



# Troop 583 Los Padres Backpack

## North Fork Sespe Creek



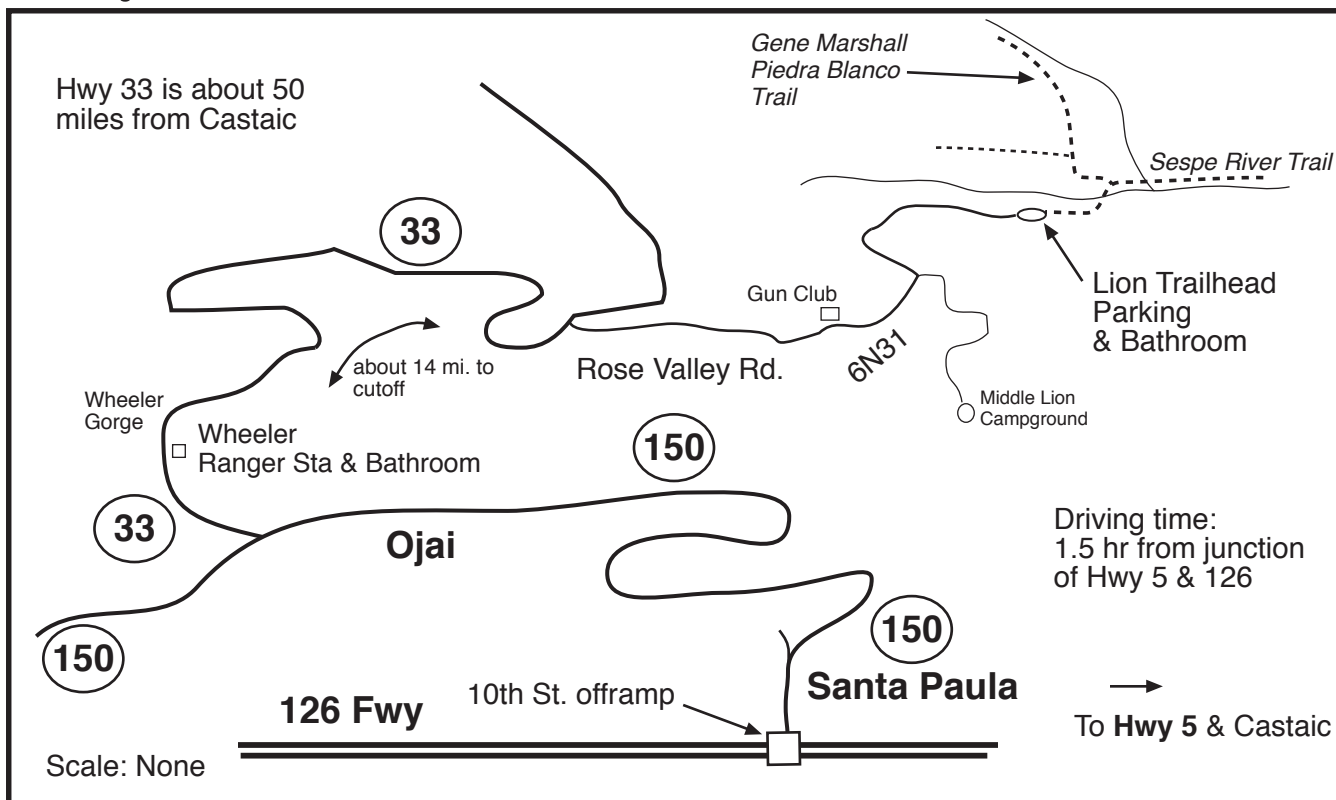
- Date: Saturday & Sunday, April 10 & 11, 2010
- Meet: At Lion Trailhead, **8:45** a.m. Saturday
- Return: To scouts home about 3 p.m. Sunday
- Dress: Class B uniform
- Meals: Menu planning and cooking by Scouts. Bring propane stoves.
- The hike: 2.5 mi. to camping area. Gain/loss: approx. 500 ft. Trail is moderate in difficulty. Two sets of switchbacks, not lengthy, but steep. Two stream crossings.
- Water: Pump from creek. Filter
- Toilets: None. Bring T.P. and hand shovel. The troop will provide “carry out buckets”
- Trash: Each person needs to bring a small bag to carry out their own trash.

North Fork Sespe Creek is in the Los Padres Nat'l Forest. It is a primitive, wooded canyon with chaparral on the adjoining hillsides. The hike will be on the Piedra Blanca Trail; camping at the Piedra Blanca trail camp. The trail crosses the Piedra Blanca or white rocks, a monolithic formation of large, smooth rocks. To hone camping skills, Scouts should prepare their own food and tents, as the adult campsite will be separate. Rain cancels trip.

### Forest Service Adventure parking passes required.

Scouts bring your orange cards, if your parent(s) are not attending.

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Scouts are advised to do some pre-conditioning for these hikes. 2-3 weeks prior, walk 3 times a week, including some uphill walking. In these walks, road test your backpack, also. Do these walks in accordance to Hiking Chapter 8, in the Boy Scout handbook. Consult your parents or guardian first. Walk with a buddy or family member.