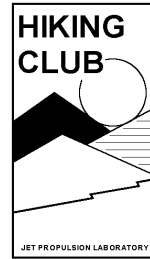




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Sespe Car Camp (Free)



Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 5, 6, 7 May, 2000

Trip Leader: Kim Aaron x4-2816 mail stop 301-486

Organizational Meeting:

Wednesday May 3 12:00 noon 301-227

The Sespe Creek area near Ojai is very pleasant at this time of year (It is a bit too hot during the summer) and has the advantage of being fairly close by. There are several hikes in the area, including some to water falls. I also believe we have not had a trip to this region (in recent years)? I have never been myself. My information is based on a Sunset magazine article and web browsing.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act preserves select rivers that possess "outstandingly remarkable" scenic, recreational, geological, fish and wildlife, historic, or cultural values in a free-flowing condition. About 30 miles of Sespe Creek have been designated as Wild River under this act.

We will be staying at Rose Valley campsite. The campsite is free and operated on a first-come first-served basis. As a result, some of us will be driving up early on Friday to nab several sites as needed. But there are no guarantees. We will have a sign-up sheet at the organizational meeting to help coordinate matters so that the first to arrive will know how many sites to occupy (and to call voicemail in case sites are unavailable).

The campsite is very rudimentary - no water, one vault toilet. **BRING WATER.**

There is no fee for this trip, but a Wilderness pass is required to park your vehicle.

Several of the campsites are "temporarily" closed at night. There is no overnight camping due to endangered species. I just checked with the ranger, and she said this is now a permanent situation. She said, "We lost the lawsuit." Rose Valley is not affected. More information on the campgrounds in the area (including Rose Valley):

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/html/ord2.htm#anchor493165>

Please contact the trip leader with any questions.