

OTP Hike #535

OTP HIKE for Sept. 27, 2000

HIKE LEADER: Jim Spotts

START TIME: 9:30 AM

DESCRIPTION: Dawson Saddle to Mt. Baden-Powell and return. Round trip mileage approx. 8.4 miles. Elevation gain approx. 2000 feet.

TRAILHEAD: Dawson Saddle—mileage paddle 69.59, 45.2 miles from 210 fwy. turnoff (a little more than 1 hour driving time). Park on north side of Angeles Crest Hwy. Forest Service Adventure Pass required for parking.

HIKE DETAILS: Start at approx. 7900 foot elev. @ Dawson Saddle. Take Dawson Saddle Trail approx. 1.8 miles to intersection with PCT (approx. 8800 ft. elev.) This first stretch is through a pine and fir forest. Turn left (NE) on the PCT and go 2.4 mi. to Mt. Baden-Powell (the last part is a rather steep few hundred foot trail to the top of the 9399 ft. peak). Return the same way.

VARIATIONS ON THE STANDARD HIKE: THROOP PEAK (9138 ft. elev.) is near the intersection of the Dawson Saddle and PCT trails. This can be an added 350 ft. climb either on the way up or back for the ambitious or a final destination for those desiring a shorter hike (this would make an approx. 4 mi. round trip, 1300 ft. elev. gain hike). MT. BURNHAM (8997 ft. elev.) is a short side trip (up Mt. Burnham's east shoulder) on the main trail to Mt. Baden-Powell. Another side trip for the ambitious.

