



**Great Outdoors OC/LB members, guests & friends (and all of our other chapters) are invited to “get away from it all” close to home !
Wheeler Gorge (near Ojai) –May 8th thru May 10th, 2009.**

Located in the Los Padres National Forest on the scenic banks of the Matilija Creek in a mountain canyon at just 1100' of elevation. It is a favorite campground of many of our members for a convenient location and shady campsites. The stream may be low this time of year but it still is not silent as it meanders through a creek bed nestled among huge boulders. This stream and it's branches travel throughout the length of the campground. Shady campsites are provided with their shade by old oak and sycamore trees that grow throughout the campground. This year (because it's close) we are including a wine tasting, sampling wines from a small winery located on the outskirts of Ojai.

There are barbecue stands & campfire fire rings that are in or near almost every campsite. The weather should be warm and ideal for a night hike after our usual potluck dinner on Saturday night. Every campsite is unique and spaced so it feels more like wilderness than it really is...you really have to see it for yourself. Please bring two bundles of firewood for Friday and Saturday nights.

From Orange County you would go North on the Santa Ana (5) freeway to the 101 freeway interchange. Make the quick transition to the 101 freeway and continue to go North past Ventura to the turnoff for Ojai-which is Highway 33 East. Go 14 miles inland to the 5th signal (Von's store on your left) to sign indicating “Maricopa and 33 North” turn left. Just seven miles more going through two short tunnels and you are there ! Long Beach varies only in that you start out on the 405 freeway going north to the 101 Freeway North. Proceed to highway 33 east. (Follow the directions above from there.)

What to bring: Camp equipment, food and cook stove. Tent with ground tarp and sleeping bags, air mattress. Warm clothing and a windbreaker in addition to shorts, t-shirts and the like. Hat, sunscreen, bug repellent, hiking boots. Cameras, musical instruments, (quiet hours usually start around 10:00 pm). Water and snacks for your day hikes is also suggested. **Please note the campground's plumbing is still out-of-order so please bring plenty of drinking water for coffee, cooking and cleaning.**

*Dogs are allowed on a leash. Cost per person is \$ 32.00 for members and \$ 42.00 for non-members...please note this fee includes advance reservation costs. Parking is limited and car pooling is encouraged. For further information please contact:
Greg (OC/LB Chapter) at (714)-828-7645 – or e-mail is “joeanaheim@hotmail.com”*



Wheeler Gorge Trip—May 8th thru May 10th, 2009- Member cost is \$32.00 per person (\$ 42.00 non-member per person.)

Please make your check payable to: Great Outdoors- Please mail in-time so you are registered by the Saturday before. --→ Deadline is: May 1st, 2009. Please send to: Greg Papin, 235 So. Beach Blvd. #36 Anaheim, Ca 92804

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 I will use my own best judgment to avoid injury to myself and to 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 it's 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 injuries on any other persons connected with "Great Outdoors".

I hereby agree to assume full financial responsibility for any and all bills incurred by me for medical treatment at the result of my participation in the "Great Outdoors" activity. In the event I am unable to consent to medical care, I hereby authorize the trip leader to consent to emergency medical treatment for me.

Signed by: _____ **Date:** _____

Please print:

Name: _____ Member ? _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address (optional): _____

Contact (medical emergency) _____ Phone: _____

Insurance carrier (if any): _____

Doctor w/phone #-please: _____

May we have your permission to use your likeness in photographs that may be published in the newsletter or reproduced on the "Great Outdoors" website ? ___y/n?