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Strawberry Portrero

29 MAY 02

Departure time: 9:30 am

Distance: Roughly 4 to 8.5 miles

Elevation Gain: Not much

Trail Head: Red Box on Angeles Crest Highway

Hike Description:

Very scenic all the way. We probably haven't done this in about 5 years.

Start at the north end of the parking lot, cross the highway and proceed north up the trail. After about ½ mile, take the 900 left fork. Farther up, a short left fork trail goes to a Vista Point.

We proceed to the right for a very gradual climb to the saddle. The faster group, who might like some elevation gain, can proceed left up Strawberry and back. To the right is a very rugged climb (not recommended).

We proceed straight ahead on a gradual "de-climb". When we reach a triangle of 3 large trees, plus three large dead trees, we begin a rapid descent to the canyon floor. At the large wooden sign we proceed to Strawberry Potrero. If you go right you will find yourself at Colby Ranch (private). In a short distance we reach a sandy, well shaded flat area with many "sitting stones". Some may want to lunch here.

From here, a climb to Strawberry Potrero (meadow) with our destination, a broken picnic table. It is a very large level, well shaded area with plenty of places to sit and have lunch. From here the trail goes on to Josephine but we go back.