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## SECTION MEETING

### Last meeting until September

### Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:30 PM

There is no scheduled program for the upcoming Section meeting, although we've heard from a member that there may be a surprise movie.

As always, we're taking a break from Section meetings during the peak backpacking season in July and August, so this will be our last meeting until September.

We hope your summer calendar is packed with trips into the backcountry, and that we'll get to hear all about your adventures when we get together again in the fall!

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## Backpack Section (BPS)

<http://lomaprieta.sierraclub.org/bps/>

Founded January 13, 1956, the BPS is an official activities section of the Sierra Club's Loma Prieta Chapter, serving San Mateo, Santa Clara, and San Benito counties in California. The Section sponsors backpacking trips to wilderness and scenic areas, ranging from easy beginner weekend outings to more rigorous expeditions of up to two weeks, no matter what the season. Most trips are within California and Nevada, mainly in local, state, or national parks, national forests, wilderness areas, and national monuments. All trip leaders are volunteers, and fees for trips are limited to actual costs incurred for expenses, such as group meals and permits.

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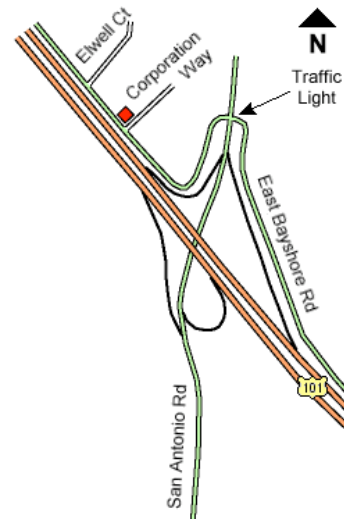
Members and nonmembers are invited to attend Section meetings. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM at Acterra in the Peninsula Conservation Center on the second Monday of every month. The evening's program is followed by a refreshment break, then Section business, conservation issues, trip reports, and discussions of upcoming trips.

### Address

Acterra Building  
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From Highway 101, exit San Antonio Rd (north). At the first traffic light, turn left onto E. Bayshore Rd, and continue 0.2 miles. Acterra is located at the corner of E. Bayshore Rd and Corporation Way.



## PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

*Submitted by Jean Higham-Sergeant, Secretary/Newsletter Editor*

### What ideas do you have?

In lieu of begging you to fill the Backpack Section's hard-core sounding volunteer position of programs coordinator, I'm asking instead for your ideas on what we might do for the evening programs at our monthly meetings. Can you or someone you know give a short presentation to a small group of people? Topics of interest are vastly numerous, including:

- Environmental issues
- Slide shows, near and distant trip destinations
- Equipment demonstrations/reviews
- How-to lectures
- Backcountry cooking demonstrations
- Poetry readings, book reviews
- Introductions to other Sierra Club sections and activities
- Photography
- Wildlife
- Wildflower/plant/mineral identification

Please pass along your ideas to any Section officer or appointee, or to Section Chair, Steve Sergeant, at [backpack.chair@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org](mailto:backpack.chair@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org) or at (408) 937-8116. 🏔️

## TRIP REPORTS

### Fast & Light in the Orestimba

by Kevin Neilson

Four guys, three days, one objective. Explore the Orestimba Wilderness, a remote area in the northeast corner of Henry Coe, northern California's largest state park.

When you enter a park as vast as Henry Coe with an ambitious goal, you chisel in stone a defining feature of the trip: You'll be hiking. A lot.

And hike, we did, to the tune of 50 miles in two and a half days.

Our route was dictated by the dry, parched terrain. Because water was scarce, our route was carefully planned to include reliable water sources.

From Coe headquarters, we rolled down Poverty Flat Road, jumped the East Fork of Coyote Creek at Los Cruzeros, wound our way up poison oak-choked Willow Springs Trail, and over Willow Ridge to Mississippi

Lake, where cattails switched and red-wing black birds trilled.

After a well-earned rest and a long-drawn sip from the lake, we tumbled down the Hartman Trail, one of the steepest, loosest-graveled trails in the park. We bottomed out in Orestimba Creek, roughly 14 miles from Coe headquarters, pressed on to Mustang Pond, had dinner, hiked another 2 miles, set up camp, and slept stealth nearby.

Next morning, we explored Paradise Lake and Red Creek Road till it narrowed and became overgrown with chaparral, at which point, we turned back from whence we came, up the impossibly steep Hartman Trail and back to Mississippi Lake, where we altered our return route.

We ascended Bear Spring Trail to Bear Mountain Road and intersected the Narrows Trail, where we slept stealth mode for our second night and exited the next morning.

During our adventure, we saw several deer, a couple of California whiptail lizards and even a California horned lizard, a crazy-looking cross between a toad and an Alligator lizard. And there were countless birds, including a loud, feather-flapping encounter with a doting turkey defending her chicks as only mothers can understand, replete with screams, cries, and frenzied circular flights over the narrow canyon of Red Creek Road. It worked: We high-tailed it out of her territory!

Best of all (from my point of view), we found a set of mountain lion paw prints pressed in the soft, dusty ground.

On a trip of this nature, you're bound to learn a thing or two.

There's such a thing as a rest step, and it works as well on Everest as it does on the Hartman Trail.

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## MEETING MINUTES *submitted by Matt Hahne, Vice Chair*

### May 2007

Meeting convened ca. 7:30 PM, Steve Sergeant presiding.

#### Introductions and trip descriptions

There were 14 people in attendance.

Trip descriptions were given by Steve Sergeant, Matt Hahne, and Anne Gorby

- Steve Sergeant: Basic BP class outing May 19--20, Henry Coe State Park HQ to Poverty Flat. Remark: Low water in Little and Middle Forks of Coyote Creek.

Break at 8:06 PM; restart ca. 8:20.

#### Business

1. Steve Sergeant: The position for Section programs coordinator is still open — call for volunteers; none responded as yet.
2. Steve Sergeant: There is a new Sierra Club trip expenses policy.
- Discussion
  - (a) What is the new policy?
  - (b) What does it mean?

- (c) How will we handle it? (Note that California State law for tour operators applies to the BPS.)
- Conclusions
  - (a) If the total amount/person is less than \$25.00, the participants can take personal checks to leader.
  - (b) If total amount/person is greater than or equal to \$25.00, participants will make checks to Backpack Section/Sierra Club; the leader needs to submit an expense report to claim reimbursement.
  - (c) Documentation is needed for any purchases of \$10.00 or more; details later.
  - (d) The Section needs a separate bank account for all funds collected on or after May 8, 2007. Amounts greater than or equal to \$25.00/participant need to be deposited in this account. (Joy is treasurer until further notice.)

- (e) What if the charges to trip members exceed the actual expenses? We'll put the money in a general fund and refund as appropriate.
- (f) We need to establish a trip number code for proper accounting
- (g) We need to establish a cancellation/refund policy.
- (h) Steve Sergeant will send out the new policy to leaders, requesting reply by May 21, 2007.

3. Steve Sergeant: For our future consideration, in March the Ski Touring Section (1) moved away from paper newsletters entirely — they are now online only; (2) They reduced meeting frequency to four/year.

Adjourn ca. 9:00 PM. 🗣️

*[Orestimba Wilderness, continued]*

I learned trekking poles conserve energy and improve one's balance, especially toward the end of the day when you're tired.

I learned you can eat dinner almost anywhere, as we did on our second night, in a rocky drainage swept with wind.

I learned that you should always pitch shelter if you think the dew point might drop. True, I knew this already, but I got to learn it again when I fell asleep and awoke at 2:00 AM in a drenched bag with wilted loft in 30-something degree weather. It took a full hour of hiking in the morning to break my body's chill.

And I learned that four guys with different goals can make one trip work with a little open conversation.

So next time you want to go there and back again — wherever there might be — give Steve Sergeant's fast & light thru-hike a gander. After all, there's a world to see.

**Orestimba Trip Highlights**

*by Anthony Weston*

We had a good group of experienced hikers. We managed to hike 50 miles or more, in 2 1/2 days, keeping within sight of each other without much frustration on anyone's part.

Between the four of us we had quite an assortment of gear: a Whisper pack,

a hammock, and bivy. We woke up on the second day to ice, so it must have been below 32 degrees, yet hiking the day before on the Willow Ridge Trail, it was hot, probably in the high 80s. Several of us ended up carrying, at a minimum, three liters of water; some of us five liters, which adds on a fair amount of weight for ultralight backpacking.

We saw a bit of wildlife, including six snakes (one was a well agitated rattlesnake), three different groups of deer, a wild turkey and her babies, and a large cat track.

At night I heard a low growling sound and wondered what had wandered near our camp, but then I realized it was one of our group snoring. 🐱

**SNOWMELT FORECAST**

**As of May 29, 2007**

For the eight major rivers of the Sacramento and San Joaquin River regions, this is a forecast of snowmelt runoff expected during the period from April through July, 2006.

With experience in correlating these numbers with actual conditions, this forecast can help you anticipate what the streams and snow cover will be like when you travel to the Sierra Nevada.

**Forecast of April – July Unimpaired Snowmelt Runoff**

<i>River Basin</i>	<i>% of Normal*</i>
Tuolumne	46%
Merced	35%
San Joaquin	36%
Kings	38%
Kaweah	33%
Kern	29%
Owens	48% (May 1)
Mono	48% (May 1)

*\*100% runoff forecast in percent of normal, based on averages during the years of 1951–2000.*

**Source:** *Bulletin 120*, a monthly publication about water conditions in California, published by the California Department of Water Resources.

For more detailed and up-to-date information, go to <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/> and select "Statewide Water Conditions" from the CDEC Resource Directory. 🐱

**JOHN MUIR QUOTE**

**Range of Light**

Looking eastward from the summit of Pacheco Pass one shining morning, a landscape was displayed that after all my wanderings still appears as the most beautiful I have ever beheld. At my feet lay the Great Central Valley of California, level and flowery, like a lake of pure sunshine, forty or fifty miles wide, five hundred miles long, one rich furred garden of yellow Compositae. And from the eastern boundary of this vast golden flower-

bed rose the mighty Sierra, miles in height, and so gloriously colored and so radiant, it seemed not clothed with light but wholly composed of it, like the wall of some celestial city.... Then it seemed to me that the Sierra should be called, not the Nevada or Snowy Range, but the Range of Light. And after ten years of wandering and wondering in the heart of it, rejoicing in its glorious floods of light, the white beams of the morning streaming

through the passes, the noonday radiance on the crystal rocks, the flush of the alpenglow, and the irised spray of countless waterfalls, it still seems above all others the Range of Light.



*From The Story of My Boyhood and Youth, 1913. 🐱*

## ACTIVITIES AND TRIPS

### General information

#### Trip registration

Participants need not be Section members, however, trip leader approval is required. Contact the trip leader to preregister. For by-mail trip registration, send the trip leader two large, self-addressed, stamped envelopes (SASEs) with your name, address, work and home phone numbers, e-mail address, a summary of your back-packing experience, and if specified in the trip description, send a check made out to the trip leader.

#### Trip ratings

Max Daily Mileage		Max Daily Elev Gain		Additional Criteria	
<i>Distance in Miles</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Elevation in Feet</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Code</i>
0 – 5	1	0 – 1,000	A	Cross-country*	-xc
5 – 7.5	2	1,000 – 2,000	B	(Off-trail travel with backpack)	
7.5 – 10	3	2,000 - 3,000	C	Lightweight	-lw
10 - 15	4	3,000 +	D	(Fitness/base pack-weight requirements)	
15+	5				

\* Any trip may include optional cross-country hikes from camp  
NR = not rated (Contact trip leader for information)

### Schedule

#### Jun 30–Jul 4 (Sat–Wed), Green Creek to Virginia Lakes, Hoover Wilderness/Yosemite NP, 2B-xc

This is a shuttle trip. Two-days hike from Green Creek into the Hoover Wilderness with some easy cross country the second day, over Virginia Pass to Yosemite NP. There will be a layover day camping at a selected lake with possibilities for exploration, including Stanton Peak, Grey Butte, and Soldier Lake in Yosemite NP. Return via Virginia Canyon along a different trail likely leaving Yosemite over Summit Pass to finish at Virginia Lakes.

Meals are central commissary. All meals included from dinner on Saturday through lunch on Wednesday. Bear canisters will be used. Cost \$60.

Co-leader: Vince Coit, vince.coit@sbglobal.net, (209) 992-9184, email

#### Up-to-date trip information

All trip information is subject to change. The Section Web site at <http://lomaprieta.sierraclub.org/bps/> may reflect changes that occur after *LUI!* publication. Contact the trip leader for up-to-date information.

#### Liability waiver

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. You may review the liability waiver in advance at <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or

contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

The Sierra Club assumes no responsibility of liability for transportation by private vehicle.

#### Equipment loans

Two bear canisters and some trail maintenance tools are available for loan (deposit required) to Section leaders and members. For details, contact Matt Hahne, Equipment Manager, (408) 749-9968.

preferred. Leader: Matt Hahne. Limit: 8. Contact co-leader to reserve.

#### July 1–6 (Sun–Fri), PCT Section M, Sierra Buttes to Belden, 5C-lw

The northern Sierra Nevada is not popular with your typical backpacker, but there is plenty of beauty along the Pacific Crest Trail north of Donner Pass. In 92 miles we'll cross several major roads and pass near a couple of towns, but we'll also have the chance to climb the Sierra Buttes fire lookout, cross the Feather River, and explore the Buck's Lake Wilderness.

We'll travel in through-hiker style, hiking 16-20 miles per day, cooking on the trail, making camp at sunset, and continuing the hike at sunrise. This is a lightweight trip with special fitness requirements and gear-weight restrictions. Individual commissary. Through-hike requiring car shuttle. Limit of 5 participants.

To register, contact the leader: Steve Sergeant, [steve.sergeant@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org](mailto:steve.sergeant@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org) or (408) 937-8116.

#### July 5–7 (Thu–Sat), PCT Section L, Interstate 80 to Highway 49 (near Sierra City), 4B (day hikes only)

When I retired in 1998, I told everyone one of my goals was to hike the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). I'll never be strong enough to hike all 2,727 miles in one summer, so I'm hiking a section or two every year, subdivided into day hiking and backpacking trips, (depending on trails, trailheads, and available campsites) until my body refuses to hike anymore. And I'm inviting all of you to join me. Last year we completed Section K. This

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year we'll do Section L as a series of three day hikes, and Section J as a series of three backpacking trips.

We'll start this summer's PCT hiking by doing section L over the long 4th of July weekend. 40 miles of day hiking over three days, with 11 miles of mostly downhill on Thu, 12 miles on Fri, and 17 miles on Sat. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. For reservations and instructions, contact Dorie Stoessel at 650-941-2502 or 530-583-0382, or by sending email to duchess at casaraquel dot com (email preferred).

**Jul 14–15 (Sat–Sun), Tahoe National Forest, Donner Summit to Devils Oven, 2B-xc**

This moderately strenuous trip traverses of a multifaceted glaciated basin that is a mix of granite and volcanic rock. Hopefully, the wild flowers on the east side of Castle Peak will be in full bloom. There is a short bit of cross country between Devils Oven Lake/Warren Lake and Paradise Lakes. Bring your mosquito nets and juice. Individual commissary. Limited to 6 trip participants. There is no fee for this trip. Leader: Anne Gorby; co-leader: Walter Melville. To sign up please contact the leader, Anne Gorby, at 415-482-9055 (5:00–8:00 pm) or email anne\_gorby@sbcglobal.net.

**July 15–20 (Sun–Fri), PCT Section J, Sonora Pass Hwy 108 to Ebbetts Pass Hwy 4 Mostly 2A (2B/3A)**

First of a series of 3 trips along PCT Section J. This section is characterized by volcanic rocks instead of the granite that is predominant in Sections H and I. 35 miles of backpacking in 5 hiking days, plus a layover day at Boulder Lake for relaxing and/or bagging Boulder Peak. Hot-water commissary for breakfast; full central commissary for dinner. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Limit 12. For reservations and instructions, contact Dorie Stoessel at 650-941-2502 or 530-583-0382, or by sending email to duchess at casaraquel dot com (email preferred).

**Jul 21–22 (Sat–Sun), Desolation Wilderness, Wrights Lake to Lakes Lois and Schmidell, 3B**

Moderately strenuous overnight journey will take us deep into the Desolation Wilderness's more remote sections and lakes. Bring your mosquito nets and juice. Hot water commissary for breakfast and dinner. Limited to 6 trip participants. Trip fee is \$10 per participant. Cancellation two weeks prior for full refund. Leader: Anne Gorby; co-leader: Joel Ferrill. To sign up please contact the leader, Anne Gorby, at 415-482-9055 (5:00–8:00 pm) or email anne\_gorby@sbcglobal.net.

**Jul 21–26 (Sat–Thu), PCT Section J, Ebbetts Pass Hwy 4 to Carson Pass Hwy 88, mostly 2B (2A/3B)**

Second of a series of 3 trips along PCT Section J. This section is described as having "an impressive, even sometimes surrealistic landscape" because of its volcanic flows. 33 miles of backpacking in five hiking days, plus a layover day to climb Round Top and/or Elephant's Back, or just to relax and recuperate. Hot-water commissary for breakfast; full central commissary for dinner. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Limit 12. For reservations and instructions, contact Dorie Stoessel at 650-941-2502 or 530-583-0382, or by sending email to duchess at casaraquel dot com (email preferred).

**Jul 27–29 (Fri–Sun), PCT Section J, Carson Pass Hwy 88 to Echo Summit, Hwy 50, 1A/3A**

Third of a series of 3 trips along PCT Section J. This section crosses the beginnings of the Truckee River and offers occasional views of Lake Tahoe. 13 miles of backpacking in 2 hiking days, plus a layover day at Showers Lake to climb Little Round Top or just relax and recuperate. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Hot-water commissary for breakfast; full central commissary for dinner. Limit 12. For reservations and instructions, contact Dorie Stoessel at 650-941-2502 or 530-583-0382, or by sending email to duchess at casaraquel dot com (email preferred).

**Aug 2-5 (Thu-Sun), Ansel Adams Wilderness, Madera Lakes Family Backpack, 2B**

Moderate-to-easy 4-day trip near the south boundary of Yosemite National Park. 3 hiking days and 1 layover day, with campsites at lakes. Suitable for children 10 and over. Group dinners. Limit 12 participants. Dan and Jo Ann Cobb, leaders dmcobb@sbcglobal.net.

**Aug 3–6 (Fri–Mon), S.E. Yosemite via Fernandez Pass, 4C-lw**

Ever wanted to see the remote, southeast wilderness in Yosemite? Some people fear my lightweight trips are too ambitious for them. Well, here's one to prove them wrong. On this out-and-back trip, there's no pressure — we'll see how far we get in two days, then come back out by the same route. We'll start out at the Clover Meadow ranger station (7,100 ft) on the southern end of the Ansel Adams Wilderness, hike toward Rutherford Lake, over Fernandez Pass (10,200 ft) and down into Yosemite National Park through Moraine Meadows, over Merced Pass (9,200 ft), and if we're doing well, into the Illilouette Creek drainage. Who knows how far we'll get? — it's only 29 miles one-way to Mono Meadows and only a couple more miles to Glacier Point!

We'll travel in through-hiker style, hiking at a pace that accommodates everyone, cooking on the trail, making camp at sunset, and continuing the hike at sunrise. This is a lightweight trip with special fitness requirements and gear-weight restrictions. Individual commissary. Limit of 7 participants.

To register, contact the leader: Steve Sergeant, steve.sergeant@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org or (408) 937-8116.

**Aug 8–16 (Wed–Thu), Cottonwood Pass to New Army Pass via Guitar Lake, with a day hike up Mt. Whitney, 3C**

A convoluted (but somewhat easier) way to reach the top of Mt. Whitney! 59 miles of backpacking in 8 days and an optional 11 mile roundtrip day hike

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from Guitar Lake to the top of Mt. Whitney. A bear canister sufficient to carry 9 days food is required. You must either backpack at or above 10,000 ft in the preceding 2 weeks, OR stay Mon night at the Cottonwood Lakes Trailhead campground (10,060 ft) and day hike above 10,000 ft on Tue. Hot-water commissary for breakfast; full central commissary for dinner. Limit 8. For reservations and instructions, contact Dorie Stoessel at 650-941-2502 or 530-583-0382, or by sending email to duchess at casaraquel dot com (email preferred).

**Aug 10–12 (Fri–Sun), Hoover Wilderness, Twin Lakes to Crown Lake, 3C**

This moderately strenuous trip leads to Crown Lake, sitting on the Sierra Crest, where along the way we will see some of the finest east-side scenery. At Crown Lake there are excellent views of Kettle Peak and Crown Point. On the layover day we can fish for brook and rainbow, explore the surrounding area, or bag a peak. Hot water commissary for breakfast and dinner. Limited to 6 trip participants. Trip fee is \$10 per participant. Cancellation two weeks prior for full refund. Leader: Anne Gorby; co-leader: Renee Rivera. To sign up please contact the leader, Anne Gorby, at 415-482-9055 (5:00-8:00 pm) or email [anne\\_gorby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anne_gorby@sbcglobal.net).

**Aug 31–Sep 3 (Fri–Mon), Basecamp Trip, Destination TBA, 2A**

More about this trip in July after I've made scouting trips to possible destinations in June.

This is a relatively easy trip suitable for less-experienced backpackers. "Homemade" vegetarian central commissary dinner and breakfast, individual lunches. Limit 7 participants. Registration begins after trip details are announced. Trip leader: Steve Sergeant.

**September 14–16 (Fri–Sun), PCT Section L, Donner Pass to Highway 49, 5B-lw \*Tentative\***

This 40-mile section of the Pacific Crest Trail is sometimes hiked by strong day-hikers in a single, long day, but we'll plan for two days plus a few hours on Friday evening. The route descends, primarily, with a few gentle climbs here and there. We'll pass through Castle Valley, and go by the Sierra Club's first backcountry ski hut. As the trail descends from its starting elevation of 7,190 ft to our final elevation of 4,570 ft, we'll pass through zones of different types of vegetation and geology.

We'll travel in through-hiker style, hiking 17–20 miles per day, cooking on the trail, making camp at sunset, and continuing the hike at sunrise. This is a lightweight trip with special fitness requirements and gear-weight restrictions. Individual commissary. Through-hike requiring car shuttle. Limit of 5 participants. Trip leader: Steve Sergeant.

Registration begins after trip plans are confirmed in August.

**Sep 15–16 (Sat–Sun), Ansel Adams Wilderness, Granite Creek to Fernandez Lakes, 3C**

This trip will take us to a lake-filled area just east of Gale and Sing Peaks, and we will be just outside the southern boundary of Yosemite. Our route will take us beyond the popular Lillian Lake loop. Hot water commissary for breakfast and dinner. Limited to 6 trip participants. Trip fee is \$10 per participant. Cancellation two weeks prior for full refund. Leader: Anne Gorby; co-leader: Sanjeev Kumar. To sign up please contact the leader, Anne Gorby, at 415-482-9055 (5:00–8:00 pm) or email [anne\\_gorby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anne_gorby@sbcglobal.net).

**October 27–28 (Sat–Sun), Pre-Halloween Overnight, 5B-lw**

The Skyline to the Sea trail travels through two large California state parks, Castle Rock and Big Basin. The trail descends 2,300 ft over 34.4 miles. We'll start out at the Castle Rock parking lot and hike a full day to Big Basin Park HQ, where we'll stay at Jay Camp. The next day will be a comparatively easy day through the most scenic parts of Big Basin State Park.

Some day-hiking groups regularly traverse this trail in a day, so an ultralight backpacker should be able to cover it in two!

This is a lightweight trip with special fitness requirements and gear-weight restrictions. Individual commissary. Through-hike requiring car shuttle. Limit 7 participants. To register, contact the leader: Steve Sergeant, [steve.sergeant@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org](mailto:steve.sergeant@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org) or (408) 937-8116. 🏠

## COURTESY LISTINGS AND PRIVATE TRIPS

The Backpack Section offers to list backpack trips sponsored by other sections, and private trips planned by its members and friends. *Private trips are not sponsored or endorsed by the Sierra Club in any way.*

**Aug 4 - Aug 12 (Sat - Sun), Twin Lakes to Tuolumne, Yosemite NP, 3C**

This is a shuttle trip. Nine day trip with all food included, yet miss only

one work week. The route is 48 miles all on trail; traversal through the north and east areas of Yosemite NP by way of Kerrick Meadow, Seavey Pass, Matterhorn and Virginia Canyons, finishing in Tuolumne Meadows in six hike days and three layover days, mostly along 15 miles on or near the Pacific Crest Trail in the middle of Yosemite. Day hiking, cross-country exploration, and easy peak climbing all are optional activities on layover

days. Only one or two of the days are 3C, all others are easier. Cost \$120. Deadline is July 10, Leader: Vince Coit, [vince.coit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vince.coit@sbcglobal.net), (209) 992-9184, email preferred. Co-leader: ??? Limit: 12. Contact leader to reserve. 🏠

