrance at 4721 Sapphire Road. Ridesharing encouraged, fee for parking. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Leader: Fred Reed Assistant: Eric Johnson, c 714 325-2710, h 714 528-4841

(GPS: 33°55'11"N, 117°41'56"W)

*Note: The park is located 10 miles northwest of Corona. Take the 91-Freeway to Highway 71-North, turn left at Soquel Canyon. Proceed to Elinvar and turn left. Elinvar merges into Sapphire to the left, the park entrance is located on the right at 4721 Sapphire Road (GPS: 33°57'16"N, 117°42'7"W)*

Hike 7

**Apr 10 Sat**

**O: Rim Crest (CHSP in Yorba Linda):**

Join us on a hike as we travel a ridgeline and shaded valley in this local state park. This is a 5 mile 800' gain hike. Meet 9 am at Orange County entrance of the Chino Hills State Park at Rim Crest Dr. in Yorba Linda (park on NE side, note parking warnings). Rain within 48 hours cancels. Leader: Fred Reed Assistant: Eric Johnson, c 714 325-2710, h 714 528-4841

(GPS: 33°54'31"N, 117°46'49"W)

Hike 8

**May 15 Sat**

**O: Hills for Everyone Trail (CHSP in Chino Hills):**

Join us as we follow this beautiful trail through open grasslands and wooded valleys. This is a 5 mile loop 700' gain hike. Meet 9 am at the Visitor Center parking lot, Chino Hills State Park, about 2 mi in from the 4721 Sapphire Road park entrance. Ridesharing encouraged, fee for parking. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Leader: Fred Reed Assistant: Eric Johnson, c 714 325-2710, h 714 528-4841

(GPS: 33°55'18"N, 117°42'19"W)

*Note: The park is located 10 miles northwest of Corona. Take the 91-Freeway to Highway 71-North, turn left at Soquel Canyon. Proceed to Elinvar and turn left. Elinvar merges into Sapphire on the left, the park entrance is located on the right at 4721 Sapphire Road. It is difficult to find the correct trailhead parking, so check out the map on the website or in this letter.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- The “O” in front of each hike is a Sierra Club designation that means that it is a trail hike not requiring use of map and compass.
- The GPS coordinates are listed for each trailhead.
- For all hikes, please bring good walking shoes (lug soles recommended), water, a snack, and sunscreen and/or a hat.

For more information regarding these hikes, please contact:

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Eric Johnson: home 714 524-7763

For more information about the wildlife corridor that extends from Whittier to the Anaheim Hills, go to:

[SaveTheWildlifeCorridor.org](http://SaveTheWildlifeCorridor.org)

or:

[HillsForEveryone.com](http://HillsForEveryone.com)

[HabitatAuthority.org](http://HabitatAuthority.org)

[SaveTheMissingMiddle.org](http://SaveTheMissingMiddle.org)

[ChinoHillsStatePark.org](http://ChinoHillsStatePark.org)

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