

Eaton Saddle to San Gabriel Peak and Mt. Lowe

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Main Hike: 5.4 miles, 1350 ft. elevation gain.

Short Hike: 3.2 miles, 1050 ft. elevation gain.

Take Angelus Crest Highway, (SR-2), from La Canada to Red Box and turn right on Mt. Wilson Road. Then go 2 1/2 miles to unsigned Eaton Saddle. There is a rest room at Red Box but there is not at Eaton Saddle.

Main hike: Eaton Saddle to Markham Saddle: 0.5 miles, 200 ft. elevation gain. Go around the locked gate and proceed on the gently rising fire road to the Markham Saddle.

Markham Saddle to Disappointment Saddle: We have never traveled this portion of the trail before but talking to Ron and Mike I got the blessing to do it. 0.7 miles, 450 ft. elevation gain. Make a right turn and go up toward Disappointment Saddle along the backside of San Gabriel Peak.

Disappointment Saddle to San Gabriel Peak: 0.4 miles, 400 ft. elevation gain. Don't go to Mount Disappointment but turn right and start climbing a very steep trail toward the top of San Gabriel Peak. After enjoying the view from the top descend very carefully to Markham Saddle.

Markham Saddle to E/W Mt. Lowe Trail Junction: 0.8 miles, 50 ft. elevation gain. Take gently rising Mt. Lowe East Trail from here to where the West Trail merges with this trail. Don't keep on going straight but turn around and start climbing the West Trail that came down from the right.

E/W Jct. to Mt. Lowe: 0.3 miles, 250 ft. elevation gain. Climb the medium difficulty trail up to as far as it will go. Now you are on top of Mt. Lowe. View the scenery and come down the way you came.

Short Hike: After coming down from San Gabriel Peak go back to Eaton Saddle without going to Mt. Lowe.

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