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Hike: Fall Creek

Date: 10/10/07

Leader: Jan Gardner

Distance: 7 miles

Elevation change: 1600 feet

I'll provide maps at the trailhead.

Directions: Angeles Crest Highway to Angeles Forest Highway toward Palmdale; park at the Hidden Springs Picnic Area which is on the left immediately after the tunnel.

Trailhead is 0.2 mile north of the parking lot and goes left along the canyon of North Fork Mill Creek a short distance before veering left again along a brushy hillside. After gaining about 800 feet in a mile, the trail levels and contours for another mile before dropping steadily into Big Tujunga Canyon. At 3.5 miles the trail ends at the junction of dirt roads leading, A) left to Fall Creek Trail Camp (tables) or, B) middle choice to the floor of Big Tujunga Canyon. Choose your spot for lunch.

To return, retrace the same route back to Hidden Springs Picnic Area.

For a 5.5 mile SHUTTLE hike with equal elevation change, PREARRANGE BEFORE STARTING either to leave vehicles at the Big Tujunga Canyon Road turnout or to have someone drive back 4 miles from Hidden Springs Picnic Area to provide a ride. Cross the creek and continue west on the fire road that ascends Big Tujunga Canyon's south wall and ends at a turnout on Big Tujunga Canyon Road .7 miles west of Angeles Forest Highway. On the way up, look across the canyon to see water running down a moss-covered ledge in Fall Creek.

Refreshments at the Hidden Springs Picnic Area.