

# Great Outdoors Orange County/Long Beach February, 2016 Newsletter



Orchard Camp Day Hike

## February Articles

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Echo Mountain and  
Alpine Tavern Day Hike

## Monthly

## Meeting



Marie Callender's

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## 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

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Come and Join Us

Our next Meeting  
will be on

February 2, 2016

OC / LB Chapter  
Monthly Meeting  
on the first Tuesday  
of the month  
from 7:00 to 9:00  
PM.

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.

**Other Chapter  
Events  
(Click on Chapter  
Name for Website)**

Los Angeles Chapter  
Monday Night Hike  
Palm Springs Chapter  
Salton Sea Campout  
February 25-28  
San Diego Chapter  
Lawson Peak Day  
Hike  
February 28  
Santa  
Barbara/Ventura  
County Chapter  
Yosemite Winter

and a lot of fun.

[Click here for more information](#)

**Battleship Iowa Tour Day Trip**

**Saturday, February 6, 2016**



Come and join with the Great Outdoors OC/LB as we explore and learn the history of the Battleship of the Presidents: the USS Iowa! The USS Iowa is the only west coast battleship museum and features displays of naval history and life at sea for thousands of sailors over the past 70 years, while interacting with numerous exhibits and following a clever mascot dog named Victory on a popular scavenger hunt.

During her more than 50 years in service, the USS IOWA earned 14 different ribbons. Look for these displayed proudly on her bridge wings. She hosted more U.S. Presidents than any other Battleship, earning her the nickname "Battleship of the Presidents".

The Battleship Iowa museum is a melding of science, technology, engineering, and math. She was built during the early 1940's - a time when drawing boards were the norm and computers as we know them didn't exist. It is hard to imagine the effort it took to design, build, and bring alive 45,000 tons of steel, and an 887 foot long behemoth that was a city at sea for thousands of sailors over three different decades.

[Click here for more information](#)

**Bike Ride**

**Saturday, February 13, 2016**

Wonderland  
February 12-15

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### Quick Links

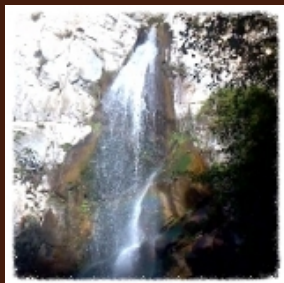
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### Future Events (Click on Event Name for Details)

[Kayaking around Naples  
Island](#)  
March 19, 2016



[Mount Zion Loop Day  
Hike](#)  
March 27, 2016



No trip notes were available for the bicycle ride when this newsletter was prepared. Daryl has informed the newsletter editor that he does plan to lead this trip. Daryl has said that this bicycle ride will be easy.

If interested, contact Daryl directly at:  
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## Day Hike to Echo Mt. And Alpine Tavern

Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 9 AM



Have you seen the San Gabriel Mountains close up in the Spring? Take a walk through history, as we climb up from Altadena to Echo Summit. Here is the site of the White City, a 19th century hotel at the top of an incline railway that was a wonder of the world. From there, we will follow the old trolley line to the site of the Alpine Tavern. There are many interesting

picture markers of the old trolley along the way. We will have lunch at the Alpine Tavern.

You will see great vistas of the Los Angeles basin from Inspiration Point after lunch, from the Valley to Santa Monica to Long Beach and Catalina Island, if it is a clear day. The wild flowers should be stunning along the way. From Inspiration Point, we will descend through Castle Canyon, passing an abandoned gold mine along the way, coming back again to the White City before descending to Altadena.

This is a moderately difficult hike, so it is important to be in reasonably good condition. The trailhead is at 1800 feet, the White City is at 3200 feet, and the Alpine Tavern is at 4400 feet. The total vertical climb is 2600 feet over about 5 miles. We descend the same distance in a little over 4 miles.

[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 <http://www.greatoutdoors.org/oclb/OCLBWebsite/index.html> or you can send a check with your application.

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