

OTP & OTHERS

Hiking and Debating Society

WEST FORK STROLL

The hike for May 1, 1996 will be an easy stroll up the West Fork of the San Gabriel River. The whole way is on a paved road from which all vehicles except official vehicles are excluded. If you wish, this is an excellent opportunity to bring a bike or fishing gear. All stream crossings, except for a couple of small trickles, are by bridge, so if any one gets their feet wet they will have to do it on purpose. On this hike each individual can go as far or not as they wish. Cogswell Dam is 8 miles from the trailhead, an easy trip if you bring a bike.

You can make this outing as easy or as difficult as you wish. The real adventurers can even take a side trip up Bear Canyon. If anyone is a fanatic they can drive up to mileage paddle 32.12 and go over Smith Saddle then turn south and boulder-hop down Bear Canyon to meet us at the West Fork. I seriously doubt though that we have anyone in our group that wild.

From the 210 Freeway go north on Route 39 about 11 1/2 miles above Azusa to mileage paddle 26.96. Park near the West Fork on the left.

We will convene at 9:15 AM at the trailhead and with a 15 minute grace period we will start the hike at 9:30 AM.

Trip data:

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| Distance: | 1 to 16 miles, round trip |
| Elevation gain: | 0 to 600 feet or whatever |
| Effort: | Extremely easy or hard |
| Leader: | Mike Gessner |

Recommended Maps:

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| Los Angeles County and Vicinity: | Automobile Club |
| Angeles National Forest: | U S Forest Service |
| Glendora, Azusa: | 7.5 minute Topographic |