

Icehouse Canyon, Mt Baldy

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Hike Summary: The trail head is at the upper parking lot and leads to Icehouse Saddle via Icehouse Canyon Trail. Total elevation gain is 2660 ft.

Trail description and options: The trail up the canyon to the Icehouse Saddle is steep and about 3.6 miles long but travels through stands of oak, pine and cedar forests. If we are lucky, some wildlife may be encountered. The Chapman Trail branches to the left about 1 mile after leaving the parking lot. 2.2 miles from the trail head on the Chapman Trail is Cedar Glen, a nice area for a break, lunch or turnaround for a shorter hike. This trail is less steep but longer (5.4 miles) to reach Icehouse Saddle. Some of the faster hikers might be able to hike Icehouse Canyon Trail to the saddle and return via the Chapman Trail. Just remember the hike starts at 4920 ft. elevation and climbs from there, so hiking up Icehouse Canyon Trail to the saddle and back will be 7.2 miles – should be enough for most of us. Maps will be provided.

Parking and accommodations: A Wilderness Daily Pass is required and is available at the Visitor's Center in Mt Baldy Village for \$5. A Golden Eagle, Golden Access and Golden Age Passport is honored in lieu of the Daily Pass. Remember to display the Passport on the dash of the car.

Limited parking is available in the upper lot, where restrooms are available, however a larger lower lot will handle overflow.

Trailhead directions: From the new 210 Freeway extension, driving east: Exit Baseline Road in Claremont. Turn left on Baseline. In one block turn right onto Padua Avenue. In 1.7 miles turn right onto Mt. Baldy Road (stop light). After 7.2 miles you pass the Angeles National Forest Mt. Baldy Visitor Center in Mt. Baldy Village. You can get a Forest Adventure Pass and wilderness permit here. Continue 1.5 miles to the Icehouse Canyon entrance. Turn right and park in the large parking area.