

Sutter Buttes: Rare Hike into Ancient Volcano

Sutter Buttes, about 65 miles north of Sacramento, are the remnants of a volcano that last erupted more than a million years ago. Over that time erosion has worn it down, and the Buttes are now a unique feature of the Central Valley--the only isolated mountain in otherwise vast, flat farmlands.



Access to the privately-owned Sutter Buttes is limited to hikes led by local organizations that have agreements with the land owners. **Troop 57 together with Venture Crew 57 will hike into the heart of this volcano on Saturday, May 21.** We'll be led by Daniel Barth of the Yuba Historical Society. While trekking to the 1,750-foot destination, hikers will view fascinating rock formations looming over the ridge like Easter Island statues. While on top, you'll get an up-close perspective of all the peaks in the Buttes as well as the Great Central Valley dominating the horizon. If there is a north wind, hikers will be treated to a glimpse of Mt.

Diablo to the south, Mt. Shasta to the north, Mt. Saint Helena and Konociti on the western horizon and the Crystal Range surrounding Lake Tahoe to the east.

The seven-hour excursion includes talks on topics such as Sutter Butte geology, the mountain's unique biology, and stories of the Maidu and Wintun Indians, who view the mountain as a sacred landform. Participants will also be treated one of the best displays of wildflowers in years. Unusual for T57 hikes, this hike will be largely overland, with scant trails, and some clambering over boulders.

Be one of the very few people each year who visit this isolated land!

We will assemble at Scout House at 7:00 AM and return about 10 – 11 PM. Bring layered clothing appropriate for hot but variable weather conditions. *There is no water on the Buttes!* Bring **THREE liters of water** together with your own lunch & trail snacks and your ten essentials. *All participants must wear hiking boots* – no tennis shoes, running shoes, etc.

Sign up for the Sutter Buttes hike today!

- **Cost: \$45.** Write your check to Troop 57 and deliver it to the trip coordinator. You are not confirmed for this outing until the Trip Coordinator has your check in hand. Your check reserves your place on the outing.
- **Sign-up deadline: 5 PM Saturday, May 7.**
- **Limit:** 30 participants (scouts and ASMs).
- **Participants:** This outing is open to Troop 57 and Venture Crew 57 scouts and ASMs.



Scout Lead: TBD

Trip Coordinator: Lynn Carey, zcareys@sbcglobal.net , (650) 322-0748

Lead ASM: Lawrence Markosian, predicategcalculus@gmail.com , (650) 248-6059s

Sutter Buttes Outing Summary

- Date: Saturday, May 21, 2011
- Assembly place and time: Scout House, meet at 7 AM
- Return time: 10 – 11 PM
- Cost: \$45 per person (ASMs and Scouts)
 - Check made out to Troop 57
 - Deliver check to Trip Coordinator, Lynn Carey (see contact info below)
- Sign-up deadline: 5 PM Saturday, May 7
- Participants: Troop 57 Scouts, Venture Crew 57 Scouts, ASMs
- Participation limited to 30 total
- Elevation gain: approx. 1700 ft
- Required items:
 - THREE liters of water per person
 - Hiking shoes
 - Sack lunch
 - Snacks for drive up and back, and on the trail
 - Personal first aid kit
 - 10 essentials kit
 - Brim hat
 - Sunscreen
 - Insect repellent
 - Plan for hot weather but be prepared for variable conditions (bring light jackets, windbreakers)
 - \$20 cash for dinner on return drive
- Contact information
 - **Trip Coordinator:** Lynn Carey, zcareys@sbcglobal.net , (650) 322-0748
 - **Scout Lead:** TBD
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