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## Red Box to Valley Forge

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From the I-210, take the Angeles Crest Highway, SE-2 north. Drive 14 miles to Red Box parking lot.

The main hike goes East on the Gabrielino trail along the West Fork of the San Gabriel river.

This hike starts from the parking lot going down the stairs or by going down the side road. (Behind the Out House)

After approximately 2.3 miles and a drop of 1100 ft. we reach a turn off on the left to Valley Forge campground. Have Lunch and return.

Or--- for those who hold Masters certificates in Hiking and energy to spare--- you can continue on the Gabrielino trail another 1.5 miles past the campground trail intersection until you reach the rattlesnake trail turn off on the right.--- now its uphill, ( 2100 ft.) to Mt Wilson.

It's mostly shady and an additional 3.2 miles. If you take this option you will have to arrange a shuttle before start time in the a.m. and take 2 cars up to Mt. Wilson--- park one car and return to Red Box in the other. This way there will be one car waiting for you when you get to the rattlesnake trail top. Should you choose to walk down Mt. Wilson Road? It will add 5 more miles to your super hike.

Another option, if you can arrange a car shuttle, is to hike down to Switzer's. It is mostly downhill but rugged.

For more info check hike # 864 on the CD from Jim Carlin

On Line Info

<http://www.summitpost.org/red-box/246212>