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Hike for Sept. 1, 2004

Distance: 9 mile round trip

Elevation gain: 1000 feet

Directions:

210 freeway to Azusa

Azusa, Hwy 39, make a left turn at the end of the offramp and go thru Azusa, continue up Highway 39 (Azusa Avenue) for 10 miles. Then turn east on the East Fork Road (that's a right turn over the Bridge). Continue for 8 more miles to the East Fork Ranger Station. You will go past Camp Williams and continue to the end of the road. (Do not go up the Glendora Road.)

Park in the parking lot that is just beyond the East Fork Ranger Station.

The Hike:

Boots and hiking stick helpful.

Walk down the dirt road to Heaton Flats Campground, the trail now crosses and follows the river. In 2 miles you will pass by the Swan Rock. A towering wall west of the river with the outline of a giant swan etched in gray. When the canyon broadens and curves northwest, climb up the trail on the right leaving the river far below you. In approximately 1 mile you round a bend. And THERE IT IS! Return the same way.

NOW, FOR YOU LANDLUBBERS WHO PREFER DRY FEET.

HIKE # 2

CATTLE CANYON

6 MILES, 600 Feet ELEVATION GAIN

Park in the same lot, only you will walk down the road that you just drove up (approx. 1/4 mile). Walk over the road bridge and turn left onto the wide trail. Follow it 3 miles to a gate, which will let you know in no uncertain terms that you will be blasted to the moon if you trespass beyond this point. TURN AROUND AT THIS POINT.

A nice place for lunch is in the shade by the creek after turning around.

You might want to dilly dally on your way back, as the bridge group will be a little longer getting back

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