

San Gorgonio Backpacking

San Bernardino National Forest - Lodgepole Spring Camp

Friday - Sunday, June 8 - 10, 2018

This backpacking adventure will take us to the primitive camping area of Lodgepole Spring (Elev. 9,100 ft) followed by an optional day hike to the top of San Gorgonio Mountain. The trailhead is a 2 hour drive from Carlsbad.

OUR PLANNED HIKE: A two night backpacking trip departing from the trailhead at 7:30 am on Friday 8 June and completing about noon on Sunday 10 June. The one-way distance to the camp is 6.9 miles and starts out at 6,838 ft. and climbs to 9,100 ft.

Both nights will be spent at Lodgepole Spring Camp. Saturday will have optional hiking to San Gorgonio Peak at 11,502 ft.



CAMPGROUND: Primitive camping with no amenities. Restroom at trailhead. No restrooms on trail.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Trail is rocky, so wear good hiking footwear.

RAIN: If heavy rain or stormy weather is anticipated the trip will be cancelled; light rain we will proceed.

TRIP LEADER/CO LEADER: Craig Dunn and Robert Blakeslee.

PREPARATION: Dust off your boots and get some local hikes in prior to the trip-- a great opportunity to checkout equipment and your abilities. Here's a Backpacking for Beginners site you may find helpful: "<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/backpacking-beginners.html>".

ANIMALS: Dogs on a leash are allowed though first discuss with the trip leader for approval.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION: Thursday 24 May, 6 pm – 7 pm, NCCC Conference Room C-105.

BACKPACKING GEAR: Standard backpacking gear required. REI provides a checklist that can be viewed at: "<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/backpacking-checklist.html>" though appropriate gear will be discussed at the orientation meeting. For those who need gear (such as packs, pads, tents, etc.) some may be available for loaning and can be discussed at the orientation meeting. Things like stoves, water filters, etc., can be shared (i.e., not every person needs to have these items).

HELPFUL WEBSITE: San Gorgonio wilderness: <http://www.sgwa.org/>.



COST/RESERVATIONS: \$10/person at www.northcoastcalvary.org/outdoor-adventure Contact Terri Franklin for reservation related questions; contact Craig Dunn with trip related questions. Trip limited to 12 people on a first come first served basis.

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