

Pendola Hot Springs and Santa Ynez Middle Campground April 16 – 18, 2010

You don't have to travel far to enjoy great camping, Right behind the Santa Barbara Foothills are some great spots. This outdoor adventure starts by a very scenic drive along the ridgeline of the Santa Ynez Mountain Range on East Camino Cielo with views of the City of Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara Channel, and Channel Islands on one side and the Sierra Madre Mountain Range on the other. The road is windy and full of potholes until you reach Romero Saddle. At this point, the road becomes a windy dusty downhill dirt road. Take caution when driving down this backcountry. It is not uncommon to see deer, red tail fox or coyote along this road.

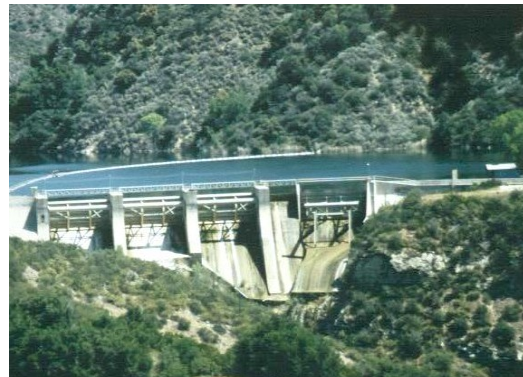
We will be tent camping at **Santa Ynez Middle Campground**. Drinking water is not provided and you will need to bring a three day supply. Outhouses are available as well as campfire rings, picnic tables, and BBQ. Keep in mind that this is "dry camping" No water is available for showering or cooking or drinking. The site is in an Oak shaded woods near the river. It is basically level and has drive up parking. So car pooling is encouraged. There is no or limited cell phone reception. Also keep in mind the nearest store or gas station is almost 40 miles away so plan accordingly.



A short drive or 2 mile hike past Pendola station will lead you to **Pendola Hot Springs**. (also know as Big Caliente Hot Springs) This natural fed hot spring is concrete lined originally done in the late 1916 by George Owen Knapp one of the first Pioneers of the Santa Barbara Back country, Knapp had a castle on Camino Cielo. Now only ruins can be seen. This is a fun place to relax, have a beer, lunch or an evening soak. A trail head

at this point will lead you to **Big Caliente Dam**, and **Agua Caliente Canyon** the hike is about a half mile or so.

On Saturday a day hike is planned to go to **Jameson Lake and Juncal Dam**. The trail heads up Juncal Canyon along the upper end of the Santa Ynez River. after a 300 foot ascent curving up and around the west side of the mountains the trail then parallels the south shore of the lake. Swimming is not allowed in the lake because it is Montecito Water District property This is approximately 3.5 miles, or 7 miles round trip. A further hike to



Alder Creek will reap benefits of small pools and small waterfalls to Alder Camp.



A Spaghetti Western Dinner is planned for later that evening. The spaghetti & meatball feast will be provided free for all to enjoy by hosts Marco & Gary (BYOB) as well as a Movie....yes a movie TBD

There are more hikes or drive in the area like Mono Debris Dam a great place to take a dip in a swimming hole on the Santa Ynez River. I use to slide down the dam as a young kid and splash in the pool below.

Another hot spot is **Little Caliente Hot Springs**. This is a day use only spot where the spring goes into natural wading holes. The bottom is muddy and said to be very therapeutic.

Plan on coming to this event April 16th through the 18th. It will surely become one of your local favorites!



TRIP COST AND FEES:

\$20.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members (\$40 includes 1 year Great Outdoors membership) Cancellation policy 100% refund up to two week prior to event, 50% thereafter.

If you are bringing a car or RV (if you dare) an Adventure Pass is required. If you already have an annual pass (like me) bring it. If not, please let us know; they need to be purchased in advance.

FYI... annual Adventure Passes can be purchased at Big Five or mountaininfo.com for \$30 and for five more bucks you and get an extra vehicle pass. A good deal and it will help support the Forest Service maintenance.

Pet Policy:

Pets are ok, so bring them. Remember you need to be responsible for them. Bring them plenty of water at least 3 gallons for each dog. Poop: pick it up! Dogs should be leashed but no one will be enforcing that. Just be a responsible person and maintain your dog. Also remember that there are ticks up there and some anti tick stuff should be used. Seamus the chocolate lab will be attending this event.

- TRASH:** All trash needs to go back home with you. Don't leave it; don't bury it. I will bring a trash can and haul some away in my truck.
- Water:** Drinking water is NOT available. Bring enough water for you, your cooking, and your cleaning. A good reference of how much water you will need is 1 gallon per day, per person. I will be bringing about 100 gallons of water in a truck for washing or bathing.
- Pests:** Bugs they have em. Ticks, flies, mosquitoes, fire ants. So bring some Bug spray like "Off" or "Jungle Juice" something that contains deet.
- Trip Hosts:** Gary Mosel & Marco Silva
garymosel@aol.com
Gary 805 967-3502
Marco 805 886-5955
- Where:** Santa Ynez Middle Campground
P-Bar Flats Campground
Los Padres National Forest
- When:** Friday April 16th to April 18th

Directions:

From central Santa Barbara, take US 101 north to Highway 154, about 8 miles to the crest of San Marcos Pass and turn **right** on **East Camino Cielo**. This is a single lane paved road with pot holes continue east for about 19 miles to (Romero Saddle) this is at the **end of pavement**. Follow dirt road (Romero Saddle Road) about 4 miles to the river crossing go east (**left**) on (Camuesa Road (Forest Route 5N15)) towards Pendola Station continue forward **past** Pendola Ranger Station (Closed) and two creek crossings to camp site on the left hand side (no signage). **I will be there !!**

Great Outdoors Trip Registration Form

Pendola Hot Springs

April 16-18, 2010

Send completed registration form and trip fee
(check payable to "Great Outdoors") to:

**Great Outdoors Pendola Trip c/o Gary Mosel
405 West De La Guerra Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-3729**

And please call Gary at (805) 967-3502 or e-mail
GaryMosel@aol.com after you send in your check.

Member \$20; Non-Member \$40

Name (please print) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

G.O. Member # _____

Chapter _____

Phone _____

E-mail (kept confidential) _____

Emergency Contact _____

Relationship _____

Phone _____

Medical Insurance Carrier _____

Group/Policy _____

Physician Phone _____

Will you be driving? Yes No Carpooling with: _____

Do you have a U.S. Forest Service Adventure Pass? Yes _____ No _____

Are you bringing extra water with you? Yes _____ No _____

Health problems/allergies:

It is the responsibility of participants to carry on their person a record of significant allergies, medications, and medical history in the event of a medical emergency.

Waiver of Liability, Medical Release and Assignment

I am aware that my participation in Great Outdoors may include potentially hazardous activities and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with that knowledge and the understanding that I will use my own best judgment to avoid injury to myself and others. I agree to follow the directions of the trip leader and abide by the rules of the facility I am using. I hereby release Great Outdoors, including its officers, trail or trip leaders, agents or other persons working with said organization from any liability for injuries, physical or mental, which I may suffer by reason of any participation in these activities. I recognize in waiving this liability that I am assuming sole responsibility for my actions and cannot blame any other person connected with Great Outdoors Inc. I hereby agree to assume full financial responsibility for any and all bills incurred by me for medical treatment as the result of my participation in the Great Outdoors activity. In the event that I am unable to consent to medical care, I hereby authorize the trip leader to consent surgery, as may be best determined under the circumstances.

Signature _____

Date _____