

Third Annual "Dam to Dam"

The third annual "Dam to Dam in Hot Springs Village" will be held on Thursday, April 26. As in the past, this event is a joint venture with HSV Basecamp. Basecamp has already put information up on the POA website, so I wanted our members to have the same info the public does. We will use the same format as last year. Hike from Balboa Dam to DeSoto Dam, where Basecamp boats will pick us up for a boatride to Waypoint for the picnic. One other important change this year is that you must pre-purchase your lunch. This makes better planning for Waypoint to feed us, and it eliminates handling cash on the day of hike. See details in the hike flash below.

Thursday, April 26, 2018

(Rain Date: Tues, May 1)

Dam-to-Dam in Hot Springs Village (10 miles, Easy to Moderate)

Hike Leader: Jim Gifford hike.arkansas@gmail.com 922-1680

"Dam-to-Dam in Hot Springs Village" is a joint venture between OMH and HSV Base Camp. We offer an optional cookout after the hike, with burgers and beverages (beer/wine available). The hike will end on DeSoto Dam, where BaseCamp boats will pick us up for a boat ride to Waypoint Marina where the cookout will take place.

Important Note: This a logistically complicated event with food included, so we must have a good head count. You must sign up for this hike **no later than 5 pm, Monday (4/23)**. If you want to eat, you **must** purchase meal ticket ahead of time as described below.

Carpool: Hot Springs - DeSoto Park (Hwy 7 N) **8:30 am** (ride share: **\$2**)

I will meet non-villagers at **Balboa Gate** for entry into village

Meet at: Balboa Beach trailhead (HSV) **9:00 am**

Directions: HSV Balboa Gate is on hwy 5, about half way between the Hwy 7 turn and the East Gate. This is a card gate, so I will have to meet you there to get you into Village. We will use this gate because it is only about ½ mile from the trailhead.

Hike Description: We will hike across Balboa Spillway and proceed down Balboa Trail to Hernando Trail. We will hike the full length (8.5 miles) of Hernando Trail to DeSoto Spillway Trail and proceed to the top of the dam, where the boats will be waiting for us.

Although ten miles in length, this is mostly easy walking on well-maintained trails, but it is still ten miles from start to finish and has several pretty good hills.

If you can't (or don't want to) hike ten miles, you can still participate. You can join us at Waypoint for the cookout only. You can do a portion of the hike and drop out at Grove Park (about 5 miles; provide your own shuttle.). You could do your own hike from Waypoint (self-led) and then join us for the cookout. From Waypoint to Callella Rd and back is 1.2 miles from Waypoint to Calella and around the full DeSoto Multi-purpose Trail loop and back is 4.5 miles

Waypoint cookout. Basecamp will provide burgers grilled on site. There are three choices (turkey, beef, and veggie). Make your selection when you register for the hike. Lunch includes sides, fruit, cookies, and soft drinks. Beer and wine will be available for purchase at Waypoint (*added cost*).

Cost/ Lunch (non-alcoholic beverages):

\$ 7 HSV property owners

\$ 9 non-HSV owners

Beer/wine will be available for purchase.

IMPORTANT: If you want to participate in the boat ride and cookout, you must purchase tickets ahead of time from the POA website. To do this:

Go to: <http://hsvpoa.org/event-tickets/>

Scroll down until you see a selection for “event calendar”

On the calendar, go to April 26, select “HSV Dam to Dam hike”

Make your menu selection and number of lunches. **Note:** Because of the price difference, Villagers and non-villagers are listed as separate selections.

Follow the instructions to check out. You will need a credit card.

Shuttle Plan. After the cookout, we will provide shuttle bus service back to the starting point at Balboa Beach.

2:30 bus leaves Waypoint for Balboa

3:00 bus leaves Waypoint for Balboa

It is anticipated that the bus will carry the majority of participants.

If you want to stay on your own schedule, or linger at Waypoint, you can either make your own shuttle arrangements or leave a car at Waypoint in the morning. If leaving a car at Waypoint, I **recommend you leave Waypoint no later than 8:30**

When you check in for the hike, let me know:

- If you plan to hike the ten miles or meet us after for cookout
- If you are a non-villager and need access to HSV
- If you want lunch? If so, you **MUST** purchase your meal ticket ahead of time, as described above
- Will you use shuttle bus back to Balboa after cookout? Or have you made your own arrangements?

Rain Date: Tues, May 1

Your lunch tickets will be good on this date if we get rained out on Thursday.