

Hike #384

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THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE

EAST FORK OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER

EXPECT TO GET WET----feet only, no life jacket required !

All the boulder-hopping and stream crossings lead to a paradise amid rock walls and tumbling waters. this is one of Alice's favorite hikes in the San Gabriels.

The Bridge to Nowhere is always a surprise when you turn a corner and first encounter it. There is no road on either side of the bridge, leading one to believe that a crazed engineer lost his mind and built this wilderness bridge for the heck of it.

Directions-----

From Azusa----210 freeway-----drive up Hwy 39 (San Gabriel Canyon Rd. for 10 miles . Then turn east on the East Fork Road (thats a Right Turn over the Bridge) and continue 8 more miles to the East Fork Ranger Station. You will go past Camp Williams) and continue to the end of the road--- Do not go up the Glendora Rd.)

Park at the top of the road just beyond the East Fork Ranger Station---Don't Forget to put up your Adventure Pass on your front window -----

The Hike

Walk down the roadbed to Heaton Flats Campground, the trail now follows the river. In 2 miles you pass under Swan Rock, a towering wall west of the river with the outline of a giant swan etched in gray. When the canyon broadens and curves northwest, climb to your right and follow the old roadbed high above the river. in Approx. 1 mile you turn north and THERE IT IS!!!!!!

9 miles round trip 1000 ft. elevation gain

Elevation gain is spread over 4 miles, so is quite easy going

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