

**Palm Springs: Palm Canyon Resort March 3-4, 2012
Hikes: Indian Canyons – Andreas/Murray Canyon Hike and
Araby Trail**

Optional Saturday Night “Comfort Camping” Palm Springs Style

Date: March 3-4, 2012

Time: 9:30 am

Please RSVP to Robert Roxbury when signing up. Indicate **hikes only** or **hikes and 1 night stay**.

Hiking Summary – March 3rd and 4th

1. Saturday Hike – March 3rd – Indian Canyons (Andreas & Murray): 9:30 am meet at parking lot for Andreas Canyon. Map available at entrance – Park Admission is \$9.00 per person (not included in event fee). Hiking details below.
2. Sunday Hike – March 4th – Araby Trail: 10:00 am – No entrance fees. Hiking details below.

Optional “Comfort Camping” at the Palm Canyon Resort Saturday, March 3rd. Saturday Night: Check-in time 4:00 pm, checkout on Sunday at 10:00 am.

Space is limited so book early. (\$55.00 per Great Outdoors Member – Nonrefundable – Payment due 2/27/12). Fee is transferrable if you find someone to take your place.

What’s included:

- 1 night stay in a 2 bedroom apartment with a full kitchen. See Resort details below.
- Wine and cheese reception after the Saturday hike. If you have a different drink preference, please bring your own.
- Saturday night dinner.
- Continental breakfast on Sunday.
- We will provide peanut butter, jelly & bread if you wish to make a sandwich for the Sunday hike. Bring your own lunch and snacks for the Saturday hike.

Palm Canyon Resort – Directions & Info

2800 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264 Phone: (760) 866-1800. Directions: from downtown Palm Springs, go south on S Palm Canyon Drive about 3.5 miles. www.thepalmcanyonresort.com/about/

Surrounded by tropical landscaping and a serene atmosphere, Palm Canyon Resort of Palm Springs features a dramatic rock formation with cascading waterfalls around a 1.5-acre swimming pool and sun deck. Explore lush grottos, an in-cave whirlpool spa, and spectacular water slides.

Resort Amenities: In-cave Whirlpool Spa, Patio Dining, Poolside Bar,

Fitness Center, Air-Conditioned Indoor Basketball and Volleyball Courts, Dry Sauna & Spa Center.

We will be staying in 2 bedroom villas with full kitchen, living room and patio. The 2-bedroom villas will each sleep six (2 queen sized beds and a sleeper sofa).

Saturday March 3rd – 9:30 am Hike Details: Andreas Canyon & Murray Canyon:

Directions/Address: 38500 S Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs 92264, (760) 416-7044. From Downtown, go south on S Palm Canyon Drive, past E Ramon Rd about 3.6 miles. After entering the Indian Canyons, take the road on the right to Andreas Canyon Road. Park in the parking lot. We will meet there. Website: <http://indian-canyons.com/>

Andreas Canyon Trail

Length: About 2 miles round trip

A favorite scenic trail leads through the canyon, passing groves of stately skirted palms, unusual rock formations and the perennial Andreas Creek, where one can still see the bedrock mortars and metates used by the Native Americans centuries ago for preparing food. This tranquil setting is excellent for photography, bird watching or a picnic at one of the tables along the trail. The Andreas Canyon Trail takes the hiker up the right side of the canyon, following a stream that wanders through groves of California fan palms. The canyon is a stark contrast to the usual desert-hiking trail due to the abundant vegetation that grows along the stream. We will return on the side of the canyon. The left side of the canyon gives the hiker a view of the canyon from above. We will connect to the Murray Trail and continue our hike.

Murray Canyon Trail – Length 6 miles

The Murray Canyon trail is a moderately difficult hike that gives the hiker more of a challenge than Andreas Canyon. It will take you further and higher into the San Jacinto mountains than the Andreas Canyon Trail, and it is abundant in California fan palms and other desert vegetation which makes it a nice change from so many of the other Palm Springs area hikes. The trail wanders through the canyon and along the stream for a lot of the journey, so use caution as the rocks can be very slippery. During the winter you can see the gorgeous snowcapped Murray Canyon.

Sunday, March 4th – 10:00 am Hike Details: Araby Trail

Directions/Address: We will meet at the trail head near Rimcrest/Southridge Road and East Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA

Araby Trail – Length 6 miles – Elevation gain 1000 feet

This hike climbs above the magnificent homes of Bob Hope and Steve McQueen. Past the homes you are treated to spectacular views of Palm Springs and the surrounding Mt San Gorgonio and Mt San Jacinto. We will climb to the top of the ridge, have lunch and continue down back to the parking area.

What to Bring: Good hiking boots/shoes, snacks, plenty of water, hat/cap and sunscreen. Hiking poles may be useful to assist in the stream crossings.

Itinerary

Saturday, March 3rd:

9:30 am	Hike
4:00 pm	Resort Check-in
6:00 pm	Wine and cheese reception or bring your own favorite drink
7:00 pm	Dinner

Saturday, March 4th:

8:00 am	Continental Breakfast with coffee. Make PB&J sandwiches for hike, if you wish.
9:30 am	Clean up and check out of hotel.
10 am	Hike

Trip Leaders:

Menard Jaramillo at (323-804-4700) or via email menard3@yahoo.com

Robert Roxbury at (805-279-9450) or via email R3rguy@aol.com

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Registration Form - For Overnight Stay Only (not necessary if
only doing hikes)

FEE

Applicant	Fee
Member	\$55
Non-member*	\$80 *Includes a 1 year GO-LA membership

Do you need a ride? Y _ N
 Can you offer a ride? Y _ N
 I am carpooling with: _____

Name (please print) _____

G.O Member # _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____

Email (will be kept confidential): _____

Emergency contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____

Grp/Policy # _____
 (Individual travel and accident insurance is available from your local travel agent)

Physician: _____

Physician's Phone: _____

Health Problems/allergies: It is the responsibility of participants to carry on their person a record of significant allergies, medications and medical history in the event of a medical emergency.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY, MEDICAL RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT

I am aware that my participation in this GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. trip may include potentially hazardous activities, and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with the knowledge and understanding that I will use my best judgment to avoid injury to others and myself. I agree to follow the directions of the trip leader and abide by the rules of the facility I am using. I hereby release GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. including its officers, trail or trip leaders, agents or other persons working with GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. from any liability for injuries, physical or mental, which I may suffer by reason of participation in these activities. I recognize in waiving this liability that I assume sole responsibility for my actions and cannot blame any injuries or losses on any other persons connected with GREAT OUTDOORS Inc.

I hereby agree to assume full financial responsibility for any bills incurred by me for medical treatment as a result of my participation this GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. activity. In the event that I am unable to consent to medical care, I hereby authorize the trip leader to consent to emergency medical treatment for me, including hospitalizations and surgery, as may be determined under the circumstances.

Sign by the X _____ Date: _____

Send registration and check (payable to Great Outdoors) to:
Robert Roxbury, 2738 Goldfield Place, Simi Valley, CA 93063

Trip leader's use:

Date: _____
 Check #: _____
 Amt: _____