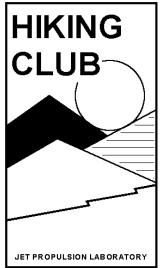


JPL HIKING CLUB

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ANNUAL CATALINA CAMP, HIKE, AND PUB CRAWL

Friday - Sunday, July 21-23, 2000

Trip Leader: Jessica Wyatt (818-354-1833) Jessica.L.Wyatt@jpl.nasa.gov Trip Limit: 12

Cost: Club Members \$30/person; Non-members \$35/person

Rating: Easy - moderate - strenuous, your choice

Description: Come enjoy a wonderful weekend full of relaxation, hiking, biking, shopping, or whatever you would like on the Island of Catalina. You can explore the Wrigley Memorial and leisurely wander through the Botanical Gardens, then take off on some of Catalina's nicest hiking or biking trails. Or you could walk the easy mile into Avalon and spend your time touring, shopping, boating, swimming or snorkeling. You could also combine a morning hike in "buffalo country" with an afternoon of some of Catalina's finest activities. Then join us back in the campground Saturday evening for a relaxing happy hour with Club-provided wine and snacks and lots of friendly camaraderie. Dinner can be your choice of fixing your favorite meal at the campground or dining in one of Avalon's finest restaurants. Or we could join in on fixing a group meal at the campground, which can be discussed at the pre-trip planning meeting.

I have reserved the Hermit Gulch campground located 1-1/2 miles from the boat landing in Avalon. Hermit Gulch features restrooms, coin-operated showers, BBQ stands, vending machines and an on-site ranger. No fires or firearms are allowed. I have reservations for only 12 people, so if you are considering this trip, don't wait to book your spot. Here is a way you can explore Catalina for a weekend of fun and relaxation without breaking your budget. The cost includes 2 nights of camping and the happy hour on Saturday night. We plan to arrive in Avalon Friday evening and hike our way up to Hermit Gulch. Attaching camping gear to a hand truck seems to be the preferred method of transportation. Saturday, we plan to hike in the morning, stopping for the many "photo ops" in the backcountry. You are welcome to go on the hike if you don't have another activity planned.

Sunday, we plan to stow our camping gear in the lockers at the boat landing and then make our way to the Descanso Beach Club. The club is located in the cove just past the Casino. Arriving early enough to get a table on the beach, we plan to open a tab, eat, drink, read, swim and watch the waves. There are all kinds of water sports available from the beach. At the end of the day, it's time to walk or crawl back to the boat landing and retrieve our gear from the lockers. Hopefully, our trip will close with a beautiful sunset as we cross the channel and re-adjust to the land of freeways, traffic, cell phones, and voice mail. There are many things to do on the Island, but the majority of activities require advance reservations or permits. To see what's available the weekend we will be there, make reservations, or obtain permits, go to the following website:

http://www.catalina.com/1/activ/activities_mainpg.html

It is your responsibility to obtain any necessary permits or make reservations for any activity your party wants to do. Also, if you are bringing a bicycle to the Island, it will be your responsibility to ferry your bike, pay any fees, and obtain necessary permits. Bicycles can be rented once you are there. Hiking permits are free and available at the campground office the day of your hike.

Transportation: Transportation to Avalon is up to you. To get to the island in just over an hour, we recommend taking the Catalina Express out of Long Beach or San Pedro. The ERC has discount tickets for \$32.00 (regular price is \$38.00). You will need to call and make reservations, then obtain your tickets from the ERC if you choose to go this route. Make your reservations early, as this is a very popular time of year.

Bring: The usual camping gear (tent, sleeping bag and pad, ground cloth, eating utensils, etc.), hat sunglasses, sun screen, camera, binoculars (optional), and day-pack/fanny-pack with lots of water if you plan to hike.

Pre-Trip Meeting: Noon - 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 17, 2000, Conference Room 301-227. I must receive your reservation and check by this date. Please be there or be represented (or you might not be able to go). If you cannot be at the pre-trip meeting you will need to call me and have your reservation and money to me by then. Priority is to Hiking Club members and their guests. This trip can only serve 12 people and I will take reservations on a first come, first serve basis.

In the event of over-subscription, the Hiking Club policy will apply.

Detach and return the slip below with your check to: Jessica Wyatt, M/S 170-104 Please make check payable to: JPL Hiking Club

Name: _____ Are you a hiking Club Member? _____

No. of Guests: _____ (Total number in your party) Names of Guests: _____

(If more space needed, use space below) Amount of Check: _____ \$30.00/person Members and their guests;

\$35.00/person Non-members and their guests Your Phone: _____ Your M/S: _____

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