

Mt. Williamson Summit and Beyond

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Directions to Trail Head:

Angeles Crest Hwy. (40 mi. from LaCanada) to Eagles Roost Picnic Area at Mileage Marker 61.65

The Hike:

- We'll start at the Eagles Roost Picnic Area.
- Go northeast on the Pacific Crest Trail up over a ridge above the road.
- The trail starts on the same side of the road as the parking lot and goes up a hill immediately at the building.
- Then we'll follow the trail along the top of the ridge.
- It drops back down again and crosses Angeles Crest Hwy. at the unnamed saddle.
- From the unnamed, unsigned saddle beyond Kratka Ridge, follow the dirt road uphill 100 yards, then turn right onto the trail that switchbacks up Williamson's southwest ridge.
- You pass through an open forest of Jeffrey and ponderosa pine, with white fur becoming more abundant as you near 8,000'.
- In about 2 miles you reach the ridge top and meet the trail coming up from Islip Saddle (pronounced eye-slip).
- From this point you are rewarded with a superb view southward, directly into the rugged trench of Bear Canyon, 3,000' below.
- To reach the summit, follow a faint trail northward along the ridge, climbing over several bumps to the 8,214' summit overlooking the desert.
- Some will want to eat lunch here.
- After signing-in at the summit, the rest of us will continue ½ mi. northwest to the end of the ridge, eat lunch and follow the same route back.
- This will be 8 mi. roundtrip with 1,800' gain.

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