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### Pacific Crest Trail near Mount Pacifico

Date: 10/31/12

Leader: Norm Maclean

Distance: 5.6 miles one way

Elevation: 1700 ft (gain or drop)

Attire: Costumes Optional (it is Halloween)

This will be a loop trip along the Pacific Crest Trail to the base of Mt. Pacifico, an optional climb of Mt. Pacifico, and a return along the Pacifico Mountain Road to the starting point.

#### Driving:

Proceed north on Highway 2 (Angeles Crest Hwy) from La Canada/210 Freeway to the Clear Creek junction. Turn left onto the Angeles Forest Hwy and drive to the Mill Creek Summit (elev 4910). At the summit, you turn right and drive 0.3 miles past the ranger station and some buildings to the parking lot, and the start of the hike (elev 5000). This is also where the hike survivors will be having refreshments at the end of the hike. Bring your parking passes.

#### The Main Loop Hike:

From the parking lot, hike 5.6 miles along the Pacific Crest Trail to a saddle at the base of Mt. Pacifico. At this point you can see the dirt road which will be used for the return hike. The ambitious hikers may climb Pacifico and eat lunch at the summit campground. The return is along the roads. From the saddle, hike southwest a short distance, and at the first junction bear left, at the second junction bear left, and at the third junction turn right onto the Pacifico Mountain Road. It is about 4 miles along this road to the starting parking lot. Be sure to bear right after 2 miles at the junction of the Roundtop Road, and bear right again when you near the ranger station.

#### Optional Shorter Hikes.

We did the main hike eight years ago in 2004, and since we are older, some of us may want to do a shorter hike. We will split into two groups, the "UPPIES" and the "DOWNIES", each group hiking 5.6 miles, either up or down. The group going down will drive a car(s) to the upper saddle, start hiking down, exchange keys with the group going up, and continue to the snack point. The group going up will drive down from the saddle to the starting point.