

HIKES IN THE PUENTE CHINO HILLS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

Join us on any of these hikes and become familiar with all our hills have to offer. The Puente-Chino Hills Task force (PCHTF), a Sierra Club group, 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 to know more about their hills and wildlife.

Hikes for 2011/2012. All are on Saturdays

HIKE SUMMARY 2011-2012		DATE
1	Arroyo Pescadero (Whittier)	Oct 22
2	Lower Aliso Canyon, CHSP, (Chino Hills)	Nov 19
3	Powder Canyon (Rowland Heights)	Dec 10
4	La Vita Trail, CHSP (Brea)	Jan 21
5	Rimcrest, CHSP (Yorba Linda)	Feb 11
6	Hellman Canyon (Whittier)	Mar 17
7	Coal Canyon, CHSP (Chino)	Apr 28
8	7 th Ave (Hacienda Heights)	May 19

DETAILED HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

Hike 1

Oct 22 Sat

O: Arroyo Pescadero (Whittier)

Join us on a hike in the Whittier hills through the preserved Habitat Authority land. This is a 4 mile, 500' gain hike. Meet 9 am at the trailhead parking lot at 7681 Colima Rd (NW side). Bring water, snack, lugs, Rain within 48 hours cancels. Leaders: Fred Reed, Jim McCullough, c 713 325-2710
(GPS: 33°57'58"N, 118°00'02"W)

Hike 2

Nov 19 Sat

O: Lower Aliso Canyon: (Chino Hills)

Enjoy a hike through this gentle sloping valley. This is a 5 mile, 200' gain hike. Meet 9 am at the paved parking lot, 2.6 miles in from the Chino Hills State Park entrance at 4721 Sapphire Road. Ridesharing encouraged, fee for parking. Bring water, snack, and lugs. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Assistant: Eric Johnson, Leader: Fred Reed, 714 325-2710
(GPS: 33°55'20"N, 117°42'22"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 (GPS: 33°57'16"N, 117°42'7"W) is located on the right at 4721 Sapphire Road

Hike 3

Dec 10 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

*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 4

Jan 21 Sat

O: La Vita Trail: (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
(GPS: 33°55'49"N, 117°48'13"W)

Hike 5

Feb 11 Sat

O: Rimcrest (Yorba Linda)

Join us on a hike as we travel along 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). Bring water, snack, and lugs. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Co-leaders: Jim McCullough, Fred Reed, c 714 514-6127
(GPS: 33°54'31"N, 117°46'49"W)

Hike 6

Mar 17 Sat

O: Hellman Canyon (Whittier)

Enjoy a hike in the Whittier hills with great views 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 the end of Greenleaf past Orange Drive in Whittier. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Bring water, a snack, and study shoes. Leader: Fred Reed Assistant: Jim McCullough, c 714 325-2710, h 714 528-4841

Hike 7

Apr 28 Sat

O: Coal Canyon: (91 fwy at Green River Golf Course)

Hike with us to find the rare Tecate Cypress grove on a ridge west of Coal Canyon in the Chino Hills State Park. At 6.5 miles and 1000' elevation, you'll get a workout. Exit the 91 fwy going north on Green River and park just before the Green River Golf Course. Meet at 9 am. Co-leaders: Fred Reed and Eric Johnson, c 714 325-2710

Note: The north route on Green River from the 91 immediately bends left and heads south west. Continue about ¾ mi on Green River until just before Golf Course Rd which is the entrance to the Golf Course. Park in the dirt parking area on the west side of Green River. (GPS: 33°52'17"N, 117°40'3"W)

Hike 8

May 19 Sat

O: 7th Ave (Hacienda Heights):

Hike with us on a loop 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 7th Ave and E. Orange Grove Ave, Hacienda Heights. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Co-leaders: Jim McCullough and Eric Johnson, c 714 514-6127
(GPS: 34°00'40"N, 117°59'52"W)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The "O" is 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 the leaders:

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

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Hillsforeveryone.com

Habitatauthority.org

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