

Geysers, Gardens, Goblins and Grand Staircases - Day-Hiking Some National Parks and Monuments in the Western US

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In the fall of 2011, David Denning and Deborah Miller ventured south on a whirl-wind tour of the Western States, in their green VW Eurovan. This presentation is an illustrated account of some of the spectacular day hiking they experienced, at several of the over 20 different National Parks and National Monuments they visited. In this park-packed part of the world, extraordinary and colourful geological features as well as fascinating Native American ruins from the Ancient Puebloan and more modern groups can be explored by easy or relatively easy trails. The talk includes some very basic geology which helps to understand why so many spectacular features are concentrated on the Colorado Plateau.

David Denning is a science educator and photographer/naturalist who is fascinated by both oceans and mountains. He and partner, Deborah Miller, have been enjoying some adventurous explorations of nature, both local and more distant, often with other Island adventurers. Their recent SW trip follows a couple years after a rafting trip down the Colorado River, so this show will have a short section comparing the views from above and below.