

# Great Outdoors Orange County/Long Beach Chapter January, 2016 Newsletter



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**Note: Overnight trips usually fill up early. We recommend that if you are interested, request and submit the registration form and payment as soon as possible due to expected high demand. Some trips are not firm at this time, because some site reservations have not yet opened. For those events, contact the trip**

## Orchard Camp Day Hike

Sunday, January 10, 2016



This moderate hike covers the lower portion of the original 19th century trail to Mt. Wilson. Orchard camp is an oak and spruce shaded bench, just above a sparkling creek. The huge oak there has been dated at 1,500 years old, one of the oldest in the range.

Beautiful Little Santa Anita Canyon is steeped in history. This was the first modern trail built into the San Gabriel Mountains in 1864. In a secluded glen, shaded by giant canyon oaks and big cone spruce, a "Halfway House" was built. The trail was

**leader, and he will  
notify you as soon  
as you can register.**

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### Other Chapters

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Los Angeles Zoo

Saturday, January 9, 2016

[Palm Springs Chapter](#)

Agua Caliente Car Camp

Dec. 31, 2015 to Jan. 3, 2016

Quartzite RV Show

January 14-18, 2016

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Mojave National Preserve Car Camp

January 15-18, 2016

Whale Watching

January 24, 2016

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Jalama Wines LGBTQ Night

January 2, 2016

### Our Monthly Meeting

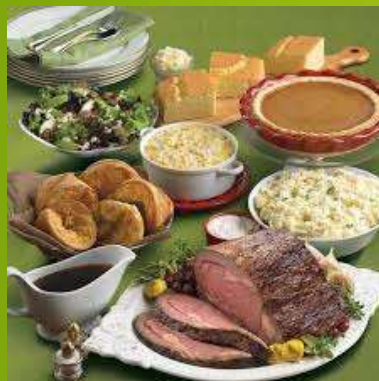
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**Marie Callender's**

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**Westminster, CA 92683**

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used in 1889 to tote the Harvard University Telescope piece by piece to the summit of Mt. Wilson. The camp was homesteaded and small groves of apple, cherry, plum and chestnut trees were planted. In its peak year in 1911, over 40,000 people signed the camp register. Orchard camp was abandoned in 1940. Today the building and tents are gone. But the enchanting stream-side spot still holds an appeal for lovers of sylvan seclusion.

**[Click here for more information](#)**

## Descanso Gardens Day Trip

**Sunday, January 17, 2016**



In January, the camellias, cherries and winter annuals are in bloom. From Fall to Spring, the Camellias bloom in the Oak Forest. Descanso Gardens is known for having the largest Camellia collection in North America. In all seasons, the Japanese Garden is a pleasant and peaceful setting.

Also on site is the Sturt Haaga Gallery presents three exhibitions per year of contemporary artists' work that responds to and elucidates nature, natural processes and communities, ecology, biology, botany, horticulture, garden design and history, and other subjects relevant to its botanical garden setting. Exhibitions are typically group shows of work responsive to a curatorial theme or idea proposed by the Descanso Gardens Curatorial Advisory Committee, consisting of garden staff, trustees, and art

## Come and Join Us

Our next Meeting will be on

January 5, 2016

OC / LB Chapter Monthly Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Our meetings will be at Marie Callender's from now until further notice.

We have a social hour at 7 PM, and dinner service will begin at about 7:30 PM. Each person is responsible for their own food and beverage bill. We have a \$50 minimum for our group.

During the Social Hour, the Core Group will be meeting briefly. You are welcome to attend the Core Group Meeting and give input. Only Core Group Members can vote. The general meeting will start at 8:00 PM.

Photos from Last Year's Hike to Orchard Camp



experts from the surrounding community.

Descanso Gardens is open daily except for Christmas. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm (last entry is 4:30 pm). There is ample free parking. The Boddy House mansion is open daily except Mondays from 10 am to 4 pm. The Sturt Haaga Gallery is open daily except Mondays from 10 am to 4 pm when an exhibition is on view. The gallery presents three 10-week exhibits per year. Call ahead to see if an exhibition is scheduled.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Indoor Skydiving Day Trip

Saturday, January 30, 2016



Great Outdoors OC/LB is excited to offer you the opportunity to join us at Skydive Perris and experience the excitement of the free-fall of skydiving without ever jumping out of a nice safe airplane!!

The Skydive Perris Indoor Skydiving Simulator is a 96-foot tall vertical wind tunnel! It is ideal for all ages and skill levels, this multimillion dollar, state-of-the-art vertical wind tunnel allows guests to enjoy the sensation of freefall without the airplane!

You'll become familiar with the art of indoor skydiving after just a few minutes floating on the column of air. It is unique and a lot of fun.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Save \$\$ on G.O. Outings!

Are you a current member of the Great Outdoors Orange County/Long Beach chapter? Has your membership expired? Did you know that members do not have to pay the \$5.00 outing fee for day events, and save \$10.00 or more on every overnight outing with any of the five chapters that make up the Great Outdoors? Members also enjoy a wonderful holiday party at the end of the year with lots of fun, food, fellowship and excitement absolutely free! Why not start or renew your membership today, start your savings, and join us as we explore the wonderful things to do in the outdoors?

Membership is only \$25.00 per year and Orange County / Long Beach members save money on any and all Great Outdoors events with every chapter all over Southern California! Get yours today and start saving! Contact the OC/LB Membership Representative Dennis Vinopal at [membership@greatoutdoors-oclb.org](mailto:membership@greatoutdoors-oclb.org).

**Or click on this link and complete the application.**

When you join, you can pay your membership dues using the Pay Pal Button on the bottom of the page at

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