

## OTP &amp; OTHERS

## MT. LOWE TRAIL CAMP

The hike for May 2, 1990 will be Eaton Saddle via Mt. Lowe East Trail to Mt. Lowe.

## Trip data:

Distance: 6 miles, round trip  
Elevation gain: 700 feet loss and gain  
Effort: Moderate

Drive up the Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) 14 miles from La Canada to Red Box. Turn right on the Mt. Wilson Road 2-1/2 miles to Eaton Saddle. The saddle is unmarked on maps but easy to find; it is the first spot past Red Box where the highway touches the top of the ridge and you can look south.

Walk past the locked gate and follow the Mt. Lowe fire road to Markham Saddle between Mts. Markham and Lowe. Continue on the trail through a shady oak forest around the east shoulder of Mt. Lowe, then down around the south slope via switchbacks to a badly eroded firebreak. The trail crosses the firebreak and continues zigzagging down to the Mt. Lowe fire road. Follow it south 100 yards to a junction with the Inspiration Point spur road, then right about 300 yards to Mt. Lowe Trail Camp. Here, under oak and spruce, there are tables, stoves, rest rooms and a spring fed drinking fountain. The stone foundation adjacent to the camp is all that remains of old Mt. Lowe Tavern, once the scene of much merrymaking.

To return, retrace your steps up to the Inspiration Point junction. Go left and follow the road northwest around Mt. Lowe's long west ridge, the east back across Markham Saddle and San Gabriel Peak's white cliffs to Eaton Saddle.

We will start the hike at 9:30 AM.

## Recommended Maps:

Los Angeles County and Vicinity: Automobile Club  
Angeles National Forest: U S Forest Service  
Mt. Wilson: 7.5 minute Topographic