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Bike Ride along San Gabriel River

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CLASSIFICATION: Easy **COST:** bring \$5 for parking **TRIP LIMIT:** 20

DESCRIPTION: This is a slow-paced ride (originally scheduled for Jan 23) along paved bike paths, suitable for families who don't bike much. The San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo offer many miles of carefree pedaling with gentle grades and *no cars*. Sturdy children older than 10 years should be able to manage the ride. This ride is slow-paced, for fresh air and scenery, not aerobic exercise! From our starting point we go to Whittier Dam where on a clear day the entire San Gabriel range is visible. We start riding north (slightly uphill) about 10 miles. Then turn around and return along our original route. The trip takes approximately 3-4 hours. The scenery ranges from industrial to surprisingly rural. The paths are open after the heavy rains, the river will likely have a good flow, and we can expect to see horses, cows, and flocks of aquatic birds.

BRING: Bicycle (mountain or road) in good working order, spare tube, pump and helmet. Bring sunscreen and food and drink, as facilities along our route are limited. The entire route is on the ACSC San Gabriel Valley map, though the paths themselves aren't indicated. We start at grid reference O-10.

MEET: Meet at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, 9:00am. Use the Rosemead Blvd entrance, just north of the 60 Pomona Freeway, and 6 miles south of Pasadena. Meet at south end of the park, near bathroom #21. There is plenty of parking. On request I can email a PDF of the park showing the meeting place and trail starting points.

Important: these bike trails are closed if it rains. *Ride is canceled* if there is significant rain during the 3 days prior to the ride date. If you are in doubt, contact trip leader.

If you have any questions, please call the Trip Leader.

Hiking + Members: Please make a copy of this flyer and post on your local bulletin board. Thanks!

Fill in and return to Stephen Unwin at M/S 301-486

Yes! I want to bike _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Adults and _____ Children (names and ages on back) _____