

OTP Hike #579

September 12, 2001 COOPER CANYON Leader: Sally Spotts
Buckhorn (or Eagles Roost) to Cooper Canyon Campground turnaround.

Trailhead: Buckhorn Campground at marker 58.02 on Highway 2, almost 34 miles from La Canada. Hopefully we can park at the north end of the road beyond the campground, if gates are open.

Note: We will shuttle longer-hikers 4 miles further to Eagles Roost.
Try to arrive by 9 AM and get ready right away, because I would like to get longer hikers on the road to Eagles Roost by 9:15 AM.

Altitude gain: it looks like approximately 1650 feet for both hikes which are: the shorter 5-mile-Hike-A, and the longer 8-mile-Hike-B. Note: For each hike, you can reduce altitude gain by 500 feet by not going beyond Cooper Canyon Falls at the Burkhart/PCT junction. Note: Cooper Canyon Falls is just 0.1 mile east on the PCT from its junction with the South Burkhart Trail. There is a short steep footpath down to the creek.

Hike A: from Buckhorn Campground, take Burkhart Trail to PCT/Cooper Canyon Trail. Turn left (west) on PCT and walk to Cooper Canyon Campground for lunch and turnaround. Return same route. 5.0 miles

Hike B: from Eagles Roost, stay on the Pacific Crest Trail to Cooper Canyon Campground. Turnaround. At junction of PCT/Burkhart, turn right (south) on Burkhart Trail and walk out to Buckhorn Campground. About 8 miles total. FYI: The Burkhart Trail slightly jogs as it crosses the PCT.

