

Hike #197

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9:30 A.M

Tom Frye

TRIP: Down and Dirty Trail to Oakwilde and Beyond

CLASSIFICATION: Easy 850' E.C.

FEATURES: In a series of 3 hikes, our group has traversed the Arroyo Seco Trail from J.P.L. to Red Box and back, except for 1 mile of trail upstream from Oakwilde. This Alder shaded trail meanders along a shelf on the East side of the stream for the whole mile.

"The Down and Dirty Trail" allows us quick access to this lovely section of trail that is other-wise just out of comfortable reach from both J.P.L. and Switzer's.

DESCRIPTION: From the 210 Fwy., drive up Angeles Crest Hwy. 4.2 miles. Just after crossing the Slide Canyon Bridge, turn right into a small turn-out with a yellow post at the trail head.

From the highway, the trail follows, through low brush, an old wire break, and goes past 2 high tension towers. Then it becomes steeper. There are several soft slidee spots, but they can be managed, with care. As we reach the bottom, in half an hour, we will come into some Vinca vines, and an Oleander bush before crossing Dark Canyon Creek, on the border of Oakwilde.

From Oakwilde, we will stroll up the Arroyo Seco Trail to the spot where it crosses the stream and starts up the hill to get around the narrows. This was the turn-around point of Bill Townsend's hike from Switzer's, and will also be our turn-around.

We should be back to Oakwilde by lunch time. After lunch, we will scamper back up to the highway in just less than 1 hour.

LONG PANTS RECOMMENDED

HAPPY TRAILS

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1 MILE

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12'30" 389

MT. WILSON OBSERVATORY 13 MI.
CLEAR CREEK STATION 4.6 MI.

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(CONDOR PEAK) 391

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