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OTP Hike for 4/23/08

Eaton Saddle to Inspiration Point

Distance: 6.5 miles

Elev. Gain/ Loss: 1500 feet

Leader: Jack Robinson

Trailhead Directions:

Drive up the Angeles Crest Hwy to Red Box and the Mount Wilson Road. (Last restrooms) Take the Mount Wilson road up to the unsigned Eaton Saddle parking area.

The Hike:

From Eaton Saddle follow the fire road to Markham Saddle. On the left will be the Mount Lowe trail. Follow this until you reach the junction with the Mount Lowe west trail. Make a right turn onto this trail and continue climbing to the top of Mount Lowe. You have come 1.6 miles and gained 500 feet. This is the first option to return to the cars but is a very short hike. From Mount Lowe you descend to a 'Y' and take the left branch and continue your descent to a fire road and again proceed left. At a junction in the fire road go left to Inspiration Point. The total descent was about 1100 feet. From Inspiration Point the rabbits generally continue to the end of the road at Panorama Point. This round trip will add about 2 miles to the hike. Lunch will be at either location. We will return on the east trail to create a loop hike around Mount Lowe. This route saves about 100 feet of elevation but is a pretty exposed trail. Refreshments will be at the cars.