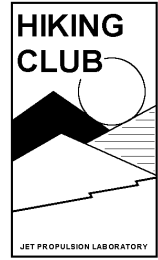


JPL HIKING CLUB

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Channel Islands Trip Santa Cruz Island (East End) September 8-10, 2000

Pre-Trip Meeting Aug 17, 2000, noon, 301-486
(SIM Conference Room, 4th floor, main hallway, east end)
Trip Leader: Kim Aaron x4-2816

The boat leaves at 8:00 a.m. Friday morning from Ventura, but we need to be there at 7:15 a.m. to register. We will be picked up at about 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The boat trip is about 2 hours each way.

We need to bring EVERYTHING we need, including water, food, equipment, first aid, etc. There are no amenities on the island - just you and nature and maybe a few other tourists. There are pit toilets but no running water. If you have a kayak and would like to bring it, there is an additional fee of \$6 to tow it behind the boat. Kayaks to be transported to the islands must be empty and have a 6-8 foot bowline.

Here's a description of Santa Cruz Island from Island Packer's website:

Santa Cruz Island is the largest and most topographically diverse of the eight Channel Islands. Santa Cruz Island is approximately 24 miles in length and encompasses 77 miles of pristine coastline, including two mountain ranges, a pastoral central valley, ten plant communities, and numerous endemic plants and animals. Santa Cruz is divided up into the West End and the East End. The West End of Santa Cruz Island is owned by the Nature Conservancy, a non-profit international membership organization that preserves the plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on our Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. The East End of Santa Cruz Island is owned by the National Park Service. Both parts of the island are available for day trips with certain limitations.

East End Santa Cruz Island (Year Round): Camping and day trips are an excellent way to visit Santa Cruz during the crossing to the island, you will also have the opportunity to experience coastal California of a century ago. The island has changed little in the last 100 years, much of what you see is as it was then. You might see a variety of sea birds, hawks, owls, quail, Santa Cruz Island Scrub Jay, and Island Fox.

The crossing takes approximately 2 hours and you land via a small skiff on a cobble/sand beach. Day trip visitors should also plan on bringing their own water along with a sack lunch (there are no snack bars or restaurants on the island). It is

also a good idea to bring plenty of sunscreen, a pair of sturdy shoes, layered clothing for changeable weather and a camera.

There are approximately 10 miles of hiking trails to explore on your own or go with an Island Packer naturalist on a guided hike for 1 hours exploring the past of this very special island. You can also go kayaking, snorkeling, fishing, hiking, or simply relax and enjoy the peace and solitude of the island.

Cost: (members): \$60 per person, \$40 for children, \$6 kayak transportation
(non-members): \$65 per person, \$45 for children, \$6 kayak transportation

Non-members note: Since it's only \$5 to join the club, why not simply join and go as a member? And that one annual fee covers your family and guests, too.

To register, send e-mail to Kim.M.Aaron@jpl.nasa.gov with the following information or clip/print/copy and return with check payable to JPL Hiking Club to Kim Aaron, M/S 301-486.

If you like, you can bring the check to the pre-trip meeting, but please send in the registration information sooner if possible.

Channel Islands Camping Trip

Please sign up the following people:

Name	Cost	
_____	_____	Mail Stop: _____ JPL Phone: _____
		Home Phone: (____) _____
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_____	_____	

Transportation for Kayak ____ _____

Total: _____

I will be driving and can take ____ other people.

I need rides for ____ people.

If you have any questions, please call the trip leader, Kim Aaron, at x 4-2816.