

Hike #430

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Mt. Islip from the Crystal Lake area

Leader- Alice Weiss

8 mile round trip-----2200' elevation gain

for the Valley people -take the 210 to Hwy 39 in Azusa

for the rest of us -- the 91 to the 605 to the 210 east get off on Hwy 39 in Azusa

Drive to the upper edge of the crystal Lake recreation area 25 miles from Azusa on

Hwy 39. Watch for the signs as you get way up in the mountains, The Crystal Lake area

road is off to the right. The Parking area is approx. 4 miles up this road. There will

be an entrance station and a \$5.00 Parking fee---on weekdays this station is usually

unmaned. after going thru the fee station continue on up the road going past the large lodge,

store and ranger info station. follow the road to the end. (.3) mile and park in the

large dirt area on the right. Usually there are closed gates from this point on--- going on

to the camping areas.

The trail head is on the left of the road and is marked, follow the trail as it makes a gradual

ascent through Oak, Pine and Cedar. This trail will cross a fire road eventually, Pick up the

trail on the other side of the road. continue on up and once again eventually cross the

fire road a second time. After crossing the 2nd. fire road there will be a sign (100 ft . up

the trail) giving you a choise--- go to the left and its the Mt. Islip trail. If you

go to the right its the Windy Gap Trail. *(see note below)

Since I'll be going to the left and should you care to follow, we'll reach a flat area where

an unmarked trail goes off to the left (this will be 3 miles from the Parking area)

I will try to remember to leave a note here----because if you have had enough uphill, you can

return to Crystal Lake via this new trail. ONce you reach the lake then you must walk

back up to the parking area.

* Note-----Other choise is to take the Windy Gap trail on the right, then at the saddle take

the trail on the left which will controur along the slope and reach a small junction, watch

closly---- go left on up to Mt.Islip , After Lunch and the great view return back the short

distance to the trail sign, to right and return down to the Parking area . This will be

a large circle trail in this case

Note Interesting Map!
(Not To Scale)

