

ATTENTION

******* CHANGE OF PLANS FOR OUR APRIL 12 HIKE *******

Due to a major landslide, the Mount Wilson Toll Road is totally blocked and impassable about 1/2 mile from the beginning, and the trailhead gate is locked solidly, so our hike to Henniger Flat is changed to

Josephine Fire Road to Josephine Peak OTP Hike April 12, 9:30 AM

Features

5558' Josephine Peak, the high point of the prominent spur extending two miles west from Strawberry Peak, offers superb views of the Big Tujunga watershed. A well graded fire road climbs 3.9 miles and 1900 ft. elevation from the Angeles Forest Highway to the fire lookout on the summit. This makes for a pleasant stroll when the weather is mild, except for a few forested spots near the top, the route is devoid of shade. The fire lookout, erected in 1937, burned down in the 1976 Big Tujunga fire and will not be replaced.

Trailhead Directions

From La Canada , drive up the Angeles Crest Highway 10 miles to the junction with the Angeles Forest Highway. Turn onto the Angeles Forest Highway and park off the highway on the left side in a gravel parking area just before the Clear Creek Ranger Station entrance, which is just beyond the junction. The Trailhead is just across the road.

The Hike

The Josephine fire road begins on the east side of the Angeles Forest Highway about 50 yards north of the junction. We walk past the locked gate up the road. The route climbs the ridge dividing Colby Canyon from Clear Creek and zigzags to the crest of Josephine's east ridge, 2.4 miles. Here is a junction, right (east) to Josephine Saddle and Strawberry Peak and left (west) to Josephine Peak. We go left, following the road through oaks and spruces on the north side of the ridge, to the concrete foundation of the summit lookout, 1.5 miles from the junction. We will return by the same route.

Ron Forbess' Hike