Welcome to Sierra Club Outings!

We're thrilled to present this annual showcase of our travel program and the volunteer-led trips we offer. In these pages, you'll find a diversity of experiences, ranging from short hiking vacations in North America to extended history-and-culture tours around the world and a wealth of options in between. Throughout it all is one central theme: to establish lifelong connections with the outdoors. We believe nature isn’t just for the privileged few; it’s essential to human health and the well-being of our nation. Sierra Club Outings is part of a larger movement, including Inspiring Connections Outdoors, Local Outdoors, and Military Outdoors, to increase access to nature for all people. Learn more on page 40 or head to sierraclub.org/get-outside to view the full menu of ways to get outside with the Sierra Club.

Those familiar with our program may notice that some things are different with this year’s catalog—and not just the design. Unlike years past, the catalog will no longer appear in Sierra magazine. While we will continue to publish the guide on our own, we’re also investing heavily in expanding our traveler base as part of the Sierra Club’s broader effort to build a more powerful and all-encompassing environmental movement. We hope you will help us spread the word by sharing this catalog with your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and beyond.

To this end, you’ll find an expanded selection of trips specifically for audiences we want to do a better job of drawing in, including adults under 50, women, and LGBTQ+ people. As we build a new generation of leaders and participants, you can expect these “specialty trips” will continue to grow. We also hope you’ll check out our trips for younger adults, which are heavily subsidized to make joining one of these experiences easier than ever. Also, travelers ages 18 to 35 are eligible for a $300 scholarship to participate in any of this year’s all-ages trips. For more on this, head to pages 28–29 or visit us at sc.org/outings.

Last, we want to highlight a series of articles profiling the remarkable people who embody our movement—people who have dedicated themselves to expanding access to the natural world, carrying on family traditions of responsibility for Earth, and sharing their connections to special places with others. We hope you will take their stories to heart and consider how you, too, can help expand the connections between the outdoors and all people.

We hope you will join us!

Ann Daigle & Julie Koivula
National Outings Co-chairs and Trip Leaders

Adventures with a Cause: Our Commitment to the Planet

We’re part of the country’s oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization, and we’re serious about running our program responsibly. Here’s how we do it:

We minimize our on-trip impact.
Our trips revolve around low-impact activities such as hiking and kayaking, and we follow Leave No Trace principles (see p. 6). We also try to use group transportation where possible.

We contribute 25,000 volunteer hours per year to land agencies.
Through our service trip program, we connect nearly 1,000 volunteers per year with understaffed land agencies such as the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. We estimate that our trips contribute at least 25,000 hours of work per year. See p. 36 for service trips.

We create connections to the outdoors for all people.
Our Inspiring Connections Outdoors, Local Outdoors, and Military Outdoors programs create lifelong connections to nature to improve the social, physical, mental, and environmental health of our nation. For more on this, see p. 40.

Most important, we inspire activism.
We provide the tools. The rest is up to you. All our trips immerse you in the splendor of one of our planet’s wild places and inform you about local environmental challenges and what you can do to help. It was the impetus for our very first trip in 1901, and it’s still the reason we run our program today.
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Discover exceptional beauty in a vast and untamed wilderness. Select from backpacking journeys, water expeditions, and service projects in a diversity of stunning locations.

Wildlife and Photography Cruise, Prince William Sound, Alaska. May 23–30. Explore and photograph the richness and wonder of spring in Alaska aboard our historic 12-passenger yacht, the Discovery. We’ll observe tens of thousands of migrating birds, marine mammals, and likely, bears fresh out of a long winter of hibernation as we cruise amid western Prince William Sound’s magical fjords. Comfortable lodging, delicious food, and hospitality await us on board. Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: $4,245. [20019A]

Backpacking the Brooks Range at the Moment of Spring, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. June 8–19. Join a backpack journey into America’s last true wilderness. As we hike the plains and tundra-filled valleys, we’ll experience the sudden arrival of spring in the Arctic. With luck, we will encounter the Porcupine caribou herd on its calving-time migration. This once-in-a-lifetime experience may also include sightings of wolves, grizzly bears, and numerous bird and plant species. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Gary Keir. Price: $5,445. [20010A]

Resurrection Bay Restoration, Alaska. June 20–26. Work alongside bald eagles, otters, and snowcapped mountains on the stunning Kenai Peninsula. Upon arriving in Seward, we’ll head to the spruce forests of Caines Head on Resurrection Bay to assist Alaska State Parks with cabin maintenance and other projects. Our trip will end on the magnificent Kenai Fjords National Park boat tour among wildlife and glaciers. Leader: Rebecca Dameron. Price: $1,325. [20025A]

Serpentine Hot Springs: Service, Skills, and Soak, Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, Alaska. June 21–27. Work with National Park Service staff on much-needed maintenance in one of our least visited national parks. We’ll work hard in the mornings, enjoy a lunch at camp, and attend outdoor skills training and interpretive materials development sessions in the afternoons. We’ll also explore the spectacular granite tors emerging from the Arctic tundra, soak in a historic tub, view nesting hawks and migratory birds, and search for caribou and muskox. Leader: Jay Anderson. Price: $2,295. [20026A]

Explore Glacier Bay by Yacht and Kayak, Alaska. July 8–16. Enjoy watching calving glaciers, soaring eagles, spy-hopping whales, and playful sea otters from the comfort of a 65-foot yacht in Glacier Bay National Park. On our journey, we’ll kayak calm waters; hike seashores amid bear and moose tracks; see rugged snowcapped mountains, temperate rainforests, deep fjords, and tall glaciers; and learn about the area’s amazing biodiversity from our expert naturalist. Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: $5,745. [20070A]

Rafting the Copper River, Wrangell–St. Elias National Park, Alaska. July 11–18. Raft 98 miles through the Alaska Interior on the rushing Copper River, which flows adjacent to Wrangell–St. Elias National Park. We’ll run intermediate rapids through glacier-filled canyons and past 8,000-foot ice-covered peaks, calving glaciers, and abundant wildlife, including mountain goats, caribou, moose, grizzly bears, river otters, bald eagles, and falcons. Side hikes from our wilderness camps will offer opportunities to explore sand dunes, waterfalls, and glaciers. Leader: Lisa Tobe. Price: $2,795. [20068A]

Kenai Peninsula Adventure for Women, Alaska. July 17–24. Explore the stunning rivers, lakes, bays, and culture of southcentral Alaska with like-minded, active women. We’ll raft the Kenai River, beachcomb, hike through boreal forests, admire wildflowers, watch glaciers calve, kayak Kachemak and Resurrection Bays, and visit an artists’ colony. We’ll also have daily wildlife-viewing opportunities and enjoy comfortable lodgings, hearty meals, and heavenly views. Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: $2,995. [20015A]

Volunteering in Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska. July 26–August 1. Maintain trails in magnificent Denali National Park, home to North America’s tallest peak. Each day, we’ll hike to our work site and return to our campground for warm meals. On our free day, we’ll explore the park by bus, with chances to see moose, caribou, grizzlies, and awesome views of majestic Denali. We’ll return to Anchorage on the historic Alaska Railroad. Leader: John Kolman. Price: $1,175. [20027A]

Wilderness Cruise on Alaska’s Inside Passage: Wrangell to Juneau. July 27–August 6. Explore the Inside Passage between Juneau and Wrangell aboard the 12-passenger Snow Goose. Our group will visit ideal humpback whale–watching destinations and tidewater glaciers. We will frequently go ashore to experience the wilderness and wildlife with our onboard naturalist, and evenings we’ll anchor in remote coves. We’ll also enjoy kayaking excursions, hikes, and a soak in natural hot springs. Leader: Jennifer Moon. Price: $5,895. [20072A]

Floating through Time in Wood-Tikchik State Park, Alaska. August 1–8. Join us for an exceptional rafting adventure on one of Bristol Bay’s finest wilderness gems. Flowing from a tundra headwater lake through a broad, mountain-ringed valley, the rushing Tikchik River will lead us through remote and scenic backcountry with opportunities to fly-fish for salmon, char, and rainbow trout. We’ll also savor hearty meals, hike, and relax at lakeside basecamps. Leader: Don Murch. Price: $4,525. [20014A]

Wildlife and Wonder at the Top of the World, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. August 3–15. Hike one of the most pristine and iconic destinations on Earth. Our epic backpack journey will cross the Continental Divide, where humans rarely tread, in hopes of seeing the Porcupine caribou herd migration as well as grizzlies, dahl sheep, muskox, and wolves. We’ll also hear from Indigenous leaders on their efforts to preserve these legendary mountains, rivers, and wildlife for generations to come. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Zack Deutsch-Gross. Price: $5,055. [20011A]

Wilderness Cruise on Alaska’s Inside Passage: Juneau to Sitka. August 7–17. Explore the Inside Passage aboard a comfortable 12-person yacht. Accompanied by a naturalist, we’ll observe massive humpback whales, journey into narrow fjords, kayak among icebergs, and go ashore to view bears and other wildlife up close. Evenings will be spent anchored in remote coves in the Tongass National Forest, enjoying local foods and relaxing in the yacht’s library. Leader: Wendy Wyels. Price: $5,895. [20071A]

PICKING WILD BLUEBERRIES. CREDIT: DON MURCH
Rafting among Glaciers and Grizzlies on the Tatshenshini and Alsek Rivers, Alaska and British Columbia. August 14–25. The Tatshenshini offers one of the world’s premier mountain rafting experiences. On our 140-mile adventure from the Yukon to near the Gulf of Alaska, we’ll float past majestic glaciers in Glacier Bay National Park amid the 20,000-foot St. Elias Mountains. We’ll also visit the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, look for bears, hike the Walker Glacier, run rapids, and photograph wildlife in this vast wilderness. Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: $4,645. [20067A]

Journey through a Vast and Primal Land, Gates of the Arctic National Park, Alaska. August 17–27. Join a backpack adventure in one of America's most remote and untouched wildernesses. After our bush plane drops us off in a remote region above the Arctic Circle, we will backpack along river valleys and over mountain passes in the Brooks Range. On layover days, we can climb to broader views or settle in and search the autumn landscape for wolves, grizzly bears, and caribou or forage wild blueberries for dessert. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Bertram Koelsch. Price: $4,425. [20013A]

Fall Foliage, Fish, and Berries: Backpacking the Western Brooks Range, Alaska. August 20–29. Explore the remote western Arctic on a wilderness trek deep into the Brooks Range during the height of the tundra foliage season. We’ll sample some of the best char fishing and berry picking that autumn Alaska has to offer, with a chance to witness the fall caribou migration. Round-trip charter flight from Kotzebue to the trailhead is included. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Patrick Frisbie. Price: $3,425. [20012A]

Treading softly upon the Earth: The Ethics of Leaving No Trace

Environmental standards have changed since the days when William Colby romped through the wilds with 100 Sierra Club members and dozens of mules. Today, our leaders practice a set of guidelines developed by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. Here are some examples of how we minimize backcountry impact.

- packing out all of our trash, including food
- keeping group size small and strictly following all land-use restrictions
- using efficient stoves instead of wood fires to cook
- walking on trails where they exist and fanning out where they don’t
- camping, cooking, and washing at least 200 feet from any water source
- camping and walking on durable surfaces
- packing all food in bear-proof containers where necessary or appropriate

To learn more, see content.sierraclub.org/outings/wilderness-manners.

For detailed trip information or to register, call 415.977.5522 or visit our website
Hawaii & American Caribbean

Sun, Service, and Whales, Maui, Hawaii. January 12–19. Celebrate the New Year on a service project featuring Hawaiian culture, storytelling, tours by local guides, and dirt. For the 14th year, we’ll work in a remote west Maui valley, formerly a taro-growing site. We will also assist with beach cleanup projects and take a day for snorkeling and enjoying the graceful aero-bics of wintering humpback whales. Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: $2,025. [20405A]

Work and Fun in Sunny St. John, Virgin Islands National Park, U.S. Virgin Islands. March 8–14. Assist with hurricane-recovery projects on idyllic St. John, the most unspoiled of the Virgin Islands. Working in Virgin Islands National Park, we will help clear vegetation on trails and uncover historic sites, with a full day free for hiking, snorkeling, or simply relaxing. We’ll camp at serene Cinnamon Bay and enjoy a half-day boat trip. Leader: Ann Daigle. Price: $875. [20441A]

See trip 20441A, left, for details. Leader: Glenn Gillis. Price: $845. [20442A]

Kalaupapa Culture, Service, and Calm, Molokai, Hawaii. May 4–8. The isolated Kalaupapa peninsula on seldom-visited Molokai radiates pristine beauty. Guided by Kalaupapa National Historical Park staff during our five-day stay, we will work on a variety of conservation projects, learn about the settlement’s history and people, and soak up tranquility. In addition to our rewarding work projects, we’ll enjoy ocean snorkeling, tasty island food, companionship, quiet nights, and cool ocean breezes. Leader: Gloria Amaral. Price: $1,435. [20082A]

Bird Habitat Restoration and Conservation, Big Island, Hawaii. May 17–23. Join us for a week of service and exploration on Hawaii’s Big Island. We’ll support native birds by replanting mamane trees on Mauna Kea and assisting with projects at a nature conservancy. We’ll also have opportunities to hike, explore, relax, and savor excellent meals, cool breezes, and great conversation. Leader: Carl Martin. Price: $945. [20081A]

Adjust to island life on these tropical trips featuring coastal hikes, service projects, water adventures, or some combination of the above.
Go with the Flow: Highlights of the Big Island, Hawaii. July 25–August 1. Adventure awaits on our traverse of Hawaii’s magical Big Island. During our stay, we’ll snorkel in aqua-blue water, relax on beaches, and enjoy Kona coffee, tropical fruit, waterfalls, and rainforests. At Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, we’ll walk in lava tubes, hike across a crater, and see recent lava flows. Evenings will be spent in a hillside home, savoring cool trade wind breezes, and Pacific sunsets. Leader: Barb Davis. Price: $1,865. [20083A]

The Best of the Big Island of Hawaii. September 18–25. Discover the essential and lesser-known highlights of the Big Island. We’ll hike to a hidden beach along a trail abounding with pictographs, stargaze on Mauna Kea, watch a sunset over Kilauea volcano, snorkel at several perfect locations, visit a tropical garden and the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center, see numerous waterfalls along the Hamakua coast, search for native birds, and much more. Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: $2,235. [20080A]

30s and 40s Hilo Coast Exploration by Land and Sea, Big Island, Hawaii. September 19–26. Enjoy a variety of activities along the Big Island’s breathtaking northeastern coast. We’ll smell chocolate orchids in a botanical garden, sail a traditional canoe, assist with a service project, hike and learn about how the islands were formed in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, and visit one of two green-sand beaches in the world. Campsites will include a beach, an ironwood forest, and a sustainable farm nestled between mountains. Leader: Brian Anderson. Price: $1,425. [20084A]

Hawaii’s verdure of seemingly boundless forests and unending blue ocean tell a story of both abundance and environmental decline. The introduction of non-native plants and animals, history of resource misuse, and ongoing land development have put Hawaii’s ecological resilience on trial, but conservation and community remain strong. Few people embody these values like Puanani Lindsey, whose relationship with nature, culture, and family tells the story of this paradise at risk and why there is still hope.

After retiring in 1999 as a police dispatch officer with 18 years of service, Puanani joined her husband, the late Ed Lindsey, in creating a nonprofit called Maui Cultural Lands to preserve Hawaiian cultural values, archaeological sites, and native flora through education. Ed taught history and geography for 34 years and had a deep sense of kuleana, or responsibility for the land and its gifts, that paved the way for Puanani and their son, Ekolu, to continue this work when he passed away. “Ekolu stepped into his father’s shoes and accepted the kuleana of all that Ed represented and more. Ed was my inspiration, my love.”

From the inception of their organization in 2002, Puanani began working with the Sierra Club and Surfrider Foundation to reforest Honokowai Valley and the Kaanapali area with native and endemic plant species. The idea for an annual Sierra Club service trip began when Ed met longtime trip leader Lynne Simpson through a mutual friend. Working diligently with volunteers, Maui Cultural Lands has since planted thousands of native plants and trees, reestablished taro fields, and built vegetable gardens to help restore what was once a flourishing, self-sufficient village.

For Puanani, this hard work is a labor of love. “This also is my small way of staying close to the ‘uhane, or spirit, of my husband while being a part of Ekolu’s growth as a leader within the Hawaiian community,” Puanani says. Her work brings people together from all over the world as they visit Maui to restore these heritage sites and share perspectives. The gratitude one receives from mālama ‘āina, or taking care of the land properly, is hard to describe. As Puanani says, “You simply must come and feel what it’s like. The spiritual-ity of Honokowai will grip you.”

Puanani’s infectious love of the land has left an indelible impression on Sierra Club participants who serve on projects organized by her and longtime Sierra Club trip leaders, like Lynne Simpson. “Puanani’s dedication to Maui Cultural Lands and her ability to consistently nurture and enhance service projects on the island of Maui,” Lynne says, “have motivated the Sierra Club volunteers who work with her each year to be more active in environmental protection and maintenance.”

Puanani has also entertained Sierra Club travelers every January since 2005. “Puanani is a beautiful and experienced hula dancer,” Lynne remarks. “Each year she invites our participants to her family home for a Saturday night potluck feast, accentuated by music and hula.”

As her hospitality and generous personality indicate, people are at the forefront of Puanani’s life. “Life is about ‘ohana, or family,” she explains. “And ‘ohana can be described in many different ways: blood relations and people you hold close to your heart. We mālama, or take care of properly, these relationships and help each other to evolve and become better people to create a better world.” When asked what puts the biggest smile on her face, she beams, “Meeting new people, exploring new places, and sharing aloha—love and compassion!” Don’t miss your chance to meet her and discover new places with Sierra Club Outings on “Sun, Service, and Whales, Maui, Hawaii” (see p. 7).
Looking to stick a bit closer to home? Check out our many trips in the Lower 48. Vacations range from lodge-based family trips to rugged wilderness backpacking. We also run specialty trips for beginners, LGBTQ+ people, women, younger participants, and more.
**Backpack**

**Hit the high country** on a rugged journey with other hearty adventurers. Never backpacked before? Learn everything you need to know on a beginner trip with our experienced leaders.

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**PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

**Trekking on the Timberline Trail, Mt. Hood, Oregon.** July 15–22. Hike one of Oregon’s crown jewels on this journey for fit backpackers of all ages. The 40-mile Timberline Trail circles Mt. Hood while passing through wildflower-filled meadows, old-growth forests, and river valleys and running along alpine ridges. Our journey will begin at the historic Timberline Lodge and include a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, views of several snowcapped northwestern peaks, and myriad photo opportunities. (Rated: 3.) Leader: Melinda Goodwater. Price: $875. [20102A]

**Stevens to Snoqualmie: Through the Alpine Lakes Wilderness on the Pacific Crest Trail, Washington.** July 25–August 2. Considered one of the loveliest and most remote sections of the Pacific Crest Trail, the Alpine Lakes Wilderness offers mountain meadows, beautiful lakes, rushing rivers, and jagged, snowcapped peaks. Our 74-mile backpack journey will take us along craggy ridges, and we will traverse two major watersheds while passing through scenic lake basins. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Marybeth Dingedly. Price: $675. [20103A]

**20s and 30s Trekking on the Timberline Trail, Mt. Hood, Oregon.** July 26–31. Hike one of Oregon’s natural crown jewels on this journey for backpackers in their 20s and 30s. The 40-mile Timberline Trail circles Mt. Hood while passing through wildflower-filled meadows, old-growth forests, and river valleys and running along alpine ridges. Our journey will begin at the historic Timberline Lodge and include a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, views of several snowcapped northwestern peaks, and myriad photo opportunities. (Rated: 3.) Leader: James Gifford. Price: $395. [20104A]

**A Walk on the Edge: Coastal Trails of Olympic National Park, Washington.** July 29–August 3. Olympic National Park is home to some of the most majestic, intriguing, and primitive coastal areas in the Lower 48. Captivating ocean views, dramatic cliffs, memorable sunsets, and nearby rainforests are just a few of the wonders to be found along our route. Anticipate a full sensory experience as we backpack for six memorable days up the Olympic coast. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Kurt Hassell. Price: $995. [20105A]

**Trekking the West Coast Trail, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, British Columbia.** August 20–30. Trek one of the most alluring and legendary trails on Earth. Experience remarkable biodiversity and learn about shipwrecks and First Nations history on our 47-mile route featuring boardwalks, cable cars, ladders, lighthouses, suspension bridges, tidal pools, beaches, and more. Between ancient forests and ocean shores, the mystic, magical West Coast Trail will come alive as we hike this rugged wonderland. (Rated: 5.) Leader: Sergio DeRada. Price: $1,995. [20106A]

**Spider Meadow–Buck Creek Pass Loop, Glacier Peak Wilderness, Washington.** August 30–September 5. Travel through some of the most scenic areas of the North Cascades backcountry. Our adventure will take us to wildflower-filled meadows, glaciers, alpine lakes, and high mountain passes. Nights will be spent at campsites with stunning views of Glacier Peak, and we'll have two layover days to visit Image Lake, Flower Dome, or High Pass. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Rick Szafarz. Price: $1,025. [20107A]

**Wonderland Trail Loop, Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington.** August 31–September 10. Embark on a breathtaking 93-mile loop around Mt. Rainier, the great peak of the Northwest. This world-class trail will take us through a progression of alpine meadows and old-growth forests, over high passes, and past glaciers, lakes, and waterfalls, with ever-changing views as we circle the mountain. Two food caches will lighten our load on this 10-day trip; it will be one to remember. (Rated: 5.) Leader: Barry Morenz. Price: $1,075. [20108A]
Maria Hernandez knows the benefits of spending time outdoors. “Being outdoors is therapy, and I recommend it to everyone. Growing up, my fondest memories were of spending time at the park and lakefront,” she recalls. “My mom must have known of the benefits as well, because she always made time to take my siblings, cousins, and me. When she bought my first bike, it felt like I had just grown wings! I was now able to ride to the lakefront on my own; it was liberating and exhilarating.”

As a native and resident of Chicago’s South Side and a history teacher at Olive-Harvey Middle College High School, she noticed that many of her students didn’t have the same opportunities that she did to enjoy the outdoors. Having experienced the beauty of nature and its restorative effects, Maria wanted to share these experiences with the youth she interacts with every day. She joined Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO), a Sierra Club program that provides adventures for youth who wouldn’t ordinarily have the chance to engage with nature.

“Maria is passionate about breaking down the barriers to access for all youth of Chicago,” says Chicago ICO coordinator Katty Regalado. “We often hear how green-friendly Chicago is supposed to be, but what does that really look like across our neighborhoods amidst the disparities of resources?” As community leaders and environmental justice advocates have been saying for years, low-income communities in Chicago and across the country are disproportionately exposed to high levels of pollution. “Although the park district is now managing newer natural areas in this region, access is still an issue. I see a lot of North Siders here on the trails during the weekends, but there’s a disconnect when we don’t see our own members of the community enjoying them.”

To get kids outdoors on a day-to-day basis, Maria collaborated with Working Bikes, a not-for-profit organization, to provide bicycles and helmets for her school. Building on that success, she worked diligently with a nearby college to begin a bike tech program to teach youth how to refurbish and repair bicycles. Recently, in partnership with ICO and other groups, Maria secured a grant from the city’s Divvy bike share system to provide her school with the funds to start its own bicycle repair program. “The next step is to address the issue of street safety when accessing these green spaces,” Katty explains. “Because Olive-Harvey is surrounded by a railroad yard, a Chicago Transit Authority terminal, and an expressway, access to and from the nearby trails creates a challenge.”

Maria is also working to provide outdoor experiences beyond the bike lanes. She recently took some students on a service trip to the Sierra Club’s Clair Tappaan Lodge in Northern California to plant flowers, clear the way for a volleyball court, and build Adirondack chairs. “It was such a great feeling to work together and be able to give back.” Future plans with her students include overnight camping, sand dune hiking, and canoeing along the Chicago River. “Getting students to enjoy the outdoors is slightly selfish,” she confesses. “I love every bit of it myself. Exploring an unfamiliar place makes me feel like a child again, wide-eyed and ready to learn something new.”

Do you want to help inspire connections outdoors? Learn more, volunteer, or donate at sierraclub.org/ico.
Desert Hiking and Wildflowers in Joshua Tree National Park. March 29–April 3. Hike an iconic desert wilderness along historic paths on this moderate spring backpack journey. Highlights will include the Wonderland of Rocks, remote Smith Water Canyon, and stark Juniper Flats, with chances to encounter vibrant desert wildflowers and bighorn sheep and other wildlife. We will carry potable water, with more cached along the route. Desert backpacking experience is not required. (Rated: 3.) Leader: David Melton. Price: $775. [20415A]

BEGINNER TRIP! Beginner Backpack by the Sea, Point Reyes National Seashore. June 7–13. Learn backpacking skills at beginner-friendly Point Reyes National Seashore. We’ll spend two days hiking without packs among native wildflowers, birds, and tule elk, then backpack for five days through a patchwork of prairie, forest, and beach habitats, learning trail navigation and backcountry cooking along the way. On a layover day, we’ll explore tide pools with a marine biologist and watch a waterfall spill into the sea. (Rated: 2.) Leader: Carol Reeb. Price: $675. [20125A]

Early-Season Exploration in the Golden Trout Wilderness and Sequoia National Park. June 7–13. Follow the cold, clear streams abounding with the brightly colored fish the Golden Trout Wilderness is named after. This 46-mile loop traverses the area’s characteristic expansive meadows and skirts its finest lakes, some possibly half frozen. Heavy winter precipitation may necessitate snow travel to access the region’s remote alpine lake basins. We’ll peak-climb, swim, or relax on our layover day at secluded Funston Lake. (Rated: 4.) Leader: John Plander. Price: $765. [20126A]

Backpacking California’s Wild and Remote Lost Coast. July 6–10. Backpack California’s legendary Lost Coast on this five-day adventure along all 25 miles of the King Range National Conservation Area. We’ll trek on rugged shoreline, across stream canyons, and on coastal bluffs as we make our way from Mattole to Black Sands Beach. Along the way, we’ll catch a glimpse of sea elephants, otters, and elk and spend evenings at beach campsites near creeks and waterfalls (Rated: 3.) Leader: John Plander. Price: $995. [20127A]

30s and 40s Hiking High: Mammoth, McGee, and the Silver Divide, John Muir Wilderness, California. July 18–25. Join other young adventurers on a seven-day, 30-mile Eastern Sierra journey from the Mammoth Crest to the Silver Divide. We’ll hike the legendary John Muir Trail, visit several high country lakes including Virginia, Ram, Cotton, and McGee, and enjoy a layover day to explore or relax. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Renee Rivera. Price: $685. [20128A]

Five-Day Emigrant Wilderness Exploration. July 22–26. Discover the lakes, creeks, and waterfalls of this less visited yet stunning wilderness area north of Yosemite National Park. The hiking days on this 25-mile semiloop will be short but challenging, and there will also be plenty of time for exploring mountain peaks and swimming in alpine lakes during afternoon day hikes. (Rated: 3.) Leader: Teresa Gonsoski. Price: $495. [20129A]

Teen Backpacking in Northern Yosemite National Park. July 26–August 2. Spend a week backpacking Yosemite’s high country with other 12-to-17-year-olds. We’ll visit scenic lakes,
travel through majestic Matterhorn Canyon, scramble up Matterhorn Peak, and watch the alpenglow on Sawtooth Ridge. Our 45-mile hike will feature four high-pass crossings, teen-friendly meals, and several partial layover days for fishing, swimming, or just relaxing with new friends. (Rated: 4.) Leader: David Neumann. Price: $495. [20130A]

20s and 30s Five-Day Tableland Adventure, Sequoia National Park. July 30–August 3. Embark on a backpack trip designed for young participants without a lot of free time, trekking to a remote backcountry granite plateau featuring alpine lakes and vistas above timberline. Anticipate strenuous on- and off-trail hikes to camps between 9,400 and 10,600 feet, with a planned layover offering free time to relax or explore. The last day will include the stunning Watchtower Trail. Our starting point is accessible by public transportation. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Nora O’Malley. Price: $545. [20131A]

Emigrant Wilderness: Land of Contrasts. August 1–9. Explore one of the most enchanting parts of the High Sierra. During our stay, we’ll encounter open alpine country, flower-filled meadows, and mid-mountain forests, lakes, and rivers. We’ll camp at a different lake each night and spend a layover day at lovely Dorothy Lake at the northernmost tip of Yosemite National Park. (Rated: 3.) Leader: Gayle Labrana. Price: $725. [20132A]

Journey through Evolution: North Lake to South Lake, Kings Canyon National Park. August 2–8. Find inspiration in the many splendors of Piute Canyon, Evolution Basin, LeConte Canyon, and Dusy Basin on this 53-mile journey through Kings Canyon in John Muir’s “Range of Light.” Anticipate magnificent views while crossing Muir and Bishop Passes—both near 12,000 feet—and at high camps surrounded by granite peaks. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Richard Clowdus. Price: $795. [20133A]

Hidden Gems of Pioneer Basin, John Muir Wilderness. August 9–15. Embark on an unforgettable backpack experience in the heart of the John Muir Wilderness. Traveling at a relaxed pace, we will take two days to surmount the Sierra Crest and reach the gentle wilderness of Pioneer Basin. A layover day and lakeside campsites will afford ample opportunities for swimming, peak bagging, or just relaxing in the cool alpine air. (Rated: 3.) Leader: Linica Suceava. Price: $595. [20134A]

Humphreys High-Country Circuit, John Muir Wilderness. August 9–15. Explore the open, lake-studded land between towering Mt. Humphreys and the majestic Glacier Divide. We’ll travel off-trail over a high pass to a campsite at one of several pristine lakes along our route, then cross French Canyon to reach remote and scenic Merriam Lake. On two separate layover days, we can choose to hike, swim, fish, or relax in this austere and beautiful country. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Jane Uptegrove. Price: $785. [20135A]

20s and 30s Tableland Tramp: Hiking among the High Lakes of Sequoia National Park. August 13–17. This is a quick, five-day backpack on a mostly cross-country route into a fantastic backcountry basin above timberline. We’ll camp by lakes and soak in huge, top-of-the-world vistas, looking out on granite canyons below us. Anticipate strenuous hiking days with a planned layover offering free time to relax or explore. Prior backpacking experience is encouraged. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Andy John-son. Price: $445. [20136A]

Sierra High Route: Alpine Lake Basins and the Mono Recesses, John Muir Wilderness. August 14–22. Challenge yourself along the Sierra High Route, crossing six high passes, including four cross-country, to access Humphreys, Bear Lakes, and Seven Gables Basins and the Mono Recesses. We’ll enjoy abundant solitude as we travel through vast, open expanses of moonscape densely packed with lakes and dominated by granite spires and peaks. We’ll travel over 50 miles, predominantly off-trail, with most camps above 11,000 feet. (Rated: 5.) Leader: John Plander. Price: $795. [20137A]
All-Generations Off-Trail Reconnaissance in California’s John Muir Wilderness. August 15–22. Leave the dusty trail behind and explore the magical lakes, passes, and ridgelines of the Silver and Mono Divides on this cross-country trek for hikers of all ages. Traveling light, we’ll hike a high route traversing a series of rugged and airy passes and bask in the serenity of solitary alpine lakes at sunset. Our challenging hike and diversity of experiences and perspectives will make this a memorable and rewarding journey. (Rated: 4.) **Leader: Timothy Jung. Price: $795. [20138A]**

Women's Backpacking the Rae Lakes and Kings Canyon High Country. August 15–22. Join other experienced women backpackers on a classic route through the High Sierra. Our approach to Rae Lakes will start high in Onion Valley (9,192 feet) and cross two 11,000-foot passes. We will stay two days in the Rae Lakes area, relaxing and enjoying views of Painted Lady and Fin Dome, and continue past Arrowhead and Dollar Lakes before crossing the Sierra Crest on the beautiful Sawmill Pass Trail. (Rated: 3.) **Leader: Julie VanTilburg. Price: $785. [20139A]**

Women's Range of Light: A High Sierra Adventure in California’s John Muir Wilderness. August 15–23. Enjoy solitude and the company of other women on this high, cross-country trek through alpine basins west of the Sierra Crest. We will explore Humphreys Basin before traversing French Canyon and crossing 12,360-foot Feather Pass to reach remote Bear Lakes Basin, with dozens of secluded lakes nestled beneath 13,000-foot peaks and the remote Bear Lakes Basin, with dozens of secluded lakes nestled beneath 13,000-foot peaks and the striking Seven Gables. (Rated: 4.) **Leader: Jeannette Sivertsen. Price: $1,025. [20140A]**

Fish, Frogs, and Waterscapes of Yosemite and the Ansel Adams Wilderness. August 16–22. Weave among towering peaks draped in remnant glaciers and explore the alpine world of fish and frogs on our 29-mile science-based adventure. We'll discover why these creatures struggle to coexist, learn and practice principles of aquatic ecology, and summit four high passes. A layover day is planned with moderate hikes to explore the area. With luck, we might even glimpse a yellow-legged frog. (Rated: 3.) **Leader: Carol Reeb. Price: $895. [20141A]**

Remote Lakes and Granite Canyons of the Emigrant Wilderness. August 16–22. Our six day on- and off-trail journey to the remote lakes of the Emigrant Wilderness traverses a glacially sculpted landscape featuring broad granite expanses, rushing mountain streams, and deep canyons. Our itinerary will include a layover day to relax or explore the sweeping panoramas and pristine lakes, including a rare Sierra lake with a wide sandy beach, each with its own unique beauty. (Rated: 3.) **Leader: David Roberts. Price: $725. [20142A]**

High-Pass Inspiration, Kings Canyon National Park. August 22–29. Join us as we explore the Emigrant Wilderness, just north of Yosemite National Park. Our lake-filled route will begin at Kennedy Meadows, near Sonora Pass. We’ll cross over Big Sam on the highest trail in Emigrant, spend a layover day just inside Yosemite near Dorothy Lake, and wind back to our starting point via Granite Dome. Anticipate plenty of time for exploration, relaxation, and wilderness inspiration. (Rated: 4.) **Leader: Dave Simon. Price: $585. [20144A]**

Evolution and Ionian Basin Adventure, Kings Canyon National Park. August 23–31. Travel mostly off-trail over rugged alpine passes to the wild and remote Ionian Basin. Our route will pass spectacular alpine lakes and traverse Humphreys and Evolution Basins as well as Darwin Canyon, and we’ll camp at high lakes surrounded by jagged peaks surpassing 13,000 feet. Opportunities will abound to savor the solitude and beauty of John Muir’s “Range of Light.” (Rated: 5.) **Leader: Arian Pregenzer. Price: $1,275. [20145A]**

Trekking On- and Off-Trail in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. August 29–September 5. Join us on this iconic route in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. We’ll swim in spectacular lakes nestled at the base of the Minarets, Mt. Ritter, and Banner Peak; cross tumbling streams accented by bouquets of wildflowers; and traverse boulders alive with whistling marmots and playful, golden-mantled ground squirrels. Our route will include off-trail exploration and two layover days in an area frequented by John Muir and Ansel Adams. (Rated: 4.) **Leader: Rick Self. Price: $965. [20147A]**

Lake Basin High Country, Kings Canyon National Park. August 29–September 7. Our trek will take us to Busy Basin, where the striking peaks of the Palisades and the Black Divide dominate the skyline, and end on the lightly used trail over starkly beautiful Taboose Pass. The highlight of our journey will be remote Lake Basin, which we’ll reach via a challenging cross-country route over high, trailless passes. Most camps will be above 10,500 feet. (Rated: 5.) **Leader: Tom Miller. Price: $785. [20146A]**

Miter Basin and More beneath the Whitney Crest, John Muir Wilderness. August 30–September 7. We’ll cross the Sierra divide to reach Miter Basin, the first of four high and isolated lake basins we’ll explore west of the Whitney crest. The route connecting these remote places is often rugged and challenging but always rewarding. Of our 50 miles, 20 are off-trail, including a 12,600-foot cross-country pass, and we’ll camp above 11,000 feet most nights. (Rated: 4.) **Leader: John Plander. Price: $1,045. [20148A]**

Yosemite National Park’s Classic Matterhorn Loop. September 5–13. Take in lofty granite ridges, steep-walled valleys, glacially carved lakes, flower-bedded meadows, and other wonders of the High Sierra on this essential backpack route. We’ll access the untrammeled remoteness of north Yosemite from the east and travel uncrowded trails, including a scenic section of the Pacific Crest Trail. Don’t forget your camera. (Rated: 4.) **Leader: Stephanie Wilson. Price: $825. [20149A]**

BEGINNER TRIP! Beginner Coastal Ramble at Point Reyes National Seashore. September 13–18. Learn or refresh backpacking skills while exploring the wild California coast on this beginner-friendly route. A day hike through the Tule Elk Preserve will ease us into five backpacking days on forested trails. We’ll visit rocky headlands, spectacular beaches, and open grasslands and learn about the history and biological diversity of this special place. (Rated: 2.) **Leader: Andy Johnson. Price: $595. [20150A]**

High Lakes of Yosemite National Park. September 13–21. Bask in glorious Yosemite light on our journey to the remote Lyell Fork of the Merced River. For experienced hikers, our 50-plus-mile on-trail route from Tuolomne Meadows will cross splendid Vogelsang Pass. Unforgettable panoramas of the Clark Range will unfold as glacier-carved canyons cradling idyllic alpine lakes beckon. Our itinerary will include a layover day for relaxation or upper-basin exploration. (Rated: 4.) **Leader: Cornelia Bellamacina. Price: $785. [20152A]**

Autumn Light on Sabrina Basin, John Muir Wilderness. September 20–25. The end of summer in the Sierra Nevada means autumn light, cooler days, and less crowded trails. Our moderate journey will take us through stunning Sabrina Basin, nestled below glaciated granite peaks and high alpine lakes. Short distances between camps will offer plenty of opportunities to explore nearby lakes, relax, and soak up the seasonal changes and solitude. (Rated: 3.) **Leader: Jeannette Sivertsen. Price: $745. [20151A]**
“I love watching for the ‘aha!’ moments that people experience outdoors,” says Sierra Club volunteer Shawnté Salabert, describing that special instant when a person can identify a flower, use new gear, or navigate their way around a lake with nothing more than a map and compass. “But it’s especially poignant,” she adds, “to witness those times when the aha moment is a little more internal, when something clicks inside that says, ‘I belong here.’”

Occasions like these may be small, but they powerfully illustrate the value of the outdoor equity movement, which aims to ensure that all people have opportunities to explore and enjoy nature. It’s a cause that Shawnté has championed for years in multiple capacities. As a freelance writer, she’s profiled dozens of movement leaders to shine a light on the work they’re doing to draw more people outside, honor cultural and community connections to the natural world, and expand the very definition of what it means to be “outdoors.” As a trip leader with the Sierra Club’s Angeles Chapter, she’s led many people on formative wilderness experiences and helped some to become leaders themselves. She also serves as the volunteer co-leader of the Outdoors Theory of Change, a project to unify the Sierra Club’s outdoor programs around a common vision of outdoor access for all and to better connect the organization’s outdoor and conservation work. As her staff co-leader, Jackie Ostfeld, proclaims, “Shawnté inspires so many on the trail, in the backcountry, and through her deeply passionate writings.”

Shawnté’s commitment to the cause stems directly from her own childhood. Growing up in an urban neighborhood, she had limited opportunities to experience nature. That changed, however, after an overnight trip to a summer camp run by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which sparked a desire to deepen this newfound relationship with the outdoors. “I used to dream about becoming a park ranger,” she recalls. “I wanted nothing more than to spend all day in nature, helping other people find their own connection to the places that brought joy, growth, balance, and peace to my own life.” As she got older, life took her on a few different paths: school social worker, photographer’s assistant, music industry professional, and ultimately, a freelance writer focused on how humans connect with the natural world.

When she became involved with the Sierra Club’s outdoor programs, she felt as though she had come full circle to those earliest dreams.

Shawnté had supported the Sierra Club with donations for many years and attended a few local outings in Los Angeles, but her deep involvement began when she took the Angeles Chapter’s Wilderness Travel Course (WTC) in 2014. The 10-week outdoor skills class covered everything from Leave No Trace principles to navigation with map and compass and included four very different field trips across the state. “I was hooked almost immediately,” she says. “And once finished with class, I wanted to give back in the hopes of helping others experience that same magic.” She began volunteering as a WTC instructor, earned her leadership rating, and organized trips in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Joshua Tree and Sequoia National Parks. She now leads trips throughout the year, including a mixture of backpacking and day hikes as well as one or two “stair hikes” for an urban hiking series held across Los Angeles. “I’ve been grateful to participate in day hikes and backpacking trips that others have led, as well, each time deepening my connection to the Sierra Club—and to the landscapes we strive to explore, enjoy, and protect.”

As both an instructor and a trip leader, Shawnté has a knack for inspiring confidence and skill development in the outdoors. "When I lead outings, I’m able to help others access the outdoors in ways they might not have felt comfortable doing on their own, especially during backpacking trips. We talk about how we feel, what we’re thinking, how we’re affected by these places.” She reveals that her favorite trick is to weave personal growth opportunities into the “hard skills” discussions, such as how to poop outdoors, filter water, or choose an appropriate campsite. “Watching other people process their connections to the land helps deepen my own, and I’m so grateful for this opportunity.”

Sometimes these lessons manifest themselves in surprising ways. On a recent trip, when a participant injured her shoulder, the group immediately pulled together to support the participant and safely evacuate her to medical care. Afterward, another member of the group mentioned that being able to assist in the evacuation made him feel helpful and showed him that he has what it takes to stay calm in a difficult situation. The injured participant later sent the group a note, saying, “My faith in people and their willingness to care for others—including new friends and total strangers—was renewed.”

Outside of her busy volunteer roles with the Sierra Club, Shawnté has published a book, Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail: Southern California, based on two years researching, hiking, and photographing this legendary path spanning the western United States and Canada. “I know a lot about the Pacific Crest Trail and its associated flora, fauna, geology, and cultural history,” she says. “Being able to spend days, weeks, and even months on trail, uninterrupted, is one of the most fantastic things I’ve experienced in my entire life.” Read about Shawnté’s adventures and purchase a copy of her book at shawntesalabert.com.
Wandering the Weminuche Wilderness, Colorado. July 18–25. Here’s your chance to explore this fabled and varied wilderness. Daily hikes along the Continental Divide Trail will lead us to unforgettable vistas of expansive valleys and cirque lakes, with layovers planned between more challenging hikes. Traveling from Denver by van, we’ll stop overnight near Great Sand Dunes, the tallest dunes in the United States (8,000 feet), with peaks soaring overhead. (Rated: 3.) Leader: Roger Grissette. Price: $1,095. [20109A]

Exploring Beartooth Glaciers, Montana. July 25–31. Backpack the Beartooth range, a spectacular high-elevation area just northeast of Yellowstone National Park. We’ll explore rich valleys and pristine lakes, and on layover days we’ll go off-trail in search of climate change’s effects, including rapidly disappearing glaciers. Relatively short, steep slopes and day hikes on layover days make this a trip for seasoned backpackers and strong novices alike. (Rated: 3.) Leader: Jennifer Cost. Price: $1,075. [20110A]

Sawtooth Sojourn, Idaho. July 25–August 1. Share an adventure in Idaho’s crown jewel on this breathtaking trek deep into the aptly named Sawtooth Range. Once ferried across scenic Redfish Lake, we’ll visit glaciated valleys, enjoy tumultuous cataracts, surmount panoramic granite crests, and camp beside a gorgeous alpine lake nearly every night on our 42-mile semiloop. One layover day is planned for exploring or relaxing lakeside. (Rated: 3.) Leader: Stephanie Wilson. Price: $895. [20115A]

High, Wild, and Remote: Backpacking in the Wind River Range, Wyoming. August 8–15. Join other adventurous hikers on a backpack journey through one of America’s greatest wilderness areas. Daily hikes will lead us to wildflower-filled meadows, and we’ll climb up rocky passes for stunning vistas of the Continental Divide’s jagged peaks. Evenings will be spent camped along pristine lakes and crystal-clear streams, and we’ll wake each morning to soul-replenishing mountain views. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Sandy Chilton. Price: $895. [20111A]

Tranquil Lakes, Granite Spirals, and Endless Wildflowers of Wyoming’s Wind River Range. August 10–14. Backpack a scenic loop in Wyoming’s Wind River Range, a land of U-shaped valleys, serrated peaks and ridges, and alpine cirques. Our route will explore the Cook Lakes and cross Lester Pass for panoramic views of this rugged landscape and the Continental Divide. A layover day is planned to explore Wall Lake and Tiny Glacier or relax at camp. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Becky Wong. Price: $775. [20112A]

Wind River Revelation, Wyoming. August 15–23. Seekers of the high and wild will love this trek through the Shangri-la of the Wind River Range. Leaving the crowds behind, we’ll hop from one stunning alpine lake basin to the next via seldom-used trails and cross-country routes alongside the soaring Continental Divide. Lakeside camps will provide ample opportunities for swimming and fishing, surrounded by endless panoramas. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Stephanie Wilson. Price: $895. [20113A]

Lake Hopping in the Wind River Range, Wyoming. August 17–21. Hike from one beautiful lake to the next in the magnificent Wind River Range, a landscape dominated by granite peaks—many over 13,000 feet—and more than 1,000 lakes. We will wander through high meadows, camp beside beautiful alpine
lakes, and enjoy wonderful views. The rugged and spectacular scenery will leave you in awe. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Michael Jensen. Price: $785. [20114A]

BEGINNER TRIP! Beginner Backpacking in Colorado’s South San Juan Wilderness.
September 7–12. Learn or refresh backpacking skills while hiking among alpine lakes and tarns, wild rivers, and panoramic vistas. This 24-mile high-elevation semiloop will feature low-mileage hiking days with moderate elevation gains and losses. During a planned layover day, we’ll have the option to explore above tree line on the Continental Divide Trail. (Rated: 2.) Leader: Larry Hughes. Price: $865. [20116A]

Fantastic Four Pass Loop, Maroon Bells–Snowmass Wilderness, Colorado. September 13–19. Experience your own “Rocky Mountain High” adventure in one of the most scenic locales in North America. We’ll ring around the iconic Maroon Bells on a challenging late-summer high-country circuit, witnessing the turning of the aspens while traveling over four mountain passes above 12,000 feet. Anticipate panoramic views, lush forests, broad river valleys, expansive meadows, and picturesque Snowmass Lake. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Dave Bugay. Price: $745. [20117A]

From a young age, John Heiser knew that his future was to spend life outside. A fourth-generation descendant of homesteaders who arrived in North Dakota’s legendary badlands region in 1891, John grew up on his family’s ranch, wrangling cows and riding horses bareback. In the 1960s, his father worked at what was then called Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, named after the revered president whose formative years were spent immersed in local frontier life. So after graduating college, it was only natural that John went to work for the park himself, becoming a ranger in 1973, five years before it was established as a national park and designated wilderness.

Over his long tenure, John has served as a law enforcement officer and backcountry ranger and has led a variety of activities, from fireside presentations and bird walks to wilderness hikes and cross-country ski treks. Back in 1974, he and district ranger Ralph Roye pioneered one of the park’s two backcountry units on horseback, where they laid out and named the park’s two longest trails, an accomplishment that John remains proud of to this day. Throughout it all, he’s maintained his family-run beef business on land Theodore Roosevelt used to ride across. “I simply cannot spend any time indoors,” he says, “as both of my jobs indicate.”

As someone whose life and livelihood are intimately tied to the land, John has been a passionate environmental champion of the badlands and a vocal opponent of the encroaching oil extraction industry of the Bakken oil fields, which includes drilling, fracking, flares, pipelines, truck traffic, and thousands of oil workers who have transformed the culture and environment of western North Dakota. John has observed and documented global warming since the late 1980s, in part by keeping track of badlands phenology in natural history journals, and he works to minimize his carbon footprint in the park and on the ranch. In the winter of 2016–17, he says, “I burned exactly zero molecules of liquid hydrocarbons in a stretch of 108 consecutive days while feeding 70 Hereford cattle multiple times a day.” He also cofounded the Badlands Conservation Alliance, a local group that works on public lands and oil boom issues alongside the Sierra Club.

Though John is quick to point out he’s been a Sierra Club member and environmental activist for over 50 years, it wasn’t until meeting trip leader Phil Snyder in 2018 that he developed a relationship with Sierra Club Outings. On Phil’s trip the following year, John visited the group every day to make hike suggestions and to ensure their safety and enjoyment. Assistant leader Margaret Klose recalls he made quite an impression. “Everyone was drawn to Ranger John as
Ancient Trails off the South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. April 4–10. The South Rim of the Grand Canyon, from Red Canyon to the Little Colorado River, offers dramatic views and unique geological formations. Our journey will traverse exposed and rugged trails of the Escalante Route, including Tanner, New Hance, and Beamer, used by travelers thousands of years ago; remnants of their passage can be found if we look closely. We will camp near the river on most nights of this journey. (Rated: 4.) Leader: John Plander. Price: $995. [20031A]

Backpacking Paria Canyon: A Week of Visual Surprises, Arizona and Utah. April 5–11. Explore this intimate redrock canyon in the heart of the Colorado Plateau. The Paria River slices through the spectacular geology of the remote Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness on its way to the Colorado River, sculpting colorful sandstone into soaring cliffs, stunning arches, and intriguing side canyons. Our unforgettable adventure will include Buckskin Gulch, Wether Arch, and numerous ancient petroglyph sites. (Rated: 3.) Leader: Teresa Rounds. Price: $1,195. [20032A]

Kanab Creek Wilderness: Expansive Terraces and Dramatic Views, Grand Canyon Area, Arizona. April 11–18. The Kanab Creek Wilderness area, bordering the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, contains a labyrinth of canyons and streams that converge and ultimately flow into the Colorado River deep in the park. On our journey, we will hike through the finest red-wall narrows and camp on huge Esplanade expanses with dramatic panoramic views. This is a unique wilderness adventure. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Bert Fingerhut. Price: $975. [20034A]

Mystery of the Rainbow, Navajo Nation, Arizona and Utah. April 11–18. Trek cross-country through a canyon so mysterious, its name isn’t found on modern maps. With stone battle-ments impassable to ordinary hikers, ensuring our solitude, we’ll visit beautiful slots, pools, pour-offs, caves, slickrock, ruins, rock art, and a not-quite-whole dinosaur. Appropriate for mountain goats and comparably sure-footed humans. A boat ride is included. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Richard Fite. Price: $1,135. [20035A]

Five Days of Thunder, Wonder, and Awe, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. April 13–17. Experience one of the premier backpacking loops between the Grand Canyon’s North Rim and the Colorado River. From the Esplanade’s hoodoos and potholes to the rumbling cascade of Thunder River springing forth from a monolithic canyon wall to an enchanted world of waterfalls and brilliant multicolored rock strata at Deer Creek, this is a must–do trip for canyon lovers. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Jake Jaramillo. Price: $945. [20038A]

20s and 30s Backpacking the Kanab Creek Wilderness, Grand Canyon Area, Arizona. April 19–25. Backpack the rugged and remote Kanab Creek Wilderness, where water and rock are natural sculptors of endless labyrinthine slot canyons. Join other adventurers in their 20s and 30s for hiking and scrambling through red-wall narrows and camping on vast Esplanade expanses with panoramic views. We will appreciate life-giving desert springs and prehistoric pictographs while learning critical backcountry skills. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Nora O’Malley. Price: $695. [20030A]

Women’s Backpacking Paria Canyon: A Week of Visual Surprises, Arizona and Utah. April 19–25. Join our team of adventurous women as we experience the splendor and solitude of this pristine desert canyon sheltered by towering red sandstone walls. Unsurpassed in beauty and remarkable in color and form, Paria Can-yon should be on every backpacker’s to-do list. We’ll journey 38 miles downstream through colorful winding corridors of stone, ending at the confluence of the Paria and Colorado Rivers. (Rated: 3.) Leader: Teresa Rounds. Price: $1,195. [20039A]
Somewhere over the Rainbow, Navajo Nation, Arizona and Utah. April 26–May 2. A gentle band of hardy backpackers, we will explore the scenic and seldom-visited high-desert wilderness known as the Rainbow Plateau. We’re not likely to encounter anyone else as we travel cross-country through a maze of narrow slot canyons, steep-sided sandstone domes, and high pinnacles. Not for acrophobes or inexperienced hikers. (Rated: 5.) 
Leader: Mike Abbott. Price: $1,295. [20120A]

Descent into Dark Canyon, Utah. May 17–23. Hike a maze of remote canyons in the heart of the former Bears Ears National Monument. We’ll descend into Dark Canyon and explore its world of multicolored, castellike sandstone walls towering above. Side canyons, plunge pools, wildflowers, and Ancestral Puebloan archaeological treasures will grace our route on this classic backpack adventure. (Rated: 4.) 
Leader: Michael Wise. Price: $1,275. [20037A]

Redrock Canyons of Escalante, Utah. May 30–June 5. Enjoy the splendor of red slickrock sculpted into magnificent canyons with arches and plunge pools. We’ll explore the Silver Falls and Choprock side canyons of the Escalante River and climb surrounding mesas for desert views stretching for miles. As the sandstone stuns you with its colors and shapes, you’ll quickly discover the magic of this enchanting place. (Rated: 4.) 
Leader: Vincent Jones. Price: $1,125. [20036A]

Pecos Wilderness Traverse: Sangre de Cristo Mountains, New Mexico. June 22–30. Traverse the heart of the Pecos Wilderness, from its northeast corner to the Santa Fe Ski Basin. Much of our route will follow 12,000-plus-foot ridges, which we’ll descend to camp beside high lakes and streams. Along the way, we will cross the Santa Barbara Divide, climb the Truchas Peaks, and enjoy exceptional views of the colorful New Mexico desert. (Rated: 4.) 
Leader: Arian Pregenzer. Price: $995. [20118A]

Forbidden Heart of the Rainbow, Navajo Nation, Arizona and Utah. September 21–27. We will descend a lonely and forbidding canyon into the heart of the Rainbow Plateau. Starting on a rarely used Navajo trail, our adventure will begin gently but become increasingly challenging as we negotiate the lower canyon’s many pools and pour-overs. After exploring alcoves with historic inscriptions, we’ll exit by one of the world’s largest natural stone bridges. (Rated: 4.) 
Leader: Richard Fite. Price: $1,245. [20119A]

Kanab Canyon and Deer Creek Loop, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. September 23–30. Descending from the North Rim to the vast and enchanting Esplande, we will cross Indian Hollow and follow Sowats and Jumpup Canyons to Kanab Canyon and the Colorado River. We’ll hike upstream to Deer Creek before ascending to Surprise Valley, Thunder River, and the Esplande. Our journey will include huge waterfalls, awe-inspiring side canyons, and plenty of plunge pools for swimming. (Rated: 4.) 
Leader: Merritt Draney. Price: $745. [20121A]

Five Days of Thunder, Wonder, and Awe, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 22–26. Backpack one of the Grand Canyon’s premier routes on this five-day North Rim loop to the Colorado River. We’ll experience the Escalante’s redrock hoodoos and potholes, the roaring cascade of Thunder River springing forth from a monolithic canyon wall, and an enchanted world of waterfalls and brilliant multicolored rock strata at Deer Creek. This is a must-do trip for all canyon lovers. (Rated: 4.) 
Leader: John Plander. Price: $955. [20122A]
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**Grand Staircase–Escalante Llama Hike, Utah.**
April 5–11. Join our llama-supported exploration of Harris Wash and Silver Run Falls, two fabled side canyons of southern Utah’s Escalante River. Discover natural wonders and history while thrilling to the “ribbon of green,” desert varnish, and towering red sandstone. Our base camp on an Escalante sandbar will allow us to travel light, with only a day pack. Airport pickup and lodging before and after the trip are included. **Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: $2,795. [20056A]**

**Trekking Lake Chelan and the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington.** June 4–11. Hike Lake Chelan and Stehekin Valley trails through a brilliant spring landscape of lake, mountains, and wildflowers, with our gear transported by boat. We will take a boat up the lake, camp two nights near Lucerne, then cross the lake to camp at Moore Point. We will hike the Lakeshore Trail to idyllic Stehekin Valley Ranch for three days of hikes in the valley before returning down the lake. **Leader: Paul Saindon. Price: $1,875. [20210A]**

**Red and White Mountain and the Blue Lakes of the John Muir Wilderness, California.** August 16–27. Experience the countless granite peaks, streams, lakes, and meadows of the legendary John Muir Wilderness with our load carried by mules and horses. We’ll circle the imposing Red and White Mountain and visit many of the stunning Blue Lakes around the McGee Pass and John Muir Trails and throughout the Mono Creek basin. **Leader: Gayle Labrana. Price: $3,745. [20211A]**

**Evolution Basin and Beyond, Kings Canyon National Park and John Muir Wilderness, California.** August 29–September 8. Explore the most scenic section of the magnificent John Muir Trail, including Evolution Basin, Le Conte Canyon, and Dusy Basin, with most of the load carried by mules. Carrying only our day packs, we’ll crest three passes and hike and camp by numerous alpine lakes, towering peaks, and other stunning vistas. Three lay-over days are planned for rest, relaxation, and further exploration. **Leader: Frank Eldridge. Price: $3,875. [20212A]**

**Hut-to-Hut Traverse of the Presidential Range, New Hampshire.** September 13–18. Don’t miss this scenic and challenging hut-to-hut journey through the Presidential Range of New Hampshire’s White Mountains. We’ll summit a number of high peaks named after presidents, including Mt. Washington, the Northeast’s highest peak, and we’ll overnight in the friendly atmosphere of the Appalachian Mountain Club’s high huts, which offer comfortable bunk rooms and delicious, hearty meals. **Leader: David Pearson. Price: $1,275. [20213A]**

**Grand Staircase–Escalante Llama Hike, Utah.** October 11–17. See trip 20056A, left, for details. **Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: $2,495. [20214A]**
Base Camp

Wilderness travel made easy. These trips are run out of a central campground, allowing you to hike with just a day pack and return for warm meals, evening activities, and a good night’s rest.

Everglades Eco-Adventure, Florida. January 19–24. Experience four of the distinct Everglades ecosystems by foot and kayak. Naturalist guides will accompany us on day trips as we go inland or along the coast searching for manatees, dolphins, birds, rare orchids, and more. We’ll stay in resort condos and take a three-day, two-night kayak camping trip in the Ten Thousand Islands. Leader: Terry DeFraties. Price: $2,295. [20400A]

Classic Trails in Big Bend National Park, Texas. February 23–29. Escape winter on the Sierra Club’s first domestic hiking trip of the year, in remote, sunny Big Bend National Park. Classic day hikes will lead us to camera-clicking views from 2,500-foot cliffs in the rugged Chisos Mountains, through towering canyons, and across miles of beautiful desert. This popular car camping trip features memorable hikes, stunning scenery, highly rated meals, and a soak in historic hot springs. Leader: Margaret Klose. Price: $1,025. [20420A]

Escalante Canyons Base Camp, Utah. May 3–9. Discover the highlights of the Escalante River canyons without the heavy backpack. We’ll explore different sites daily, delighting at the variety of sculpted red slickrock monuments, arches, and walls and the endless permutations of multihued sandstone. On our last night, we’ll descend into a deep and dramatic canyon and camp under mature cottonwoods next to Death Hollow Creek. Leader: Roger Grissette. Price: $1,395. [20160A]

In the Presence of Giants: Dayhiking, Conservation, and Adventure in California’s Redwoods. June 1–8. Immerse yourself in California’s redwoods, which represent 5 percent of the remaining old-growth redwoods worldwide. We’ll hike in the silent, primeval forest among the tallest trees in the world; explore the misty, rugged coastline; and glide along waterways that sustained Native peoples. We’ll also learn the history of logging and tree-sitting, the industry’s impacts on the ecosystem, and subsequent preservation efforts. Leader: Carol Armstrong. Price: $1,725. [20161A]

Glacier’s Edge: Dayhiking the Ice Age Trail, Wisconsin. June 13–17. Hike one of the 11 National Scenic Trails, following the southern edge of the last Ice Age. During five days in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, we’ll explore hills and ridges pushed together by a mile-high glacier and wonder at mature forests and prairies in southern Wisconsin. This 36-mile adventure features challenging day hikes and a cozy campsite. Leader: Phil Snyder. Price: $665. [20162A]

Kayak, Snorkel, and Hike Channel Islands National Park, California. July 2–5. Join us for a memorable multiport vacation exploring the cultural history, landscapes, and unique flora and fauna of Santa Cruz Island. We’ll camp in a quiet valley perfect for stargazing, kayak into unique sea caves and look for harbor seals, snorkel among the native Garibaldi fish, hike with expansive ocean views, and search for the endemic island fox and island scrub-jay. Leader: Beth Bittle. Price: $1,125. [20163A]

Waterfalls, Lakes, and Meadows of Mt. Hood, Oregon. July 19–25. At 11,235 feet, Mt. Hood is Oregon’s tallest mountain and the heart of the Mt. Hood Wilderness. From our forested, streamside campground, we’ll dayhike to explore the surrounding lakes, waterfalls, alpine basins, ridges, and rivers. Hikes tailored to the group will take us to grand views, wildflower meadows, and old-growth forests. We’ll enjoy hearty meals at camp and one restaurant dinner. Leader: Stephen Brown. Price: $945. [20164A]

Signature Day Hikes in Yosemite’s Tuolumne Meadows, California. July 20–25. Recharge your senses amid the rugged High Sierra splendor of Yosemite National Park’s less crowded eastern side. We’ll challenge ourselves on a variety of day
hikes, stopping to savor lunch with a panoramic view of glaciated granite peaks or pristine alpine lakes. And after each hike, we’ll return to a cool lake, hearty food, and the camaraderie of similarly.emancipated city slickers. Leader: Shawn Bates. Price: $1,045. [20166A]

20s and 30s Oregon Hike, Bike, and Paddle Adventure. July 21–25. Join a thrilling multisport adventure among the wild rivers, forests, and mountains of Oregon’s Cascade Range. We’ll hike through fields of wildflowers to panoramic mountain views, bike through juniper forests to rocky vistas, take in the sights of towering waterfalls, and kayak or raft three different sections of the clear Santiam and McKenzie Rivers. Leader: Denise Sprague. Price: $845. [20168A]

Natural and Geologic Wonders of the Eastern Sierra, California. August 3–8. Explore the spectacular portion of the Eastern Sierra near Mono Lake, an area of lush meadows, waterfalls, scenic lakes, and majestic mountain peaks. We’ll carpool from our campground to a different trail each day, hiking six to eight miles at elevations of up to 11,000 feet, and visit the spectacular tufa towers and ancient wetlands of mysterious Mono Lake. Leader: Ronald Franklin. Price: $895. [20165A]

Dayhiking the Badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota. August 30–September 6. Discover the North Dakota badlands that inspired Theodore Roosevelt to become the most conservation-minded president in history. We’ll hike this stunning wilderness on challenging day hikes featuring bison, prairie dogs, wild horses, and gorgeous vistas and relax in comfortable campsites. A night at the famous Medora Musical is also included. Leader: Phil Snyder. Price: $995. [20170A]

Hiking, Kayaking, and Conservation at Point Reyes National Seashore, California. September 6–11. Join us for a week of fun-filled activities along the coast of Marin County, just north of San Francisco. We’ll hike trails and assist with service projects at Point Reyes National Seashore and kayak estuaries in nearby Tomales Bay State Park. At the end of each day, we’ll retire to our campground for vegetarian-friendly meals and conversation with newfound friends and fellow travelers. Leader: Shawn Bates. Price: $1,125. [20171A]

Vistas and Volcanoes: Hike and Bike the Eastern Cascades of Central Oregon. September 14–19. Hike and bike among the forested, volcanic wonderland of Oregon’s eastern Cascade Mountains, a landscape dominated by the unique Three Sisters and Broken Top volcanoes and the equally stunning caldera and cinder cones of Newberry National Volcanic Monument. Back at our comfortable cabins in LaPine State Park, we’ll relax and explore natural and cultural history. Leader: Ronald Franklin. Price: $1,125. [20169A]

Fall Kaleidoscope in Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, Michigan. September 27–October 3. Enjoy fall colors along Michigan’s Lake Superior shore in magnificent Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, one of the Midwest’s largest wilderness areas. Challenging day hikes will lead us to high peaks, past pristine backcountry lakes and waterfalls, and through the largest old-growth forest in the country. Find out why the “Porkies” is rated among the top state parks in the country by readers of USA Today. Leader: Margaret Klose. Price: $735. [20175A]


Visit the Vastness: Dayhiking and Stargazing in Death Valley National Park, California. November 13–16. From stark canyons and ancient salt flats to towering mountains and picturesque sand dunes, the exceptional topography of Death Valley offers dramatic views with humbling silence. Our selection of short hikes will cover all of the major sights, historical points, and geology, delighting the senses with ever-changing, unfolding terrain. Anticipate cooler November days and wondrously starry nights. Leader: Shawn Bates. Price: $995. [20177A]
Ski, Snowshoe & Dogsled

Chart a path through frozen landscapes on these refreshing snow journeys in Alaska and the Lower 48. Warm your bones and relax at day’s end in cozy lodges or cabins.


Boundary Waters by Dogsled: A Bucket-List Adventure, Minnesota. January 22–26. Explore the rugged beauty of Minnesota’s Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in winter. We’ll dogsled and cross-country ski among snow-covered lakes and woods that are home to timber wolves and moose. We’ll sleep in a classic lodge, camp under the stars in expedition-quality gear, and meet world-renowned Arctic explorer Paul Schurke. Equipment, warm clothes, and shuttle transportation are included. Leader: Greg Allison. Price: $2,125. [20446A]

Peak Experience: Snowshoeing in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming. February 8–15. Snowshoe through the silent winter beauty of the Grand Tetons. From our deluxe cabins inside the park, we will embark on daily snowshoe tours through open meadows, aspen groves, and confierous forests, where we may observe moose, bison, elk, deer, coyotes, foxes, and bald eagles. We’ll also take an unforgettable dogsled trip to a hot spring, enjoy four-star dining, and spend evenings relaxing in our large outdoor hot tub. Leader: Bunny Sterin. Price: $4,095. [20447A]

Cross-Country Skiing in the Adirondacks, New York. February 9–14. Experience winter magic from our classic lodge in the Adirondacks, a major center for cross-country skiing. Ski or snowshoe at your own pace on miles of groomed forest trails accompanied by local guides, with an optional ski lesson or backcountry journey through snowy woodlands. At day’s end, we’ll enjoy delicious meals and the warmth of friends by the fireplace. Leader: Mary Alice Smith. Price: $1,495. [20448A]

Cross-Country Skiing in the Shadow of Denali, Alaska. March 1–6. Join an exhilarating late-winter skiing journey within sight of awe-inspiring Denali, the tallest mountain in North America. From our rustic ski chalet, we will embark on daily jaunts through frozen wilderness, enjoying abundant snow and spectacular photo opportunities. Evenings will offer hearty and wholesome meals, a toasty woodstove and a sauna, and possible northern lights sightings. Leader: Marty Joyce. Price: $1,845. [20451A]

Ice, Northern Lights, and Hot Springs in Fairbanks, Alaska. March 1–7. Join us for an action-packed week of winter activities in the heart of Interior Alaska. From our cozy guesthouse accommodations, we’ll sample a variety of events and activities, including exploring a wonderland of colored, sculptured ice at the annual World Ice Art Championships; mushing our own dogsleds; viewing the northern lights; basking in the warmth of Chena Hot Springs; and more. Leader: Gary Keir. Price: $2,125. [20410A]

Crater Lake National Park Ski Circumnavigation, Oregon. April 15–21. Discover southern Oregon’s snowy Crater Lake in mid-April. We’ll explore its wonders from all angles on this classic cross-country-ski circumnavigation along the crater rim. After a ski clinic to hone our skills, we’ll travel with our backpacks for four days along Rim Drive and camp for three nights. Our journey will begin and end at a comfortable resort. Leader: Mark Chang. Price: $1,525. [20075A]
Canoe & Kayak

Explore serene lakes, rushing rivers, and coastal islands by canoe or kayak. Daily jaunts include opportunities for swimming, side hikes, history walks, photography, and wildlife viewing.

Magic in the Water, Florida. March 1–7. Discover the wild beauty that enticed people to Florida long before the theme parks. We’ll spend a week paddling crystalline springs and drifting on quiet waterways. We’ll relish sunny days in a subtropical paradise, take long walks on white-sand beaches, and be greeted by dolphins, manatees, and magnificent migrating birds. Accommodations will be at a river ranch, and airport pickup is included. Leader: Patrick Nichols. Price: $1,425. [20425B]

Canoe and Hike the Rio Grand River, Big Bend National Park, Texas. March 24–28. Grab a paddle and join us on an active canoeing and hiking adventure in west Texas. We’ll begin our four-day journey on the Rio Grande, a designated National Wild and Scenic River, traveling 33 miles through 2,000-foot-deep Boquillas Canyon. Later, we’ll embark on a guided hike on pine-scented trails in Big Bend’s Chisos Mountains. Leader: Mitch Stevens. Price: $835. [20055A]

Kayak or Canoe Way Down upon the Suwannee River, Georgia and Florida. April 10–16. Nurtured by a multitude of springs, the Suwannee flows through 200-plus miles of ever-changing landscapes from Georgia to the Gulf of Mexico. We’ll canoe or kayak—your choice—along 60 to 70 miles of this incredible scenic waterway, seeking out river otters, alligators, and birds along the way. Spend your evenings hiking, exploring, or just sitting around the campfire and enjoying good company. Leader: Patrick Nichols. Price: $795. [20051A]

Kayaking Coastal Carolina, South Carolina. April 19–25. Coastal South Carolina offers some of the best paddling opportunities in the world. On this trip, we’ll explore the barrier islands, estuaries, marshes, maritime forests, swamp forests, blackwater rivers, and historical sites that characterize the coastal plain of the amazing area known as the Lowcountry. Lodging will be at a beautiful beachfront house near historic Charleston. Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: $1,575. [20052A]

Kayaking and Boating Georgia’s Untamed Coast. April 26–May 2. Water, sky, and land meet in spectacular fashion on the Georgia coast. Join us as we kayak and explore the waterways and barrier islands that contribute to this region’s rugged mix of living history and untamed landscapes shifting with the tides. Lodging will be in upscale cabins in a beautiful marsh surrounded by palm trees near historic Savannah. Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: $1,595. [20053A]

Kayaking and Whale-Watch in the San Juan Islands, Washington. June 1–5. Kayaking is the focus on this trip of a lifetime exploring the magical San Juan Islands off the coast of Washington. We’ll spend three days paddling, with overnight stays on two islands and opportunities to see harbor seals, shorebirds, and eagles. We’ll also take a private cruise to view orcas and other whales and hike diverse island trails to prairies, forests, and rocky shores. Leader: Betty Connor. Price: $1,825. [20050A]
Canoeing, Hiking, and Rock Art in Labyrinth Canyon, Green River, Utah. June 1–6. Paddle a responsive two-person canoe on the lower Green River as it slices between the reddish-orange sandstone cliffs of Labyrinth Canyon near Canyonlands National Park. We’ll enjoy riverside camping and hiking in narrow side canyons with 800-year-old Native-American rock art and desert wildlife. This 46-mile guided tour is considered the premier calm-water canoe trip in the Southwest. Leader: Lisa Katzman. Price: $975. [20054A]

Canoe the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Maine. June 28–July 5. Embark on an epic paddling journey on Maine’s legendary Allagash Wilderness Waterway, a designated National Wild and Scenic River widely recognized as one of the best canoe trips in the country. Accompanied by a Registered Maine Guide, we will paddle 80 miles north past lakes and plentiful wildlife to our destination at Allagash. Canoeing and camping experience is strongly recommended. Leader: John Killeen. Price: $1,295. [20185A]

Kayaking Newfoundland: Coast, Coves, and Wildlife. July 19–25. Discover the magical coast and hidden coves of this remote Canadian province. We’ll search for whales, puffins, and countless bird species on four separate all-day paddles, with a good chance to spot an iceberg off the coast, and spend another day hiking and sightseeing. Accommodations are comfortable cabins overlooking the ocean. Leader: Leanora Kovacs. Price: $2,345. [20186A]

Deep Wilderness Canoeing in Wabakimi Provincial Park, Ontario, Canada. August 22–30. Venture deep into the wild, remote, and unspoiled wilderness of Wabakimi Provincial Park. Our small group will be among the few exploring and canoeing routes used for centuries by First Nations peoples, traders, and adventurers. The trip will begin and end in Minneapolis and includes a memorable floatplane ride. Some camping and canoeing experience is required for this moderately difficult trip. Leader: Terry DeFraties. Price: $1,875. [20187A]

Kayak the North Woods: Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Maine. September 4–12. Kayak a vast network of lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams through Maine’s legendary North Woods. We’ll paddle approximately 10 miles per day, with abundant opportunities for hiking and enjoying the solitude. We’ll camp along the way and spend a night in a comfortable cabin with a hot tub and sauna. Leader: Jane Jontz. Price: $1,265. [20188A]


20s and 30s Current River Canoeing, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri. October 11–15. Join other 20- and 30-year-olds on a relaxed early-autumn canoeing and camping expedition on the paddler-friendly Current River in the Missouri Ozark National Scenic Riverways. We will spend our days hiking to historic places, paddling to crystal-clear springs, fishing a blue-ribbon trout stream, and taking in the beauty of the Ozarks in the fall. Novice paddlers considered. Leader: Cora Henry. Price: $575. [20190A]

Georgia Gems: Okefenokee Swamp, Cumberland Island, and St. Marys River. October 25–31. Kayak diverse waterways and discover the unique areas surrounding the quaint coastal town of St. Marys, Georgia. We will paddle and explore some of Georgia’s true gems, including Okefenokee Swamp, Cumberland Island, and the St. Marys and Crooked Rivers. Accommodations will be in cozy cabins at our base camp on a bluff overlooking the Crooked River. Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: $1,495. [20191A]

Islands in the Sun: Kayaking Cayo Costa State Park, Florida. December 6–12. Escape the chill of winter on Florida’s sun-drenched islands and join us for sizzling sunsets and strolls on miles of white-sand beaches. Kayak, swim, and fish the clear waters of the Gold Coast. Explore the hiking trails that intersect the remote refuge of Cayo Costa State Park and wind past our rustic cabins. These sunny islands are primitive, protected sanctuaries for endangered manatees, magnificent frigates, and playful dolphins. Leader: Patrick Nichols. Price: $995. [20192A]
Raft & Small Boat

Rush through exhilarating rapids, search for swimming holes, and take fascinating side hikes on a raft trip. Or cruise among abundant wildlife and calving glaciers in coastal Alaska.


Rafting the Wild and Free Yampa, Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado and Utah. May 24–29. The Colorado River basin’s last major free-flowing river, the Yampa roars for 72 miles through 2,500-foot canyons in Dinosaur National Monument. We’ll raft intermediate rapids and view bighorn sheep, falcons, and 800-year-old rock art on billion-year-old walls. We’ll also hike and learn about the area’s history. Beginners welcome. Leader: Kate Sender. Price: $995. [20069A]


Redrock Exploration: Rafting and Hiking in Canyonlands National Park, Utah. September 20–28. Edward Abbey dubbed Canyonlands a “weird, wonderful, magical place.” Our trip will begin with daily hikes from our base camp to strange, mushroom-shaped rocks and smooth slot canyons. We’ll then raft through the park, thrilling to big waves in Cataract Canyon and stopping for day hikes to side canyons, waterfalls, and rock art accessible only via the river. Leader: Mitch Stevens. Price: $1,495. [20262A]

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Beginner Backpacking in Colorado’s South San Juan Wilderness. September 7–12. Leader: Larry Hughes. Price: $865. [20116A]


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20s and 30s Backpacking the Kanab Creek Wilderness, Grand Canyon Area, Arizona. April 19–25. Join other young adventurers on a seven-day, 30-mile Eastern Sierra journey from the Mammoth Crest to the Silver Divide. We’ll hike the legendary John Muir Trail, visit several high country lakes including Virginia, Ram, Cotton, and McGee, and enjoy a layover day to explore or relax. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Renee Rivera. Price: $685. [20128A]

30s and 40s Hiking High: Mammoth, McGee, and the Silver Divide, John Muir Wilderness, California. July 18–25. Join other young adventurers on a seven-day, 30-mile Eastern Sierra journey from the Mammoth Crest to the Silver Divide. We’ll hike the legendary John Muir Trail, visit several high country lakes including Virginia, Ram, Cotton, and McGee, and enjoy a layover day to explore or relax. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Renee Rivera. Price: $685. [20128A]

20s and 30s Trekking on the Timberline Trail, Mt. Hood, Oregon. July 26–31. Hike one of Oregon’s natural crown jewels on this journey for backpackers in their 20s and 30s. The 40-mile Timberline Trail circles Mt. Hood while passing through wildflower-filled meadows, old-growth forests, and river valleys and running along alpine ridges. Our journey will begin at the historic Timberline Lodge and include a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, views of several snowcapped northwestern peaks, and myriad photo opportunities. (Rated: 3.) Leader: James Gifford. Price: $395. [20104A]

20s and 30s Tableland Adventure, Sequoia National Park, California. July 30–August 3. Embark on a backpack trip designed for young participants without a lot of free time, trekking to a remote backcountry granite plateau featuring alpine lakes and vistas above timberline. Anticipate strenuous on- and off-trail hikes to camps between 9,400 and 10,600 feet, with a planned layover offering free time to relax or explore. The last day will include the stunning Watchtower Trail. Our starting point is accessible by public transportation. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Nora O’Malley. Price: $545. [20131A]

20s and 30s Tableland Tramp: Hiking among the High Lakes of Sequoia National Park, California. August 13–17. This is a quick, five-day backpack on a mostly cross-country route into a fantastic backcountry basin above timberline. We’ll camp by lakes and soak in huge, top-of-the-world vistas, looking out on granite canyons below us. Anticipate strenuous hiking days with a planned layover offering free time to relax or explore. Prior backpacking experience is encouraged. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Andy Johnson. Price: $445. [20136A]

20s and 30s Five-Day Tableland Adventure, Sequoia National Park, California. July 30–August 3. Embark on a backpack trip designed for young participants without a lot of free time, trekking to a remote backcountry granite plateau featuring alpine lakes and vistas above timberline. Anticipate strenuous on- and off-trail hikes to camps between 9,400 and 10,600 feet, with a planned layover offering free time to relax or explore. The last day will include the stunning Watchtower Trail. Our starting point is accessible by public transportation. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Nora O’Malley. Price: $545. [20131A]

30s and 40s Service in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, Idaho and Montana. August 22–29. Go off the grid with fellow volunteers on this rewarding week of trail maintenance. We’ll hike to a scenic backcountry base camp and explore lakes and peaks on our day off. Leader: Erin Harrison. Cook: Laurel Bradley. Price: $595. [20321A]
30s and 40s Hilo Coast Exploration by Land and Sea, Big Island, Hawaii. September 19–26. Enjoy a variety of activities along the Big Island’s breath-taking northeastern coast. We’ll smell chocolate orchids in a botanical garden, sail a traditional canoe, assist with a service project, hike and learn about how the islands were formed in Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park, and visit one of two green-sand beaches in the world. Campsites will include a beach, an ironwood forest, and a sustainable farm nestled between mountains. Leader: Brian Anderson. Price: $1,425. [20084A]

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Preserving the Lost Coast, California. May 2–9. Experience Northern California’s legendary Lost Coast, where the wild Pacific meets the majestic King Range Wilderness. We’ll work along the shoreline as whales migrate northward and seabirds skim the waves. Leader: Paul LaQuatra. Cook: Laurel Bradley. Price: $585. [20097A]

Service in the Sky, Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. May 9–16. Help maintain trails high in the Chiricahua Mountains. Our project will take place in one of the most biologically diverse of the sky island mountain ranges and a spring-migration hot spot. Leader: Howard Kellogg. Cook: Janet Talbot. Price: $575. [20095A]

Women’s Bob Marshall Wilderness Trail Preservation, Montana. July 11–18. Enjoy forests, flowers, wildlife, and beautiful mountain views with other women as we clear trails to improve access to this spectacular wilderness, with a free day to explore our surroundings. Leader: Elaine Stebler. Price: $625. [20308A]


20s and 30s Current River Canoeing, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri. October 11–15. Join other 20- and 30-year-olds on a relaxed early-autumn canoeing and camping expedition on the paddle-friendly Current River in the Missouri Ozark National Scenic Riverways. We will spend our days hiking to historic places, paddling to crystal-clear springs, fishing a blue-ribbon trout stream, and taking in the beauty of the Ozarks in the fall. Novice paddlers considered. Leader: Cora Henry. Price: $575. [20190A]

30s and 40s Backpacking on the Escalante Route, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 11–17. Join us on an epic backpack journey through the Grand Canyon. We will descend on the Tanner Trail, follow the challenging Escalante Route along the Colorado River, travel back in time to the Inner Gorge, camp on river beaches and high canyon shelves, and ascend back to the South Rim on the Grandview Trail. We’ll also enjoy healthful, hearty meals with new friends and learn critical backcountry skills. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Merritt Draney. Price: $745. [20121A]


Unplug, Unwind, and Dig In: Trail Work in the Wind River Range. August 22–29. Go off the grid with fellow volunteers on this rewarding week of trail maintenance. We’ll hike to a scenic backcountry base camp and explore lakes and peaks on our day off. Leader: Erin Harrison. Cook: Laurel Bradley. Price: $595. [20321A]


Price: $685. [20316A]

Price: $675. [20313A]

Price: $645. [20309A]

Price: $665. [20312A]

Price: $595. [20321A]

Price: $345. [20322A]
Lodge

Combine a scenic setting with the comforts of home. Enjoy hikes, history walks, and bike rides by day and return each night to a rustic lodge for meals, showers, a hot tub, and other amenities.

Desert, Mountains, and River: Diverse Habitats of Big Bend National Park, Texas. March 1–7. Explore the three main habitats of Big Bend National Park: the Chihuahuan Desert, the Chisos Mountains, and the Rio Grande. Easy-to-moderate day hikes will lead us to panoramic desert vistas, colorful canyons, fascinating cacti, and historic hot springs. An optional side trip to a tiny Mexican village across the river from the park is also offered. Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: $2,495. [20061A]

Hoodoos and Hikes in Brilliant Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah. April 27–May 1. Marvel at spectacular redrock spires and horseshoe-shaped amphitheaters on our hiking vacation in beautiful Bryce Canyon National Park. Easy-to-moderate day hikes will lead us past enchanting rock formations, including Queen’s Garden, the Sinking Ship, the Alligator, and Thor’s Hammer. We will also visit a historic village. Accommodations and all meals will be at Bryce Canyon Lodge, a national historic landmark. Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: $1,875. [20064A]

Birding the Sky Islands of Southeast Arizona. May 2–9. Southeast Arizona offers some of the best bird watching in the United States. The sky island mountain ranges rise from the Sonoran Desert to create an unparalleled diversity of habitats. We’ll learn about flora and fauna at a variety of birding hot spots and natural history attractions and spend our evenings relaxing and enjoying great conversation in local restaurants and hotel accommodations. Leader: Teresa Rounds. Price: $2,495. [20061A]

Geologic Gems of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Utah. May 3–10. Join us for a week of easy-to-moderate hikes among the natural wonders of two iconic national parks. From our lodge base in Moab, we’ll hike to amazing rock arches, giant balanced rocks, spectacular spires and pinnacles, slickrock domes, canyon mazes, and sandstone pillars and search for high-desert wildlife and plants. Pickup from the Moab airport is also included. Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: $2,495. [20063A]

Captivating Capitol Reef National Park: A Dayhiking Adventure, Utah. May 4–8. Escape the crowds in Capitol Reef, one of Utah’s less visited but no less spectacular national parks. Easy-to-moderate day hikes will take us to spectacular rock formations, such as Waterpocket Fold, a giant “wrinkle” of golden sandstone in the desert; Hickman Bridge Arch; and Chimney Rock. Accommodations and meals will be in a nearby lodge. Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: $1,725. [20062A]

Appalachian Spring: Hiking in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia. May 10–17. Experience a week of moderately strenuous hiking in Shenandoah National Park. During our stay, we will see waterfalls; granite peaks; an explosion of wildflowers, including mountain laurel and rhododendron; and maybe a black bear or two. We’ll relax at our secluded lodge and horse farm near Old Rag Mountain. Evenings will include slide shows and discussions about park history and conservation. Leader: Richard Fite. Price: $1,595. [20060A]

Five-Day Kentucky Getaway. May 14–18. Explore the best that the Bluegrass State has to offer on our five-day multisport trip. We’ll visit downtown Lexington, stay at a historic hotel, sample the local distillery district, and tour a thoroughbred horse farm. Afterward, we’ll travel to the Red River Gorge Geological Area to dayhike and paddle this unique wilderness area, with nights in comfortable cabins. Leader: Robin Green. Price: $795. [20220A]

Four Corners Exploration for Women, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. May 15–23. Explore the enchanting Four Corners region with our band of women adventurers. We’ll raft and kayak the San Juan River, hike to Ancestral Puebloan dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park and Canyon de Chelly National Monument, wander at Native American rock art, ride horses through Monument Valley, and visit modern pueblos. We’ll combine riverside camping with comfortable lodgings and spend time in nearby galleries and museums. Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: $2,895. [20065A]

Moab Adventure for Women: Hike, Raft, and Bike in Southeast Utah. May 17–24. Spend a week with other adventurous women in Utah’s redrock wonderland. We’ll explore Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, raft the Colorado and Green Rivers, participate in a beginner’s bike ride, and cool off in...
Celebrate Biodiversity at Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Oregon. May 31–June 5. Southern Oregon’s Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is home to a spectacular variety of rare plants and animals, including one of the greatest diversities of butterfly species in the United States. We’ll learn about this ecological wonder as we hike exceptional trails through forest, woodland, grassland, wet meadow, and interior desert in the company of local naturalists. Leader: Dave Garcia. Price: $1,435. [20059A]

Lake Michigan Bike and Hike, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan. May 31–June 6. Join a moderate bike-and-hike trip exploring the rivers, lakes, and small towns in and around Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, voted “Most Beautiful Place in America” by Good Morning America viewers. We will pedal 30 to 40 miles each day through great scenery, relax at well-appointed hotels, dine at area restaurants, and take short evening hikes to inspire sunset views of Lake Michigan and the dunes. Leader: Rob White. Price: $1,825. [20180A]

Life on the Edge: Spring along Oregon’s North Coast. June 4–11. Hike a dynamic interface of land and sea along Oregon’s north coast, a world rich in wildflowers, intertidal life, nesting birds, marine mammals, and human history. Starting in Manzanita and ending in Astoria at the vast Columbia River Estuary, we will walk in ancient forests atop high bluffs, explore beaches and bays, and investigate tide pools exposed only during the minus tides. Leader: Holly Freifeld. Price: $1,995. [20221A]

Summer Day Hikes in the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington. June 18–23. Spend a week in the scenic, secluded Stehekin Valley. This alpine area is reached by traveling across beautiful Lake Chelan by ferry. Day hikes from our comfortable lodgings will range from easy to moderately strenuous and will lead us to views of glaciers, waterfalls, wildlife, and wildflowers. Midweek optional activities include fishing, kayaking, and biking. Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: $1,826. [20222A]

Boots and Brushes: Hiking and Painting in the Sierra, Tahoe National Forest, California. June 21–27. Join our artist-in-residence in a magnificent mountain setting for this weekend watercolor workshop. We’ll hike to a different location each day to capture the beauty of the mountains, wildflowers, forests, rock outcroppings, and lakes. Our cozy lodge will provide home-cooked meals and a spacious living room to relax or continue the day’s work. Leader: Anne Roberts. Price: $1,195. [20219A]

Hooray for Ouray: Colorful Day Hikes in Southwest Colorado. July 5–11. Join us for a week of challenging day hikes around the historic mountain town of Ouray, Colorado. Led by a mountain naturalist, we’ll hike to aqua-colored lakes and jagged peaks and walk the lofty Perimeter Trail, surrounded by mountains. Evenings, we’ll return to our comfortable lodge for conversation, rest, and local cuisine. A midweek visit to Telluride is also planned, and airport pickup is included. Leader: Tom Davis. Price: $1,775. [20224A]

Puffins, Whales, and Coastal Trails: Newfoundland’s East Coast Trail by Land and Sea. July 5–12. Enjoy coastal hikes in a pristine wilderness of rocky cliffs, enchanted forests, sea meadows, and secluded coves. We’ll see wildflowers and nesting seabirds on this dramatic coastline, kayak in a protected bay, take a Zodiac ride to watch whales and puffins, and tour a 175-year-old lighthouse. In St. John’s, we’ll visit historic sites, museums, pubs, and shops. Lodging will be in pleasant cottages with beautiful ocean views. Leader: Alline Anderson. Price: $2,295. [20223A]

An Active Adventure in Quebec City: History, Culture, and Bike Rides, Quebec. July 12–17. Quebec City isn’t far from the United States, but it’s a world apart in terms of history, culture, and style. Summer is the perfect time of year for active exploration of this charming, European-style city. We’ll take history walks, food tours, and easy, guided bike rides; enjoy gourmet meals; and spend five nights in private rooms in the heart of Old Quebec. Most meals are included. Leader: Linda Cooper. Price: $1,325. [20225A]

Ridges, Rivers, Rainforests, and Waves in Olympic National Park, Washington. July 12–17. Discover the remarkable diversity of Olympic National Park, a World Heritage site packed with rainforests, Pacific beaches, mountain ridges, rivers, lakes, and abundant wildlife. From our lodge on beautiful Lake Crescent, we’ll dayhike to different ecosystems, viewing glacier-clad peaks, alpine meadows, sea stacks, arches, tidepools, and more with our expert naturalist. In the evenings, we’ll be rewarded with home-cooked meals, lake vistas, and friendly conversation. Leader: Betty Connor. Price: $1,625. [20226A]

Boots and Boats in Bend: A Women’s Multisport Adventure in Central Oregon. July 12–18. Enjoy the camaraderie of other adventurous women during an active week discovering Bend and surrounding central Oregon. We’ll stand-up paddle, flatwater kayak, and raft on the Cascade Lakes and Deschutes River; hike to waterfalls, volcanic landscapes, and lava tubes; and take in the vibe of Bend on a unique cycling experience. This trip is suitable for beginners. Leader: Jennifer Moon. Price: $2,095. [20227A]

50-Plus Ramble and Scramble in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. July 18–25. Join other 50-plus-year-olds as we explore the beauty of the Rockies with a former park ranger. From the comfort of our lodge, we’ll dayhike to alpine meadows, high-country lakes, spectacular waterfalls, glaciers, and the Continental Divide. Evenings will include time for relaxing, reading, and enjoying the lodge amenities. Leader: Rob White. Price: $2,245. [20228A]

Epic Sights, Delights, and Highlights on the North Shore of Lake Superior, Minnesota. July 19–25. Discover Gitchi-Gami, “the great sea,” by foot, bike, and canoe as we explore attractions from Duluth to Grand Portage, including famous waterfalls, beaches, scenic vistas, and the iconic Split Rock Lighthouse. We’ll enjoy unforgettable views from the private balconies of our hotel, perched on a cliff on the edge of Lake Superior. The trip includes round-trip van transportation from Minneapolis. Leader: Terry DeFraties. Price: $1,445. [20229A]

Hot Springs, Cold Creeks, and Snowy Mountains in Oregon’s Cascade Range. July 19–25. Experience the incredible variety of the Cascade Range’s ecosystems on day hikes to cold creeks in the foothills, wooded lakes, rushing rivers, and vistas of snowcapped peaks from above the treeline. We’ll
sleep in tents at an off-the-grid retreat offering hot showers, vegetarian cuisine, and soaking pools fed by natural hot springs. Leader: Robert Lowe. Price: $1,945. [20230A]

**Sumner in the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington.** July 20–26. Spend a relaxed week in the scenic and secluded Stehekin Valley. We’ll reach this historically rich alpine area via a 50-mile ferry ride across Lake Chelan. Summer splendor awaits us on a variety of day hikes and during optional activities, like kayaking, horseback riding, and biking. We’ll return each day to rustic accommodations, hot showers, and hearty food. Leader: Bill Gifford. Price: $1,595. [20231A]

**Grizzlies, Glaciers, and Climate Change: Dayhiking in Glacier National Park, Montana.** July 26–August 1. With experts from the Glacier Institute, we’ll hike amid the spectacular scenery of the Crown of the Continent, learning about glaciers and climate change, the geology of the park, local flora, and grizzly bears. At day’s end, we’ll return to our rustic cabins for hot showers, warm meals, and lively conversation. Hikes will be moderate to strenuous and range from 9 to 12 miles. Leader: Mary Owens. Price: $1,575. [20232A]

**The Hills Are Alive: Music and Hiking in Bear Valley, California.** July 26–31. Join us for day hikes in the High Sierra featuring dramatic vistas, glacial lakes, volcanic rock formations, and wildflowers. We’ll walk among giant sequoia trees at Calaveras Big Trees State Park and enjoy two evening concerts at the Bear Valley Music Festival, which showcases classical, jazz, and pop performances by renowned artists from around the country. Leader: Victoria Bray-Johnson. Price: $1,375. [20233A]

**Canadian Rockies Van Venture: Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper, Alberta.** August 8–15. The Rocky Mountains achieve their most spectacular grandeur in Canada. By day, we will visit Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper, hiking mountain trails to meadows and scenic overlooks. By night, we will dine in classic restaurants and lodge in comfortable hotels. Our itinerary will also include a visit to the Athabasca Glacier. Leader: Pat Stevens. Price: $2,825. [20234A]

**Lodge Adventure in America’s Alps, North Cascades, Washington.** August 9–14. Washington’s magnificent North Cascades feature jagged peaks, glaciers, icefields, alpine meadows, lakes, rivers, and forests. On this trip, we will dayhike to ridges and passes, catch views from impressive overlooks, ramble along streams, and admire the Skagit River and its lakes. By night, we will relax at a lodge beside Diablo Lake, enjoying comfy beds and hearty meals. Leader: Charles Schmidt. Price: $1,865. [20235A]

**Sierra Sampler, Tahoe National Forest, California.** August 9–14. Sample the best of Tahoe Donner basin, natural and cultural. We’ll hike centuries-old trails, splash in an alpine lake, explore immigrant history at the Donner Memorial State Park museum, and kayak on Donner Lake. We’ll stay at the Sierra Club’s historic Clair Tappaan Lodge and enjoy hearty meals and hear a reading from Mark Twain’s 1860s experiences on Lake Tahoe. Leader: William Baurecht. Price: $995. [20236A]

**Best of the Midwest: Dayhiking on the Superior Hiking Trail, Minnesota.** August 9–15. The Superior, often hugging the ridgeline above Lake Superior along Minnesota’s North Shore, is the Midwest’s premier hiking trail. Nearly 40 miles of inspiring and challenging day hikes will be highlighted by panoramic views, pristine inland lakes, rushing rivers, cascades, and waterfalls. At our comfortable lodge, we’ll enjoy good food and nightly naturalist-led programs and activities. Leader: Susan Elsner. Price: $1,445. [20237A]

**Hot and Wild: Dayhiking Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.** August 16–22. Leave the road behind and explore the wonder of the United States’ first national park. With a naturalist accompanying us, our day hikes will include wildlife viewing, thermal activity, majestic waterfalls, petrified forests, and expansive, breathtaking vistas. At night, we’ll nestle in rustic lodging high on a mountainside with a bird’s-eye view of the Yellowstone River under a blanket of stars. Leader: Sandra Kiplinger. Price: $1,765. [20242A]

**Lodge-Based Day Hikes in the Colorado Rockies.** August 16–22. Hike among brilliant wildflowers and panoramic mountain views during a week at Snow Mountain Ranch, near Rocky Mountain National Park. Staying near the park’s west entrance, we’ll dayhike varied trails, observe elk and other wildlife, and enjoy picnic lunches by mountain streams or lakes before retiring to our cozy cabins for relaxation, home-cooked meals, and conversation. Leader: Julie Koivula. Price: $1,825. [20239A]

**Beartooth Bliss: Dayhiking Montana’s Spectacular Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.** August 23–29. Explore the spectacular glacier-carved valleys of the Beartooth Mountains on moderate-to-moderately-strenuous day hikes of 7 to 12 miles. We will hike alongside crystal-clear streams and past numerous waterfalls to picturesque alpine lakes with stunning mountain views. After dinner in the mountain town of Red Lodge, we will retire each night to cozy rooms in our streamside lodge. Leader: Mary Owens. Price: $1,625. [20240A]

**50-Plus Clamber in the Collegiate Peaks of Colorado’s Sawatch Range.** August 30–September 3. Join other 50-plus-year-olds as we explore the beauty of Colorado’s Southern Rockies with a former park ranger. From the comfort of our resort, we’ll dayhike to alpine meadows, high-country lakes, spectacular waterfalls, and the Continental Divide. Evenings will include time for reading, relaxing in hot springs, or enjoying the resort’s other amenities. Leader: Rob White. Price: $1,395. [20241A]

**Downeast Maine: Lobsters, Whales, and Wildlife.** September 11–17. Discover Downeast Maine at the northern tip of the state’s rugged coastline, an area of small fishing harbors, abundant wildlife, and unspoiled ambience. We’ll hike easy-to-moderate trails, watch for birds and whales, and enjoy fresh-caught seafood. We’ll also visit Franklin Island.

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Hike, Bike, and Kayak in Marin County, California. September 13–19. Join us for a week of activities among the tall trees, open meadows, and coastline of Marin County, just north of San Francisco. We’ll hike among redwoods in Muir Woods National Monument, bike on Angel Island, kayak estuaries in Tomales Bay State Park, and assist with service projects at Point Reyes National Seashore. At the end of each day, we’ll retire to comfortable and historic hostels for family-style meals and conversation with newfound friends and fellow travelers. Leader: Shawn Bates. Price: $1,375. [20245A]

50-Plus Day Hikes in New Mexico’s Black Range. September 19–25. Tour the onetime home of Geronimo with other 50-plus-year-olds on our lodge-based dayhiking vacation. We’ll spend our days on the trail and nights in a rustic lodge featuring wonderful meals, shared rooms, and an outdoor hot tub. We’ll also learn about late-1800s silver mining, Native-American history, and local flora and fauna with colorful characters from the local community. Leader: Susan Roebuck. Price: $1,895. [20245A]

Multisport Adventure in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio. September 19–23. Join us on a varied vacation in Ohio’s only national park. We will hike, kayak, bike, and explore the forests, ledges, caves, rock outcroppings, rolling hills, narrow ravines, wetlands, river scenery, waterfalls, and historic Towpath Trail of this hidden gem of the Midwest. Lodging will be in a historic farmhouse within the park built in the 1830s. Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: $995. [20247A]

Vancouver to Whistler: A British Columbia Adventure. September 27—October 3. Discover southern British Columbia, from a multicultural city to rugged mountains. Our trip will begin and end in Vancouver, where we’ll take in history, culture, cuisine, and other attractions. In between, we’ll head to the Whistler area for hiking and sightseeing in Garibaldi Provincial Park, a landscape of glaciated mountains, valleys, and lakes. Accommodations will be in a hotel and private riverside cottages. Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: $2,245. [20248A]

Fall Foliage Hiking in Vermont’s Green Mountain National Forest. October 4–9. Crisp weather and burnished maples beckon in picture-perfect central Vermont. Experience foliage season at its finest on daily four-to-nine-mile walks on moderate trails in Green Mountain National Forest. Learn about real maple syrup and folk crafts and enjoy gourmet meals and five nights of double accommodation at small country inns, with airport transportation included. Leader: Linda Cooper. Price: $2,175. [20251A]

Exploring the Missouri River: Its History and People, Missouri. October 10–14. Spend a short but action-packed vacation along the historic Missouri River, the longest in North America. We’ll take a morning bird walk, bike the Katy Trail, enjoy dinner on a sunset riverboat cruise, and learn from experts about the Missouria Indians and Lewis and Clark. We’ll also tour the town of Arrow Rock, a National Historic Landmark, and spend evenings in a comfortable bed-and-breakfast. Leader: Lynn Malley. Price: $795. [20252A]

Georgia O’Keeffe’s Ghost Ranch and Ancestral Puebloan Culture, New Mexico. October 18–25. Georgia O’Keeffe’s beloved Ghost Ranch will be our lodging for an exploration of the artist’s life and work and guided van tours on which we’ll learn about the Southwest’s historic Ancestral Puebloan culture. A professional archaeologist will lead hikes to petroglyphs and the remnants of an ancient civilization. We will visit Bandelier National Monument, Chaco Canyon, Canyon de Chelly, and the Ute Mountain Tribal Park. Leader: Paul Gross. Price: $2,245. [20253A]

Appalachian Autumn: Hiking in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia. November 1–8. Experience a week of moderately strenuous hiking in Shenandoah National Park. Highlights will include waterfalls, granite peaks, the peak of fall foliage color, and maybe a black bear or two. We’ll relax in a secluded 200-year-old farmhouse with stone fireplaces and a sauna near Old Rag Mountain and fill our evenings with slide shows and discussions about park history and conservation. Leader: Richard Fite. Price: $1,655. [20254A]
Family

Establish a new family tradition on these trips designed just for kids, parents, and grandparents. Hike, paddle, swim, or assist on service projects, with plenty of down time for rest and relaxation.

Family Service Down on the Farm, Pennsylvania. June 21–26. Assist with spring chores at an educational institute designed to connect people of all ages and backgrounds to agriculture through the diverse operations of a working farm. We’ll work with the animals; prep herb, vegetable, and flower gardens; and help with construction and general maintenance. We’ll also enjoy home-cooked, family-friendly meals using local farm-to-table sources. Minimum Age: 10. Leader: Marty Joyce. Price: $595 (child)/$695 (adult). [20202A]

Family Rafting, Dinosaurs, Outlaws, and Petroglyphs in Dinosaur National Monument, Utah. June 26–30. Raft intermediate rapids through the spectacular redrock canyons of Lodore, Whirlpool, and Split Mountain, where dinosaurs once thrived. We’ll hike side canyons, paddle inflatable kayaks, and search for Native American petroglyphs, fossils, and bighorn sheep. At riverside camps, we’ll relax and enjoy tasty meals. A visit to Vernal’s natural history and dinosaur museum will also be included. Minimum Age: 8. Leader: Nicole Garrett-Hoppe. Price: $925 (child)/$1,025 (adult). [20200A]

Green River Family Rafting through Desolation and Gray Canyons, Utah. July 12–17. Remote and inaccessible, Desolation Canyon made for great “outlaw country” back in the Wild West days, allowing Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and the Wild Bunch to evade the law. As we float through this vividly colored canyon, we’ll explore ruins and rock art, swim in a side-canyon stream, watch for wildlife, and build sandcastles on the beach. Organized in-camp activities for the kids will give parents a rest in the evenings. Minimum Age: 8. Leader: Patti Miller-Crowley. Price: $1,095 (child)/$1,195 (adult). [20260A]

A Multigenerational Lake Tahoe Base-Camp Adventure, California. July 13–17. Join other families as we hike, kayak, and river raft the Lake Tahoe area for five days and four nights. We’ll group camp at the lake, sharing meals, stories, and daily adventures. We’ll also learn about forests, wildlife, and environmental preservation with the Junior Ranger program and have plentiful opportunities to bond with our loved ones. Minimum Age: 6. Leader: Aurora Roberts. Price: $395 (child)/$495 (adult). [20203A]


Backpack and Base Camp for Grandparents and Grandkids, Tahoe National Forest, California. July 27–30. Join us for an easy High Sierra adventure with the grandkids. We will stay in the Sierra Club’s Clair Tappaan Lodge on the first and last nights and backpack to a mountain hut that will be our home base for three nights. We’ll spend our days climbing mountains, hiking, and swimming and playing in nearby lakes, with plenty of time to relax and explore. Minimum Age: 8. Leader: Angela White. Price: $395 (child)/$495 (adult). [20205A]
learn about the region’s colorful history, and experience conservation firsthand on the river and at a wildlife rehabilitation center. Minimum Age: 8. Leader: Jane Geddes. Price: $945 (child)/$1,045 (adult). [20201A]

**Multigenerational Teen Service in Yosemite’s Tuolumne Meadows, California. August 2–8.** Calling all teens: Bring your favorite adult(s)—parent, grandparent, sibling, or other—to the lush meadows of Yosemite National Park’s high country for family fun and rewarding service work. We’ll tackle restoration projects from our base camp in a less crowded part of this iconic park, with an optional visit to the site where John Muir was inspired to found the Sierra Club. Minimum Age: 13. Leader: Erhard Konerding. Cook: Penny Edyvean. Price: $625 (child)/$725 (adult). [20314A]

**Family Raft Adventure on the Wild and Scenic Rogue River, Oregon. August 5–9.** Clear water, exciting rapids, abundant wildlife, and lush forests make this one of the West’s premier river trips. Try an inflatable kayak, find a swimming hole, camp on sandy beaches, visit a historic ranch, and more. We’ll enjoy kid-friendly meals, learn about the region’s colorful history, and experience conservation firsthand on the river and at a wildlife rehabilitation center. Minimum Age: 7. Leader: Lisa Katzman. Price: $1,445 (child)/$1,695 (adult). [20261A]

**River of No Return: Family Rafting the Main Salmon River, Idaho. July 31–August 6.** Splash through 40 fun rapids in 80 miles on one of the most famous rivers in the West. Rafting through the epic Frank Church—River of No Return Wilderness, we’ll also enjoy hot springs, clear side streams, hikes to ancient Native-American art, and abandoned mines and homesteads. We’ll camp on broad, sandy beaches under star-filled skies and enjoy family-friendly meals. Minimum Age: 7. Leader: Jane Geddes. Price: $945 (child)/$1,045 (adult). [20317A]

**Adirondacks Family Holiday: Hike, Swim, and Paddle, New York. August 16–21.** Join us in New York’s Adirondacks for a classic family holiday based out of a comfortable mountain lodge. We’ll embark on a variety of daily activities, including hiking, mountain biking, and kayaking and canoeing on pristine lakes and streams. We’ll also visit historic Adirondack attractions, learn about conservation successes and challenges, and have the option to participate in a service project. Grandparents are welcome, too. Minimum Age: 12. Leader: Margaret Stephens. Price: $995 (child)/$1,595 (adult). [20238A]

**Family Fun in Wisconsin’s Wyalusing State Park: Bluffs, Caves, and Stars. October 9–13.** Discover the outdoors with your kids in Wyalusing State Park, a designated World Heritage site brimming with natural and Native-American history. We’ll hike bluffs overlooking the confluence of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers, canoe on Glenn Lake, and search for birds and other wildlife. In the evenings, we’ll retire to our indoor group camp to relax, stargaze, and spend quality time together. Minimum Age: 3. Leader: Sarah Margalus. Price: $345 (child)/$445 (adult). [20206A]

**Family Fun and Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California. August 9–15.** Join us in Tahoe for a week of environmental activities and maintenance projects at historic Clair Tappaan Lodge on the famed Donner Pass Road. Projects will include planting flowers around the lodge, stream-rock work, and other kid-friendly tasks. A day off will leave time for visiting the Donner Memorial State Park museum and Lake Tahoe, riding the Squaw Valley gondola, and more. Minimum Age: 10. Leader: Steven Veit. Price: $595 (child)/$695 (adult). [20201A]
Marvelous Muleshoe Ranch Service, Galiuro Mountains, Arizona. February 2–8. The San Pedro watershed, located in a remote Nature Conservancy preserve, is of critical environmental concern. We will work on wildlife habitat projects and enjoy comfortable lodging, great food, and hot springs baths. Leader: Donald Elting. Price: $895. [20435A]


Big Bend National Park, Texas: Past, Present, and Future. February 21–29. Join us for our 26th year of service in Big Bend National Park. We’ll work on exciting projects to enhance the historical and natural resources of this magnificent park. Leader: Michael Garr. Price: $495. [20439A]

Service in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California. February 22–29. Remove invasive plants to help preserve this vibrant desert ecosystem and enjoy spectacular night skies while camping at Borrego Palm Canyon. With luck, we’ll see bighorn sheep and spectacular wildflowers. Leader: Sally Loker. Cook: Didi Toaspern. Price: $475. [20440A]


Spring Celebration Service at Fort Ord National Monument, Monterey, California. March 22–28. Sweeping vivid landscapes provide rich natural diversity and are home to 35 rare species of plants and animals. We’ll work with Bureau of Land Management biologists to restore unique habitats and explore fascinating military history. Leader: Ellen Gartside. Cook: Robin Fox. Price: $495. [20444A]

Nantahala Toil and Trek, North Carolina. April 5–11. Join us for our 31st year helping build and restore trails in Nantahala National Forest. We’ll enjoy sumptuous meals and relaxing accommodations at a lodge tucked away in the lush North Carolina mountains. Leader: Rebecca Dameron. Price: $965. [20091A]

Wellfleet Wildlife Sanctuary Service with the Audubon Society, Massachusetts. April 5–11. Spend a week on beautiful, historic Cape Cod helping Mass Audubon’s Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary with ecological and restoration projects, such as bird fence installation and the creation of nesting-turtle habitats. Leader: Cheryl Oberkircher. Price: $1,095. [20090A]


Big Sur Service, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, California. April 19–25. Camp and work on trail projects in a magnificent redwood forest. We will have the opportunity to hike and explore the beautiful California coast and possibly see the majestic condor. Leader: Jim Nicholas. Cook: Laurel Bradley. Price: $645. [20300A]
Mammoth Cave National Park Service, Kentucky. April 19–25. Spring brings an incredible burst of birdsong, croaking frogs, and new growth in this unique karst geologic region. We'll help with invasive-plant removal, trail work, and research projects; tour caves during free time; and stay in a comfortable bunkhouse. **Leader:** Charles Hiatt. **Price:** $385. [20086A]

New York City Forestry Service, New York. April 19–26. Assist the New York Botanical Garden with conservation of the 50-acre urban remnant of a forest that once covered all of Manhattan. We'll attend conservation talks and sample cultural events by night. **Leader:** Kenda Peterson. **Price:** $895. [20089A]

Preserving the Lost Coast, California. May 2–9. Experience Northern California's legendary Lost Coast, where the wild Pacific meets the majestic King Range Wilderness. We'll work along the shoreline as whales migrate northward and seabirds skim the waves. **Leader:** Paul LaQuatra. **Cook:** Janet Talbot. **Price:** $575. [20095A]

Service and History at Shenandoah Valley Battlefields, Virginia. May 3–9. Help improve trails and recreate historically accurate landscapes at the site of one of the largest battles in the Shenandoah Valley. We'll also learn Civil War history and stay in a comfortable, dorm-style lodge. **Leader:** Helen Bannan-Baurecht. **Price:** $795. [20092A]

Spring Service in Arches National Park, Utah. May 3–9. Discover spectacular Arches—with coyote cooks to feed you. We'll base-camp and tackle projects including trail work and fence removal. Challenges will exist for newcomers and veterans alike. **Leader:** Mike Kobar. **Price:** $645. [20301A]

Farm Service on Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts. May 3–10. Assist with spring chores at an educational institute designed to connect people to agriculture through the diverse operations of a working farm. On our free day, we will enjoy classic beaches and tour the island. **Leader:** Marty Joyce. **Price:** $845. [20085A]

Martha’s Vineyard Service, Massachusetts. May 9–16. Work with the Nature Conservancy’s Islands Program on native-plant restoration, invasive-species removal, and other conservation projects while enjoying spring in a spectacular setting. **Leader:** Janice Birnbaum. **Price:** $995. [20087A]

Service in the Sky, Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. May 9–16. Help maintain trails high in the Chiricahua Mountains. Our project will take place in one of the most biologically diverse of the sky island mountain ranges and a spring-migration hot spot. **Leader:** Howard Kellogg. **Cook:** Janet Talbot. **Price:** $575. [20095A]

Wild Trout Research in Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico. May 17–23. The 13-mile-wide Valles Caldera is known for its high meadows, wildlife, and fish-filled streams. We'll stay in a private camp, hike to work sites, and gather data on the local trout population. **Leader:** Julie Kolvula. **Price:** $925. [20096A]

New York City Park Service, New York. May 17–24. Join us for park work in the heart of the Big Apple. We'll stay in a comfortable hostel, with most meals catered, and enjoy ethnic foods and tours of the city. Families are welcome. **Leader:** Jerry Balch. **Price:** $775. [20088A]

Service under the Stars at Historic Mt. Wilson Observatory, California. May 24–30. Assist with service projects at historic Mt. Wilson Observatory in the mountains above Los Angeles. Trail maintenance and invasive-plant removal will be rewarded with incredible stargazing using telescopes. **Leader:** Tim Wernette. **Cook:** Charlie Reimann. **Price:** $585. [20094A]

Wildlands of Monhegan Island: Jewel of the Sea, Maine. May 24–30. Monhegan boasts rugged headlands, varied hiking, sustainable lob-stering, and art galleries. We will remove invasive plants and brush, collect litter from beaches, improve trails, and enjoy picturesque scenery and relaxing evenings. **Leader:** Faye Sitzman. **Price:** $625. [20302A]

Chaco Canyon Service, New Mexico. June 6–13. Chaco Canyon is the center of the vanished Ancestral Puebloan culture and a true archaeological mystery. Join us as we assist in protecting and preserving its fragile resources. **Leader:** Karen Greif. **Price:** $645. [20303A]

American Chestnut Service and Culture, Mount Rogers Area, Virginia. June 7–13. Help protect and preserve our natural heritage in Appalachia. We'll work on trails, trees, and bags during the day and enjoy music and theater in the evening. **Leader:** Lissa Jackson. **Price:** $525. [20304A]

Protecting Island in the Sky, Canyonlands National Park, Utah. June 7–13. Take part in a week of service and discovery on this legendary mesa. We'll base-camp and assist with trail work and fence installation. Challenges will exist for newcomers and veterans alike. **Leader:** Mike Kobar. **Price:** $675. [20305A]

Long Weekend Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California. June 24–28. Join us for a long weekend of service and activities at Clair Tappaan Lodge. We'll help maintain the lodge and its natural setting, with opportunities to explore the surrounding High Sierra and Lake Tahoe region. **Leader:** Steven Veit. **Price:** $450. [20306A]

Long Weekend Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California. June 26–30. See trip 20306A, above, for details. **Leader:** Steven Veit. **Price:** $450. [20307A]

Women’s Bob Marshall Wilderness Trail Preservation, Montana. July 11–18. Enjoy forests, flowers, and research projects; tour caves during free time; and stay in a comfortable bunkhouse. **Leader:** Charles Hiatt. **Price:** $385. [20086A]

Choose Your Comfort Level: Camp or Lodge
In an effort to keep our service trips affordable as possible, most involve camping. If you’d rather rest your work-weary bones in a soft bed, try one of our lodge-based trips, marked with this symbol. Accommodations are typically rustic, such as dormitories, cabins, or research stations, and they are always shared.

ENJOYING A WELL-EARNED BREAK IN THE GRAND CANYON, ARIZONA. CREDIT: TERESA HAMILTON

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wildlife, and beautiful mountain views with other women as we clear trails to improve access to this spectacular wilderness, with a free day to explore our surroundings. Leader: Elaine Stebler. Price: $625. [20308A]

Ruby Mountains Wilderness: Trail Work and Alpine Splendor High above the Nevada Desert. July 18–25. Backpack into this wilderness gem to work on the Ruby Crest Trail and access trails. We’ll camp near a serene alpine lake, marvel at towering summits, and hike uncrowded trails. Leader: Anne Perrote. Cook: Delphine Dahan. Price: $645. [20309A]


Lake Superior Service, Isle Royale National Park, Michigan. July 24–August 1. Discover America’s least visited park while assisting with trail maintenance. We’ll work and hike among wolves, moose, and loons on this lush and remote island. Leader: Kenneth Green. Price: $945. [20310A]


Coast, Whales, Music, and Dance: Service in Plymouth, Massachusetts. August 15–22. Assist with trail work near the picturesque Massachusetts coast. We’ll enjoy whale-watching and optional visits to the Plimoth Plantation and Plymouth Rock. Lodging will be at a lakeside music-and-dance camp. Leader: Zehava Rosenberg. Price: $725. [20318A]


30s and 40s Service in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, Idaho and Montana. August 22–29. Go off the grid with fellow volunteers on this rewarding week of trail maintenance. We’ll hike to a scenic backcountry base camp and explore lakes and peaks on our day off. Leader: Erin Harrison. Cook: Laurel Bradley. Price: $595. [20321A]

Unplug, Unwind, and Dig In: Trail Work in the Idaho Panhandle. August 22–29. Ditch the technology and break a sweat while working on tough but rewarding projects in the remote Idaho Panhandle. We’ll improve trails and, on our days off, hike to lakes and mountains. Leader: Doug Pilcher. Price: $345. [20322A]


Working among Wolves: Service at the Wolf Conservation Center, New York. September 13–19. During our week at this leading wolf conservation and education facility, we will help renovate wolf enclosures, construct dens and furniture, repair fences, and install webcams. We’ll camp in yurts in a nearby 1,000-acre park. Leader: Cheryl Oberkircher. Price: $695. [20325A]
Fall Service at Bear Run Nature Reserve and Fallingwater, Pennsylvania. September 13–20. Construct trails in the Bear Run watershed, which includes the stream that flows under Frank Lloyd Wright’s masterpiece, Fallingwater. We’ll receive a private tour and enjoy whitewater thrills on our day off. Leader: Marty Joyce. Price: $495. [20333A]

Service in Magnificent Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington. September 19–26. Help preserve and enhance trails below the glacier-covered giant for which this spectacular park is named. We’ll stay at rustic Mowich Lake Campground and hike to scenic work sites nearby. Leader: John Clarkson. Cook: Anne Slaughter Perrote. Price: $695. [20327A]

Service in Spectacular Yosemite National Park, California. September 19–26. Let the beauty of this iconic natural wonder inspire you as you assist with service projects to protect and preserve it. Our itinerary will include time off to explore the amazing landscape. Leader: Erhard Konerding. Cook: Brenden McFarland. Price: $525. [20328A]

Acadia National Park Service, Maine. September 20–26. Help rehabilitate the carriage roads and trails of this rugged and diverse coastal park. On our free day, we’ll explore beautiful Mt. Desert Island. Leader: John Killeen. Price: $545. [20329A]

Service at Antietam National Battlefield, Maryland. September 20–26. Help restore historic landscapes and buildings at the site of a decisive Civil War battle. We’ll learn history from park rangers and reenactors and tour the battlefield with a professional guide. Leader: William Baurecht. Price: $855. [20330A]

Wild Trout Research in Valles Caldera, New Mexico. September 20–26. The 13-mile-wide Valles Caldera features high meadows, wildlife, and fish-filled streams. We’ll stay in clean, comfortable lodging; hike to work sites; and gather data on the local trout population. Leader: Phil Williams. Price: $795. [20331A]

Grasslands Research in Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico. September 27–October 3. The 13-mile-wide Valles Caldera is known for its high meadows, wildlife, and fish-filled streams. We’ll stay in a private camp, hike to work sites, and collect data on the biomass of the grasslands. Leader: Phil Williams. Price: $795. [20332A]


TRAIL RESTORATION AT RESURRECTION BAY, ALASKA. CREDIT: REBECCA DAMERON

More Service Trips

See the Alaska & Arctic Canada (p. 4), Hawaii & American Caribbean (p. 7), and Family (p. 34) sections for other excellent volunteer vacations.


Looking for Other Ways to Connect to the Outdoors?

Sierra Club chapters and groups offer a wide range of outdoor activities and opportunities to get involved in national, regional, and local advocacy actions. All Sierra Club Outings are guided by the Outdoors for All Theory of Change vision for a just, equitable, and sustainable future where all people benefit from a healthy, thriving planet and a direct connection to nature.

**Inspiring Connections Outdoors**

Each year, Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO) volunteers provide safe, inspiring, and fun outdoor adventures for over 14,000 participants—mostly youth from communities of color and low-income groups. Volunteer leaders work with partner organizations to engage their communities on hiking, camping, backpacking, paddling, snow, and service trips in areas near and far from their homes. ICO strives to highlight the known benefits of engaging people in the outdoors, such as increasing feelings of social connection, curiosity, self-efficacy, and life purpose. It also aims to create the next generation of environmental and social justice leaders, increase exposure to outdoor recreation, support grassroots community leadership, and build a broad platform for all people to access the outdoors. ICO is funded entirely by grants and your generous donations. To learn more, volunteer, or donate, visit sc.org/ico.

**Local Outdoors**

The Sierra Club offers over 15,000 local and mostly free trips each year led by dedicated Sierra Club volunteers. Depending on where you are, you can choose from day hikes, peak scrambles, bicycling, cross-country skiing, birdwatching, conservation-oriented walks, and forays into the natural areas of our major cities. Find trips near you at sc.org/localoutdoors.

**Military Outdoors**

The Sierra Club Military Outdoors campaign (SCMO) is working to improve the lives of veterans and their families through connections with the outdoors, and by inspiring members of the military and veteran community to become outspoken champions for environmental conservation and justice. SCMO is on track to reach 15,000 veterans and military family members with outdoor opportunities this year, engaged by a network of 300 volunteer trip leaders. Learn more at sc.org/military.

**Outdoors for All**

Outdoors for All is one of three priority initiatives of the Our Wild America campaign. Outdoors for All believes that by ensuring all people have opportunities to explore and enjoy nature, and by reducing barriers to entry, we can improve lives and inspire people to work with us to protect the environment. For more, visit sierraclub.org/outdoors-for-all.
Sierra Club Outings leaders, as you might imagine, are a well-traveled bunch. Many have led trips in multiple destinations spanning the United States and abroad, but few have focused their energy on a single area like Karen Greif has with New Mexico’s Chaco Culture National Historical Park. For over 25 years, she’s run service trips in this UNESCO World Heritage site, which preserves the remains of an Ancestral Puebloan village built nearly 1,000 years ago. “She has created an enormous impact on Chaco Canyon,” explains Al Webster, her longtime assistant leader. “The contributions of Sierra Club volunteers can be found in every corner of this isolated site.”

Karen calls Chaco Canyon her personal mecca: a place that is both restorative and inspiring. But she wasn’t always attached to this remote corner of the Southwest. Growing up on the East Coast, she didn’t experience “real mountains” until moving to California for a graduate degree in biology; while there, she learned to backpack in the Sierra Nevada. A longtime Sierra Club member, she then joined the outings program on two Southwest backpack trips that helped establish a lifelong bond with this enchanting region known for its wide-open spaces, expansive vistas, and clear, dry air. “One of my fondest memories is of my very first backpacking trip in the canyons off of Cedar Mesa in southern Utah,” Karen recalls. “Three of us played recorder trios while camped deep in a canyon, with the music echoing off the walls in a most wonderful way.”

A visit to Chaco Canyon as a service trip participant soon led to leadership training and the start of a long relationship with the park and its staff, whom Karen has come to appreciate as “deeply committed and dedicated individuals working under very challenging conditions and limited resources to preserve our wild places.” Park staff, in turn, have helped deepen her commitment to advocate for the protection of the region, which is under constant threat from oil and gas developments. “The apparent lack of appreciation for the deep Native-American history and fragile desert landscape in the name of ‘progress,’” she laments, “has made this battle frustratingly long.”

Over the years, she’s given back to the park through thousands of hours of service and made a lasting impact on her fellow volunteers. She’s inspired some participants to become Sierra Club leaders. Her enthusiasm, perseverance, and attention to detail have earned her many repeat travelers and even some lifelong friends. “Some participants on the Chaco trip come back year after year,” she says, “to share in the magic of the place and to give back to the National Park Service.”

Though her day job as a professor of biology at Pennsylvania’s Bryn Mawr College “isn’t directly transferable to the field,” Karen acknowledges, “being a scientist gives me a fascination with learning new things and sharing them with others.” For instance, she feels a special kind of joy when participants first experience the night sky in Chaco Canyon, an International Dark Sky Park with spectacular views of the Milky Way. Another life skill Karen brings to her trips is an enthusiasm for cooking, particularly Asian cuisine. “Over the years, I have found ways to translate my home recipes to camp cooking,” she proclaims enthusiastically, adding, “I aim to feed everyone very well on my trips!”

With retirement approaching in a couple years, Karen plans to move to New Mexico to begin a new chapter near the place that has inspired her for a quarter of a century. If you’re looking for some travel inspiration of your own, consider her advice: “Go somewhere and give yourself the time to truly experience it. If you rush, you might miss the best each place has to offer.” And be sure to join her this year for “Chaco Canyon Service, New Mexico” (see p. 37).
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Birds, Butterflies, and Tropical Biodiversity in Panama. January 17–25. Here’s your chance to marvel at birds, butterflies, and the many other creatures that inhabit Panama’s lowland rainforest, cloud forest, and coastal beaches. We’ll go birding on Pipeline Road, experience sunrise from the top of a rainforest canopy, walk in a cloud forest, view ant swarms, and learn about dazzling tropical butterflies and night moths. Nights will be spent enjoying delicious Panamanian meals and good company in comfortable, bird-focused eco-lodges. Leader: Barry Morenz. Price: $4,615. [20540A]

Up Close in Undiscovered Costa Rica. January 17–27. Sample Costa Rica’s least toured treasures in the Osa Peninsula's Corcovado National Park, Marino Ballena National Park, and Savegre. We’ll view wildlife with a naturalist guide on early-morning bird walks, hike through cloud forests and rainforests, and engage in a variety of outdoor activities, including kayaking, whale-watching, and river boating. Our unique lodgings will include a mountain retreat, a hand-built and fully sustainable lodge, and an eco-lodge overlooking the Pacific coast. Leader: Pat Stevens. Price: $3,535. [20545A]

Hiking the Natural Beauty of Southern Costa Rica and Northern Panama. February 2–14. Explore the trails less traveled in two ecologically friendly countries. We’ll hike through cloud forests and rainforests and over mountainous volcanic terrain to stunning vistas and cascading waterfalls. Accompanied by a naturalist guide, we’ll look for abundant wildlife and colorful wildflowers in national parks, conservation areas, and private reserves. We’ll hike up Panama’s tallest mountain for views of the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea and visit the Osa Peninsula, which National Geographic calls "the most biologically intense place on Earth." Leader: Francy Rubin. Price: $3,445. [20550A]

Raft, Kayak, Wildlife, and Waterfalls: An Active Costa Rica Adventure. March 7–15. Renowned for its diverse natural beauty, Costa Rica is the perfect setting for our active water and nature adventure. We’ll raft for two days on the famous Pacuare River, kayak Caribbean backwaters teeming with wildlife, and hike through forests to a giant waterfall near smoking Arenal Volcano, with plenty of time to rest and relax. Accommodations will be in comfortable eco-lodges and inns, and we’ll travel by air-conditioned minibus. Recent rafting or similar experience is required. Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: $3,195. [20580A]

Hummingbirds to Harps: Birding Panama’s Darién Forest. December 9–17. From bejeweled hummingbirds to majestic eagles and hundreds of tropical birds in between (nearly 1,000 to date), Panama’s remote tropical forest is a birder’s paradise. On our journey, we’ll explore two of the richest, most biodiverse areas in Central America: the Canal Zone and the Darién forest. Panama’s abundant flora will delight us as we search for sloths, bats, butterflies, slinky reptiles, and who knows what else. Nights will be spent enjoying delicious Panamanian meals and good company in comfortable eco-lodges. Leader: Pati Rouzer. Price: $3,495 (8–10)/$3,795 (7 or fewer). [20895A]

Natural Highlights of Costa Rica. December 20, 2020–January 1, 2021. Sample Costa Rica’s major ecosystems on a visit to six national parks and several private preserves. Among our adventures, we will explore secluded waterfalls, search for wildlife by boat along a jungle river, snorkel in the ocean, view the forest canopy by skywalk, and bathe in hot springs. We will look for monkeys, coatis, crocodiles, iguanas, the famous quetzal, and a host of other wildlife. Accommodations will be in clean, comfortable lodges and hotels. Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: $3,895. [21510A]

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Discover the Wild Heart of Patagonia, Chile and Argentina. February 24–March 10. Experience the snowcapped peaks, stunning waterfalls, and sapphire-blue lakes of the breathtaking Andes range in two fascinating countries. We’ll witness nature at its most dazzling on day hikes featuring volcanic peaks, massive glaciers, and a myriad of plant life. Wild and windswept vistas, guanacos and rheas, gaucha culture, and wonderful cuisine await us on this extraordinary journey. Leader: Angela White. Price: $6,415. [20570A]

Machu Picchu Eco-lodge Trek, Peru. April 13–24. Forgo the crowded Inca Trail and strike out instead along a less traveled route through the Cordillera de Vilcabamba. After five days of challenging hikes past snow-mantled 20,000-foot peaks—and five nights in comfortable eco-lodges—our journey will culminate in a full day at the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu. A guided tour of Cuzco, Peru’s ancient capital, will also be included. The small group size (maximum 11) and sumptuous, remote lodges make this an intimate and comfortable trek. The trip will begin and end in Cuzco. Leader: Francy Rubin. Price: $5,075. [20595A]

The Enchanted Galápagos Islands, Ecuador. May 5–17. Discover the unique ecosystems of the Galápagos Islands on this active, land-based adventure. Our itinerary will include snorkeling among marine life, hiking through blue-footed-booby rookeries, and strolling among multitudes of birds. We will also search mountain pastures of the massif area. Our itinerary will also include visits to the islands and stroll among multitudes of birds, sea lions, and other animals in this unique living laboratory that inspired Darwin. Leader: Barbara Kamm. Price: $6,595. [20875A]

Jungles of Peru: Birds and Wildlife. September 16–25. Embark on a rare expedition in the southern jungles of Peru, among the most diverse and fascinating areas on the planet. After a brief stay in Lima, we’ll spend seven days along the Madre de Dios River, the largest tributary to the Amazon. From our comfortable lodges, we’ll explore forests by foot and riverboat, looking for toucans, trogons, howler monkeys, hummingbirds, river otters, and other denizens of this biodiversity hot spot. Leader: Kevin Breen. Price: $4,855. [20830A]

Pure Peru: Machu Picchu and the Qhapaq Ñan. September 16–30. Indulge in the adventure of a lifetime as we follow the footsteps of the Incas to places rarely visited by adventurers. After an inspiring visit to Machu Picchu, we’ll travel to the Cordillera Blanca to mount an expedition on a pristine portion of the Qhapaq Ñan, also known as the Main Andean Road, one of the preindustrial world’s true engineering marvels. We’ll be part of the first U.S.-based group to walk this remote and rugged swath of Peru’s northern Andes. Leader: Tom Brown. Price: $5,975 (10–12)/$6,575 (9 or fewer). [20825A]

Galápagos Islands and Machu Picchu: The Best of Ecuador and Peru. October 20–November 1. Imagine combining two trips of a lifetime—the enchanting Galápagos Islands and mystical Machu Picchu—into one unforgettable adventure. In Ecuador, we’ll stroll among giant tortoises, iguanas, sea lions, a multitude of birds, and many other creatures in the living laboratory that inspired Darwin. We’ll then fly to Peru to tour the Sacred Valley, visit Pisac Market, and explore the lost city of Machu Picchu, a World Heritage site and an archaeological treasure. Leader: Barbara Kamm. Price: $6,595. [20875A]

Machu Picchu and the Amazon Jungle, Peru. October 29–November 10. Explore Peru’s crown jewels from the mountains to the rainforest. In the Andes, we’ll visit the spectacular ruins of Machu Picchu, the most famous symbol of the Inca Empire, and travel through the Sacred Valley to several other Inca sites. In the Amazon’s Tamshiyacu Tahuayo region, which biologists refer to as the “green paradise,” we’ll search for mammals, primates, birds, and other exceptional wildlife. Evenings will be in comfortable hotels and a jungle lodge serving fresh local cuisine. Leader: Rudy Scheffer. Price: $3,725 (12–15)/$4,075 (11 or fewer). [20880A]

Trekking the Patagonia Circuit, Argentina and Chile. November 17–30. Discover culture and cuisine in two countries while enjoying dramatic vistas and spectacular hiking in the vast Patagonian Andes. In Chile, we will trek the “W” in spectacular Torres del Paine National Park. In Argentina, we will explore the major highlights of Los Glaciares National Park, including the Perito Moreno Glacier and the famous Fitz Roy massif area. Our itinerary will also include visits to an estancia (ranch) and a glacier museum. Hikes can accommodate various fitness levels and interests. Leader: Lee Thomas. Price: $5,295. [20885A]

The Enchanted Galápagos Islands and Colonial Quito, Ecuador. December 21, 2020–January 2, 2021. Imagine walking among tortoises and iguanas so fearless you have to step over them. Accompanied by a naturalist guide, we’ll visit the islands and stroll among multitudes of birds, sea lions, and other animals in this unique living laboratory that inspired Darwin. In mainland Ecuador, we’ll visit Guayaquil, a cloud forest for two nights, and historic Quito (a World Heritage site). Lodging will be in cozy, land-based hotels. Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: $5,575. [21515A]
Exploring North Holland by Bike and Barge. April 15–25. Cycle through the quaint towns and former fishing villages of North Holland during the height of the tulip blooming season. Beginning in Amsterdam, we’ll spend three days exploring canals and world-renowned museums, then embark on a circular route from the east to the west coast. After daily jaunts cycling and exploring the countryside with a multilingual guide, we’ll return to our exclusive barge, which offers twin rooms, en suite restrooms, and daily meals. Leader: John Blaustein. Price: $4,245. [20600A]

Jewels of Croatia: Forests, Rivers, and Islands. May 4–17. Discover Europe’s most diverse outdoor destination on this active trip. Starting in Zagreb, our journey will take us south toward the coast of Dalmatia. We will hike in dense forests; bike through leafy national parks; raft, kayak, and swim in pristine rivers; and discover history and culture in ancient towns. Our adventure will end with a sailing cruise among the idyllic coves and fishing villages of the Elafiti Islands, with ample opportunities to swim, snorkel, bike, and hike. Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: $4,996. [20605A]

England’s Coast-to-Coast Walk: From the Irish Sea to the North Sea. May 8–21. Embark on a grand cross-country walking tour through three of England’s most beautiful national parks: the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales, and the North York Moors. Our moderate-to-strenuous day hikes will take us to Grassmere, Keld, and Robin Hood’s Bay while a minivan transports our luggage to comfortable bed-and-breakfasts. Local British friends will share daytime walks and evening talks in colorful pubs. Leader: Steve Welter. Price: $4,045. [20615A]

Lake District Ramble, England. May 12–20. Pack your camera and binoculars for a walking journey among the fells and glittering lakes of northwestern England. As we ramble this historic landscape, we’ll picnic near becks spanned by old stone bridges and visit tiny cafés to discuss the famous writers drawn to the region. We’ll also admire ancient scenery from hilltops, cruise on lake steamers, and visit the famous Castlerigg stone circle. This trip is for moderate-to-experienced hikers. Leader: Marti Greason. Price: $3,275. [20625A]

From the Sea to the Mountains: Hiking across Northern Greece. May 12–23. Explore the wilder side of Greece, from an idyllic island to the rugged mountains and steep canyons of the mainland. Our trip will begin on the enchanting island of Corfu, where we’ll hike, swim, and relax on magnificent beaches. We’ll then head to little-known Vikos-Aoos National Park on the mainland to discover its varied trails and hidden gorges. Finally, we’ll hike to the monasteries atop the cliffs of Meteora and on the slopes of Mt. Olympus. Leader: Angela White. Price: $3,275. [20630A]

Vienna to Prague: Walking the Czech Greenways, Austria and Czech Republic. May 14–27. Explore four World Heritage sites and two UNESCO biosphere reserves while hiking along a system of medieval trade routes. We’ll start in the great cultural center of Vienna and end in magical Prague. Our walks will take us across the southern Czech areas of Moravia and Bohemia, where we’ll discover fairy-tale castles, old town squares, and the World Heritage sites of Telc and Cesky Krumlov. We’ll enjoy moderate hiking with bus support and spend our nights in quaint village inns. Leader: Tom Brown. Price: $5,425. [20645A]

Hiking the Franciscan Trail, Umbria, Italy. May 16–28. Following the path of Saint Francis, patron saint of the environment, we’ll hike through forests and wildflowers and past ancient mills, Etruscan tombs, Roman roads, springs, vineyards, and olive orchards. Hiking three to six miles daily, we’ll visit remote abbeys, monasteries, hill towns, and churches with priceless art. A contessa, a priest, and locals will be our guides. We will visit Cortona of Under the Tuscan Sun fame, enjoy local cuisine, and stay in a country inn. Leader: Carol Marty. Price: $4,595. [20640A]

Treasures of Sicily and the Aeolian Islands, Italy. May 18–29. Sicily, the largest of the Mediterranean islands, offers diverse art, archaeology, architecture, cuisine, and nature. We will explore the fascinating cultural abundance resulting from centuries of occupation by Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, and Normans. On the Aeolian Islands, we’ll hike along stunning coastlines and through mountain forests and climb a volcano. We will be accompanied by local experts who will help us understand Sicily’s unique mix of cultures and landscapes. Leader: Jenny Roberts. Price: $4,775. [20655A]

Hidden Trails of Cinque Terre and the Italian Riviera, France and Italy. May 19–30. Extending north from the famed Cinque Terre (Five Lands) to the border of France, the magnificent Italian Riviera abounds with World Heritage sites and nature reserves. We’ll hike lesser-known trails, enjoy stunning vistas of the crystal-blue sea, and visit charming little towns that have retained their ancient beauty and cultural traditions. Highlights will include Portovenere, Monterosso, Riomaggiore, Portofino, Camogli, Sestri Levante, Noli, and Varigotti in Italy and Menton and Gorbio in France. Leader: Pat Stevens. Price: $4,625. [20670A]

Mountains, Lochs, and Glens: The West Highland Way, Scotland. May 25–June 4. Join us as we walk the entire 96 miles, from Glasgow to Fort William, of Scotland’s oldest, most famous footpath. We’ll journey along Loch Lomond’s picturesque shore, to lowland hill country, and into the central Highlands. Luggage will be delivered to our hotel or guesthouse each night. We’ll visit the Isle of Skye and Armadale Castle as well as Eilean Donan Castle in Kyle of Lochalsh. This is a moderate-to-strenuous trip for experienced hikers. Leader: Nancy Mathison. Price: $3,525. [20675A]

Traversing the Spanish Pyrenees. May 29–June 11. Visit the best of the southern Pyrenees, one of Europe’s grandest mountain ranges, as we travel from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea. Starting in artsy Bilbao in the Basque Country and ending in cosmopolitan Barcelona, the capital of the Catalonia region, we will hike through canyons, up mountains, beside ancient volcanoes, and along pristine rivers. Evenings will be spent in small hotels and a castle in charming villages along the way. Leader: Lee Thomas. Price: $6,495. [20680A]
In Search of the Polar Bear in the Land of the Midnight Sun, Norway. June 12–19. Experience unparalleled scenery and wildlife viewing on a cruise through Norway’s Svalbard archipelago. From our comfortable and spacious vessel, we’ll view enormous colonies of seabirds, seals, and walrus hauled out on ice floes; observe the thrilling antics of whales; and search for the Arctic’s iconic polar bears. Onboard scientists and naturalists will discuss natural history and environmental impacts, and we’ll enjoy a variety of optional activities, including Zodiac side trips, snowshoeing, and hiking. Leader: Aurora Roberts. Price: $6,875. [20690A]

The Mediterranean Wonders of Sardinia and Corsica, France and Italy. June 13–24. Discover two of the most magnificent islands in the Mediterranean. Our trip will take us to Sardinia’s unforgettable Cala Luna (Moon Bay), where we will swim in fluorescent blue water and discover picturesque sea caves on a boat excursion. Later, on Corsica, we’ll hike breathtaking landscapes both in the rugged interior and along the rocky coastline and view the world from high above on the cliffs of Bonifacio. Throughout our journey, we will sample local cuisine and stay in charming small hotels and an agriturismo. Leader: Carol Marty. Price: $4,895. [20695A]

Poets and Pilgrims: A Literary Walking Tour of Ireland. June 14–24. Experience Ireland through the eyes of four of its master storytellers. We’ll walk the streets of James Joyce’s Dublin, sail to John M. Synge’s remote Aran Islands, hike Hazel Woods to Yeats’s “Lake Isle of Innisfree,” and explore Patrick Kavanagh’s rural County Monaghan. A literary guide will accompany us on our pilgrimage across the Emerald Isle as we combine sightseeing and hiking for a remarkable cultural adventure. Leader: Kathie Fowler. Price: $4,325. [20700A]

Hiking through Time along Hadrian’s Wall, England. June 15–29. Experience life as a Roman centurion while hiking the 84-mile path of Hadrian’s Wall. Built in A.D. 122 by Emperor Hadrian, the wall once crossed northern England from coast to coast. Beginning in metropolitan Newcastle, we’ll walk through rolling hills and farmland into the rugged interior, visiting fort ruins, archaeological digs, castles, and museums. Our journey will end in the wetland sanctuary of Bowness-on-Solway. Lodging will be in comfortable and spacious hotels. Leader: Ted Lenzie. Price: $2,695. [20760A]

Eiger and Jungfrau Up Close, Switzerland. June 20–July 6. The Eiger’s imposing North Wall and the massive Jungfrau are two of the most iconic features in the Bernese Alps. We’ll visit them and other dramatic scenery on our daily hikes. Along the way, we’ll stop to admire cows in high pastures, glorious wildflowers, and shimmering waterfalls and to sample cheese and chocolate. We’ll stay in cozy hotels; eat healthful, hearty meals; and supplement our hiking with gondola lifts and trains, including the famous Jungfrau cog railway. Leader: Steven Veit. Price: $4,095. [20755A]

Walking the Witches Trail from Inn to Inn, Harz Mountains, Germany. June 30–July 10. In the heart of Germany lie the Harz Mountains, a region rich in folklore and diverse geologic features. We’ll enjoy easy-to-moderate hikes along the Witches Trail as it winds through valleys, moors, and meadows, with stops at UNESCO sites and in medieval towns. We’ll also walk in the footsteps of Goethe; explore the fabled Brocken, believed to be a traditional meeting place of witches; and ride a narrow-gauge railway through deep ravines. Our journey will conclude in the historic city of Leipzig. Leader: Erhard Konerding. Price: $2,925. [20750A]


Day Hikes in the Dolomites: Treasures of South Tyrol, Italy. July 13–19. The Dolomites are among the most dramatic mountains on Earth. Though not as big as the nearby Alps, they are even more striking in their color and the way their pale, craggy peaks rise abruptly from the surrounding meadows. This comfortable, hotel-based trip will feature daily hikes on easy-to-moderate trails through these stunning mountains. For a longer and more adventurous experience, pair this trip with “Hiking the Dolomites: Hut to Hut in South Tyrol, Italy” (see trip 20765A, p. 46, for details.) Leader: Steve Welter. Price: $2,325. [20755A]

Dolomiti di Brenta: Hut to Hut in the Trentino Alps, Italy. July 13–21. West of Italy’s Brenner valley lies the Brenta Dolomites, the most dramatic and rugged area of the Dolomite range. Our hut-to-hut adventure will bring us through the heart of their towering spires, which at sunset take on the spectacular colors of fire. We may spot chamois, eagles, grouse, and even bears, and we’ll spend most evenings at mountain huts enjoying the local atmosphere, tasty food, and the company of travelers from around the world. Leader: Ted Lenzie. Price: $2,695. [20760A]
Hiking the Dolomites: Hut to Hut in South Tyrol, Italy. July 20–26. The Dolomites are among the most dramatic mountains on Earth. Though not as big as the nearby Alps, they are even more striking in their color and the way their pale, craggy peaks rise abruptly from the surrounding meadows. This hut-to-hut hiking adventure on moderate-to-moderate-plus trails will take us into the heart of these rugged mountains. Expansive views, fascinating culture, and delightful cuisine await us on our journey. Leader: Steve Welter. Price: $2,295. [20765A]

Volcanic Vacation: Hut-to-Hut Trekking in Iceland. July 20–31. Trek an otherworldly volcanic landscape where few have gone before. Our route will take us from Landmannahellir through the Reykjadalur geothermal valley to Landmannalaugar, then up into the highlands and down to the southern coast. We’ll encounter a wide range of landscapes, including multicolored volcanic mountains, black-sand deserts, glaciers, volcanic rifts, and craters, with the chance to discover new lava fields and craters from the 2010 eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano. Leader: Daniel Pettit. Price: $4,865. [20770A]

Advanced Trekking and Via Ferrata in the Dolomites, Italy. July 25–August 2. Combine trekking and via ferrata (a protected climbing route using steel cables) on this exceptional journey in Italy’s legendary Dolomites. Under the guidance of certified local mountain guides, we will navigate the world-famous Via delle Bocchette and spend five days trekking, with walks up two dramatic peaks. Each night will be spent in a well-appointed mountain refugio or our base hotel. No climbing experience is necessary to enjoy this rare adventure. Leader: Mike Abbott. Price: $3,325. [20775A]

Stone Age to New Age: Sacred Sites and Mysticism in Ireland. August 2–14. Join this special tour of Ireland’s sacred sites dating back to the Stone Age. Our journey through the Irish countryside will lead us from Limerick to Dublin. We’ll travel by minibus and foot, with an emphasis on easy walks at a leisurely pace, and stay in comfortable accommodations. Along the way, we’ll learn about myths and legends as we meditate and participate in rituals that connect our hearts and spirits to this ancient land. Leader: Aurora Roberts. Price: $4,445. [20780A]

Exploring Norway’s Fjords and Glaciers. August 3–13. Our adventure will begin in the historic city of Bergen, gateway to the fjords, with an introduction to Norse history and culture. We will travel by ferry up the Sognefjord to the artists’ community of Balestrand, where we will begin our hikes through valleys, over passes, and past waterfalls and glaciers, before a train ride and a tour of cosmopolitan Oslo. We’ll enjoy dramatic scenery, excellent cuisine, and delightful accommodations in hotels and a traditional farmhouse with full amenities. Leader: Pritpal “Pepi” Kochhar. Price: $4,445. [20785A]


Hut to Hut in the Picos de Europa, Northern Spain. September 1–12. The dramatic Picos de Europa are the perfect landscape for our hut-to-hut hiking journey. Along our route, we’ll visit the three iconic massifs, explore deep gorges and high peaks, and discover abundant natural and cultural history. We’ll also observe the unique coexistence of wildlife, traditional farming, and protected areas that are open to the public. In the evenings, we’ll enjoy spectacular sunsets and mingle with other international travelers in small inns and high mountain huts. Leader: Nancy Mathison. Price: $3,845 (11–14)/$4,145 (10 or fewer). [20795A]

Exploring the French and Italian Alps: Mont Blanc and Gran Paradiso National Park. September 3–14. Join us on a hiking journey to two of the most classic destinations in the Alps. Beginning in France, we will explore the awe-inspiring Mont Blanc massif from the charming town of Chamonix. Later, as we cross the Alps from France to Italy, we’ll tour Gran Paradiso National Park and visit the quaint Val d’Ayas. Our itinerary will also include plentiful opportunities to experience local culture and cuisine. Leader: Shlomo Waser. Price: $4,945. [20805A]


Adventures in the Scottish Highlands. September 6–16. Experience Scotland’s historical and cultural highlights, with walks among scenic mountains, lochs, beaches, forests, and glens. We’ll begin by exploring the fairy-tale setting of Edinburgh’s medieval old town, then follow the shores of famous Loch Lomond into the heart of the Highlands. We’ll visit Glencoe, the mystical Loch Ness, the Isle of Skye, a world-famous whisky distillery, and a few of the country’s cornucopia of castles. Leader: Pritpal “Pepi” Kochhar. Price: $3,995. [20800A]

Hiking the Peaks and Valleys of the Dolomites, Italy. September 7–18. The surreal pale peaks of the Dolomites rise dramatically from rolling green valleys dotted with small villages. We will travel to a different trailhead each day and hike through scenic mountain settings, spending our nights in picturesque villages. Lodging will be in small, family-run hotels (and, one night, a mountain refuge), where we will sample local cuisine and wines and experience the Italian, Tyrolean, and Ladin cultures. We’ll also visit Ötzi the “Ice Man” and a World War I outdoor museum. Leader: Daniel Pettit. Price: $3,775. [20815A]

Portugal Traverse: Hiking through History from the Mountains to the Sea. September 20–October 4. Our traverse from Porto to Lisbon will explore Portugal’s historical and natural landscapes, including cork oak montado forest, granitic mountains, and dramatic coastline. We’ll immerse ourselves in the culture and livelihoods of the Portuguese people and discover what attracted Iberians, Phoenicians, Romans, Muslims, and Christians to this land as we visit rural villages, hilltop castles, terraced vineyards, the Douro Valley, monasteries, ancient ruins, and a sustainable farm. Our itinerary involves moderate hiking on hilly terrain. Leader: Laura Bonds-Johnson. Price: $6,025 (12–15)/$6,735 (11 or fewer). [20840A]

Hiking the Greek Islands. September 21–October 4. Join an Aegean adventure exploring the unique character, culture, and historic sites of the Cyclades Islands. Climb Mt. Zas, the highest peak in the islands; marvel at the Temple of Apollo; swim in crystal-clear waters; and absorb the wonderful ambience of the water fronts. We will island-hop across the cerulean Aegean Sea by fast boat and ferry, then return to magnificent Athens to discover the magic and mystery of the ancient Acropolis and Parthenon. Accommodations will be in locally run hotels. Leader: Aurora Roberts. Price: $4,325. [20845A]

Naples to Brindisi: Secrets of Southern Italy. September 27–October 8. Discover Italy’s deep south, a prime destination for vacationing Italians, known for its stunning landscapes and delicious food. Our tour of the Mezzogiorno will take us to Campania, Basilicata, and Puglia, where we’ll walk along Europe’s most picturesque coast, the Amalfi, and speak with locals about their farming methods and vineyards. We’ll also cruise to Capri for views of the Bay of Naples, tour the baroque architecture of Lecce, visit Greek ruins and two World Heritage sites, and swim along the white-sand beaches of the Adriatic. Leader: Pritpal “Pepi” Kochhar. Price: $4,495. [20850A]
Hike, Bike, and Kayak in Vietnam. December 18, 2019–January 1, 2020. Experience the magic of Vietnam on our multisport adventure in this diverse land. Our journey will begin in the bustling Hanoi Old Quarter and end with two nights on a beautiful yacht in Ha Long Bay, where we’ll kayak to secluded caves and floating fish farms. Along the way, we’ll hike and bike to waterfalls, caves, rice paddies, and remote villages. We’ll also dine on local delicacies, experience a fish pedicure, and learn about the endangered langur. Leader: Francy Rubin. Price: $3,075. [20525A]

Wildlife and Timelessness: Mythical Travels in South India. January 8–24. Excite your senses in South India with visits to wildlife sanctuaries, four national parks, the Western Ghats mountain range, Indian Ocean shores, and cities and hamlets. On foot and by jeep and boat, we’ll search for wild tigers and endangered wildlife, visit sacred temples, meet with environmental activists, learn about ancient mysticism, and indulge in cultural delights. Accommodations will be in comfortable eco-lodges and hotels and on a houseboat. Leader: Pritpal “Pepi” Kochhar. Price: $5,175. [20530A]

Treasures, Tigers, and the Taj Mahal, India. February 17–March 2. Focused on culture and wildlife, our journey will take us by rail and bus to two incredible national parks, where we’ll have a chance of seeing wild tigers, exotic birds, and possibly all of the big game animals of the Indian subcontinent. We will explore the beguiling treasures of this ancient land, including New and “Old” Delhi, many World Heritage ancient temples and monuments, and of course, the magnificent Taj Mahal. Leader: Rudy Scheffer. Price: $4,795. [20565A]

Vietnam Adventure. March 7–22. Join us on an exploration of southern, central, and northern Vietnam, visiting many of the most beautiful, important, and interesting natural and cultural sites from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi. We’ll hike in two national parks, snorkel in Nha Trang Bay, and kayak on Ha Long Bay (all physical activities are optional). We’ll also stay overnight in a traditional village; experience Vietnamese culture through music, dance, and water-puppetry performances; and enjoy exquisite cuisine. Leader: Barbara Kamm. Price: $3,145. [20585A]

Upper Dolpo Trek, Nepal. May 9–June 14. At the southern edge of the Tibetan Plateau lies wild and open Dolpo—the most remote and sparsely populated region in Nepal. This is an extraordinary 31-day trek. After crossing the Toudje La (18,250 feet) beyond Dhaulagiri, we will descend into a world of snow leopards, yak caravans, blue sheep, and medieval villages and their monasteries, including Yangser, Samling, Shy (Crystal Mountain), and Ringmo, on the shores of unearthly Phoksundo Lake. Leader: Cheryl Parkins. Price: $7,335. [20620A]

Hiking Japan’s Ancient Buddhist Trails, Rainforests, and Volcanoes, Kyushu. May 12–25. Embark on a cultural journey in historic Japan. We will hike among active volcanoes and on ancient Buddhist trails on Kyushu Island and explore the remote mountainous areas of the Kunisaki Peninsula, visiting secluded temples with stunning views. Evenings, we’ll soak in hot thermal springs at small inns and dine on fresh local cuisine. We will also visit Yakushima island, a World Heritage site, for two nights and Himeshima island for another night. Leader: Todd Duncan. Price: $6,695. [20650A]

Cultural Adventures in Ethnic Southwest China. May 12–26. Discover the customs and lifestyles of China’s ethnic-minority people, including the Gejia, the Miao, the Zhuang, the Naxi, and the Dong, on this rich cultural journey in Guizhou and Yunnan provinces. We will explore tradition-steeped villages, dine with local families, attend a village opera and folk performances, converse with a monk, visit a tea plantation, view awe-inspiring scenery, and so much more. Accommodations will be in hotels and an inn. Leader: Becky Wong. Price: $4,895 (12–15)/$5,295 (11 or fewer). [20635A]

Jewels of Northern Vietnam and Cambodia. September 20–October 3. Join us on an extraordinary journey in northern Vietnam and Cambodia featuring two World Heritage sites, ancient temples and pagodas, water-puppet shows, and exquisite cuisine. In Vietnam, we’ll hike in two national parks; spend two days on a yacht while exploring, swimming, and kayaking Ha Long Bay; and stay overnight in a traditional village and experience local culture through music and dance. In Cambodia, we will tour the temples of Angkor Wat, bicycle through villages, and visit a floating community. All physical activities are optional. Leader: Rudy Scheffer. Price: $3,025. [20835A]

Scenic China: Mountains, Villages, and Classical Gardens. October 8–20. Away from China’s megacities are places of extraordinary beauty and culture, which we’ll discover on our journey in south-central China. We’ll stay atop Huangshan, China’s most sacred mountain; admire the peaks and pinnacles of Wulingyuan, featured in the movie Avatar; enjoy a cable car ride to admire the views of spectacular Tianmen Mountain National Forest Park; and visit several traditional villages for a glimpse of “old China” and to meet some of the area’s minority people. For a more complete experience, pair this trip with “Scenic China: Xian and Beijing” (see trip 20870A, p. 48, for details.) Leader: Kathie Fowler. Price: $4,046. [20855A]

Beyond Manaslu: A Himalayan Journey, Nepal. October 12–November 1. Trek beyond Manaslu (26,781 feet), the world’s eighth-highest mountain, located in one of Nepal’s less toured regions. Closed to trekkers until 1991, much of our trek will follow an ancient salt-trading route, crossing the high pass of Larkey La at 16,752 feet. With experienced guides showing us the way and porters carrying all but our daypacks, we’ll enjoy unsurpassed views of towering peaks and spend evenings in simple trekking lodges along the way. Leader: Steven Veit. Price: $3,975. [20860A]
**AFRICA**

**Kilimanjaro and Safari, Tanzania.** January 18–February 2. See the snows of Kilimanjaro before they’re gone and reach the highest point in Africa on this nontechnical climb. Our journey will take us from lush grasslands to cloud forest, moorland, and finally, the tundra zone. Eight days on the remote Lemosho Route will ensure maximum acclimation and the greatest chance of success. Afterward, we’ll celebrate our accomplishment on a five-day safari featuring big game animals, showy birds, and mischievous baboons. Excellent condition is required for this strenuous trek. Leader: Melinda Goodwater. Price: $9,325. [20510A]

**Gorillas, Chimpanzees, and More in Uganda and Rwanda.** February 4–20. With only 900 mountain gorillas left in the wild, the privilege of observing them at close range is a rare and humbling experience. We’ll spend four days on challenging hikes to view these gorillas as well as playful chimpanzees, and we’ll visit national parks for lion tracking, boat safaris, jungle walks, and game drives. We’ll observe up to 13 species of primates and 1,000 species of birds as well as hippos, elephants, Cape buffalo, and Ugandan kob; explore the friendly local culture; and stay in comfortable, scenic lodges. Leader: Melinda Goodwater. Price: $9,325. [20555A]

**Botswana and Zimbabwe: A Living Eden.** June 4–16. Botswana still feels like the Africa of old: vast savannas with free-ranging herds of graceful antelope, all the big cats, giraffes, hyenas, 500 species of spectacular birds, and more. With plenty of time to observe and photograph, we will move with our comfortable mobile camp from the premier game territories of the Okavango Delta to arid Savuti to the Chobe National Park waterfront, with its large elephant herds. In Zimbabwe, we’ll hike at world-famous Victoria Falls. Leader: Marti Greason. Price: $9,245. [20685A]

**Tanzania Safari and Zanzibar Beaches.** June 19–29. Witness the incredible abundance of wildlife in Tanzania’s Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater on this classic safari. Accompanied by local guides, we’ll see lions, elephants, giraffes, cheetahs, leopards, zebras, rhinoceroses, monkeys, flamingos, and hundreds of other species. We’ll also view Mt. Kilimanjaro, visit a Maasai village and Olduvai Gorge, and enjoy fresh meals in our private luxury camp and lodges. Our adventure will end on Zanzibar, where we’ll visit a spice farm, stroll along its beaches, and snorkel in the warm Indian Ocean. Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: $7,695. [20720A]

**Magical Morocco: From Casbahs to Camels.** September 5–19. Explore Morocco as we visit the imperial cities of Casablanca, Rabat, and Meknes and the medieval cities of Fez and Marrakech, with their bustling souks. We’ll roam into deep mountain gorges, explore Berber villages, and trek in the Atlas Mountains. We’ll also journey by camel to a tented camp deep in the pink sands of the Sahara. Accommodations will include hotels, lodges, and a luxury desert tent. Leader: Carol Marty. Price: $4,575. [20810A]

**MIDDLE EAST**

**Natural and Historical Highlights of Israel.** March 10–23. Discover unique history and incredible biodiversity on a comprehensive journey through this enduring land. Traveling from the verdant north, where the Jordan River starts, to the southern desert, we’ll visit history-rich cities, like Jerusalem and Jaffa (the oldest port town in the world), as well as the famous Dead and Red Seas. Our travels will also include hikes in nature reserves, sea snorkeling, birdwatching, and evenings in hotels and on a kibbutz. Leader: Shlomo Waser. Price: $4,795. [20590A]
Chuck Montange is telling a story that has the couple beside him in stitches. He’s sitting on the steps of a crowded bus after summiting Mt. Etna near the coast of Sicily. His wife and partner in adventure, Dr. Kathy Patterson, is nearby—no doubt impressing another climber with her knowledge of geology and tales of her career as a pediatric pathologist. They’ve been abroad nearly 70 times now, an accumulation of decades of travel ever since their four kids got old enough to attend summer camps.

As Sierra Club Outings participants, Chuck and Kathy have made a lasting impression on countless travelers. “Their curiosity about the world and zest for life contributed immensely to the positive group dynamics we all experienced. They’re true citizens of the world, avidly interested in the cultures they visit and giving back when appropriate,” says trip leader Kathie Fowler. “Kathy has donated a lot of her medical expertise in surgical pathology in developing countries. Chuck loves delving into the history of the places they visit, and he is a wonderful storyteller, with clear reverence for cultures whose footsteps he travels in.”

Chuck and Kathy grew up on farms in northwestern Iowa, where being close to the land sowed the seeds for their deep archaeological interest in agriculture and helped them understand how human activity affects the planet’s ecology. The two met in high school, and they stayed connected as college led them down different paths. For Chuck, that path was a career in law, and for Kathy, a career in medicine.

As an attorney, Chuck helped found Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and served as its first pro bono general counsel. He has helped convert nearly 2,000 miles of rails into trails in more than half the states in the nation. Kathy spent much of her career volunteering abroad and working at children’s hospitals in Washington, D.C., and Seattle while serving on university medical faculties and teaching pediatric pathology on three continents. Outside of law and medicine, Kathy and Chuck are avid bicyclists, having completed multiple bike rides across Iowa as well as through France, Portugal, and Slovenia. Kathy bike-commuted to Seattle Children’s Hospital for 26 years roughly 10 miles each way. Chuck holds a sixth dan in aikido and has black belts across Iowa as well as through France, Portugal, and Slovenia. Kathy bike-commuted to Seattle Children’s Hospital for 26 years roughly 10 miles each way. Chuck holds a sixth dan in aikido and has black belts

Together, they summited the iconic peaks of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and Mt. Whitney in California. “One of the most beautiful scenes I have ever witnessed is a full moon just over the top of the Kilimanjaro crater,” Chuck says. “And one of our more unique experiences was meeting K’Dunk, a rather raggedy looking marmot begging for food in the rocks atop Whitney. I doubt that many people can tell you the name of a guy who, for a time, was the highest rodent in the continental United States.”

There’s no shortage of entertaining stories with Kathy and Chuck, who share a passion not only for exploring our planet but for articulating what is so magnificent about it. Someday, you, too, may find yourself in their company, enjoying tales of work, travel, environmentalism, or their pet parrot, Nutmeg. You certainly won’t be asking, “Are we there yet?”

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Our trips are open to all Sierra Club members. Membership is required for all trip participants 18 years or older. Typically, a person under 18 years of age may join an outing only if accompanied by a parent or designated guardian and with the consent of the trip leader. In addition, each trip participant must sign a liability waiver prior to trip departure.

How to Register for a Trip
We accept reservations on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Phone: You can register by using a Visa or MasterCard and calling 415.977.5522. Please have the trip number, your credit card information, and your membership number handy.
- Online: You can register on the Web by using our secure and easy online reservation form at sierraclub.org/outings.
- U.S. Mail: Send your completed reservation form to the address listed on the bottom of the reservation form (see opposite page).
- Fax: You can fax your completed reservation form to 415.977.5795. You must include your credit card information on the fax.

Deposit
Every trip requires a deposit for each individual on the trip (including children). The amount of the deposit varies with the trip price:

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All deposits and payments are in U.S. dollars. If you make your reservation less than 90 days before the trip starts, the full trip fee is due when you register. If you cancel from a trip, we may charge you a cancellation fee. Please read the Cancellation Chart shown at right.

Payments
If you pay your deposit by check or money order, you need to send final payment by the dates indicated in your confirmation packet.

International trips require an additional interim payment of $300 per person six months before the trip start date. The billing methods are the same as above.

Full payment is due 90 days prior to the trip start date. If you pay your deposit by credit card, we’ll automatically charge that credit card for the final payment 90 days before the trip starts.

Confirmation
When a space is available on a trip and you pay your trip deposit, we reserve a confirmed spot for you and mail a confirmation packet or email with confirmation details to the primary applicant in the party. You have a 14-day grace period from your sign-up date to cancel or transfer your reservation free of charge, unless the trip starts within 30 days, in which case there is no grace period.

Waitlist
If there isn’t space available when you register, we place you on a waitlist and your deposit holds your space there. Your deposit is fully refundable if you need to cancel from a waitlist.

Approval Process
All trip reservations are subject to approval by the trip leader. Further details about this process are included in your confirmation packet or email. Please note: All payments are due at the times indicated, regardless of whether or not you’ve been approved by the trip leader.

International Trip Tier-Pricing
Some international trips are tier-priced, meaning that a trip’s price is dependent on the number of participants. Final billing is based on the sign-up level at 90 days prior to the trip start date. If, between final billing and trip start dates, the sign-up level goes up sufficiently to qualify for the low-tier price, we’ll apply the lower price and will process refunds on the trip start date for any differences in amounts paid. Once we lower a trip price, we will not increase it, even if sign-up levels drop.

Transportation
Our trip prices do not include travel to and from a trip’s starting point. Travel to and from the starting point is your responsibility.

Cancellations And Refunds
You must notify us directly if you need to cancel from a trip. Contact Sierra Club Outings weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., PST, at 415.977.5522. The amount of your refund is determined by the date that you notify Sierra Club Outings of your cancellation. Trip leaders have no authority to grant or promise refunds.

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Travel Insurance
We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance (including medical and evacuation insurance) to cover costs of cancellation fees, airfare, and other nonrefundable expenses in the event that you cancel from or are injured on a trip. Your confirmation packet or email contains information on travel insurance. We cannot advise on the policies and coverage; please contact the company directly.

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You will NOT pay cancellation fees if:

- You cancel from a confirmed position within 14 days of when we receive your reservation. This grace period does not apply if your trip start date is within 30 days of when we receive your reservation.
- You are not approved by a trip leader after he/she has received your approval forms.
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