

Catalina Hike, 26 Oct 2005 - Richard Braun

Transportation: Catalina Express. Please go to their web site: www.CatalinaExpress.com to find all the details on fares, directions to the dock, parking, luggage, cancellation, etc. You will not see the schedules for 26 Oct. yet. I talked to them and the only schedule for us is out of San Pedro at 8:50 a.m. going and coming back at 5:15 p.m. The trip takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Fares are \$44 for seniors but I was told to look in the newspaper and on their web site for discount coupons.

Please make your reservations early, I do not think they will sell out, but you never know. Be at the dock at least 15 minutes before departure, otherwise they will cancel your reservation but still charge your credit card.

I suggest we all meet at the dock in Avalon by about 10:15 to start our hike to Lone Tree Point. Start up Catalina to Tremont, jog right and left to Avalon Canyon Road and proceed to Hermit Gulch Campground. Take the Hermit Gulch Trail to Divide Road (Cookie Time). At this point we can go on to Lone Tree point, but Ron Forbess told me that on previous hikes nobody found it, so it's totally optional (about 1 1/2 miles roundtrip). Turn left (south) on Divide Road to Memorial Road. Follow it to Wrigley Memorial and the Botanical Gardens. Good place for Lunch. Maybe we can visit one or the other, or both. Then we return the same way we came. This hike is about 6 miles and 1500 feet elevation gain/loss according to the book Afoot and Afield in Los Angeles County, so don't blame me if its not so!

The traditional peanut fight at the wooden Indian will conclude our visit before returning on the Catalina Express.