

Eaton Saddle to Inspiration & Panorama Points

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Trailhead direction: From the 210 freeway in La Canada/Flintridge turn north on SR2, Angeles Crest Highway. Drive to Red Box at Highway Paddle 38.38. Turn right on Mount Wilson Road 2.3 miles to unsigned Eaton Saddle and Park there.

Hike description: From Eaton Saddle make gentle climb on the fire road to unsigned Markham Saddle. Then take the Mount Lowe East Trail and make a gentle climb to East-West Trail Junction and make a right hand “U” turn and continue climbing on the West Trail till you reach the top of Mount Lowe. If you don’t want to go any further you may want to return the way you came.

From the top of Mount Lowe we descent a little bit till you come to a “Y” and take the left hand branch and continue descending on the West Trail. This descent is pretty steep. Eventually, you reach the fire road and make a left turn. As you go down the gently descending fire road you will notice two trails marked Mount Lowe East Trail. It branches into two trails near the bottom so when you go back, take the one you come across first.

Shortly thereafter, you come to a “Y” of the fire road. Take the left branch. After a short gentle climb you reach Inspiration Point where there is a shelter and a great lunch spot. If you don’t want to go any further, take the East Trail back which is a pretty steep uphill climb (about 1000 ft). When you reach East-West junction be sure to stay on the East Trail (right hand side branch going down).

From Inspiration Point continue on the level fire road till it comes to an abrupt end (Panorama Point). This is the end of the hike. Return the same way as mentioned in the previous paragraph.

Main hike is about 6.4 miles, with an elevation change of 1150 ft.