

OTP Hike #584

Hike on October 17, 2001

Upper Arroyo Seco

Hike Leader: Wolfgang Jahn

Direction to trailhead: Take Angeles Crest highway (2) north from La Canada for about 10 miles. A short way past the junction of Angeles Crest and Angeles Forest (N3) Highways, you'll see the Angeles National Forest Clear Creek Information Station on your right. About a half-mile past the information station, turn right down the winding paved road to the Switzer Picnic Area. Start time as always: 9:30 am

The hike: The hike will take us from the Switzer Picnic Area to Bear Canyon, a 8 miles round trip, with 1,000 foot elevation gain.

Detailed description: Cross the bridge and follow the trail into the canyon. The pathway meanders with the stream under oak, alder and spruce. In about a mile, you'll reach Commodore Switzer Trail Camp.

From the camp, cross the stream and follow the trail on the west slope. A signed junction soon appears. Bear left and hike down into the gorge of the Arroyo Seco below the falls. After $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, the trail reaches Bear Canyon and heads east up the canyon crossing and re-crossing the creek. You continue to Bear Canyon Camp two miles up the canyon. Return the same way.

