

OTP HIKE FOR AUG. 21, 2002

HIKE LEADER: Jim Spotts

START TIME: 9:30 AM (see comment at end of writeup)

DESCRIPTION: Dawson Saddle to Mt. Baden-Powell and return. Round trip mileage approx 8.4 miles. Elevation gain approx. 2400 ft.

TRAILHEAD: Dawson Saddle--mileage paddle 69.59, 45.2 miles from 210 fwy. turnoff (a little more than 1 hour driving time). Park on the North side of Angeles Crest Hwy.

HIKE DETAILS: Start at approx. 7900 ft. 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) at the intersection and go 2.4 miles on the PCT to Baden Powell (the last part is a rather steep few hundred ft. trail to the top of the 9399 ft. peak). Lunch at the top and 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. 4.5 mile round trip. 1300 ft. elev. gain hike).

LIKE TO START EARLY?: Sally and Alice are planning to start about 8:30 instead of 9:30 AM so they can go to the top at a more leisurely pace. Anyone else desiring to do this can coordinate with them.