

## OTP &amp; OTHERS

## The Tunnels to Nowhere

The hike for Sunday the 26th of January will be to the abandoned highway tunnels on a road that was never completed. We will hike on a dirt road high up above the Narrows of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River, and as we proceed we will have views overlooking the river. About 1.7 miles up the trail we will reach the first tunnel, about 400 yards long. Another tunnel, about 250 yards long, lies beyond. With a bit of luck we may even see a bighorn sheep or two on the mountain slope across the river. I don't expect any river crossings on this trip.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you get a \$3.00 weekend parking permit for each vehicle, I believe that the fine for parking in the canyon on weekends without a permit is \$35.00. The permit can be obtained after 8:00 AM at the information station at the entrance to the canyon. Before 8:00 AM permits can be obtained at the liquor store at the intersection of Azusa Avenue and Sierra Madre Avenue.

From the 210 Freeway, in Azusa, turn north on, Azusa Avenue, SR-39. Azusa Avenue becomes San Gabriel Canyon Road at the north side of Azusa. Follow San Gabriel Canyon Road up the canyon, past the two dams. Above the second reservoir turn right on the East Fork Road. Proceed 3.39 miles to Shoemaker Canyon Road on your left. Turn left up Shoemaker Canyon Road and continue about 1.8 miles. Park off the road near the locked gate or in the large parking area nearby.

## Trip data:

Distance:	5.5 miles, round trip
Elevation gain:	900 feet
Effort:	Easy

We will start the hike at 9:30 AM.

## Recommended Maps:

San Gabriel Valley Area:	Automobile Club
Angeles National Forest:	U S Forest Service
Glendora, Crystal Lake:	7.5 minute Topographic