

Sulphur Springs OTP Hike
October 18, 2006, 9:30 AM
Hike leader – Ron Forbess

Directions to the Trailhead

Drive North on Highway 2 (Angeles Crest Highway) from the 210 Freeway past the junction at Clear Creek information center to Sulphur Springs Road (Three Points) at Mile paddle 52.85, about 2.5 miles past the Chilao Visitor Center turnoff. Turn left and proceed a short distance up Sulphur Springs road to the paved parking lot on the left side of the road where we will meet for a 9:30 departure. There is a restroom at the parking lot.

The Hike

This hike follows the Pacific Crest Trail for about 4 miles. There is shade on much of the hike, so since we start at almost 6000 feet elevation and arrive at the campground at 5200 feet elevation, it shouldn't be too hot. The trail marker at the start of our hike says 4 miles to the Sulphur Springs campground; the map shows about 3.5 miles. When we have done it in the past I measured 7.3 miles round trip. For those wishing to add an extra mile there is a loop from the camp that connects a little farther along the Pacific Crest Trail.

Summary

The Main hike is 7.3 miles with an option of 8.2 miles. Both have an elevation drop of about 800 feet to the campground and an equal gain back to the parking lot where we will have refreshments after the hike.