# SAN GABRIEL WILDERNESS & HIGH COUNTRY
## Dawson Saddle, Throop Peak & Mt. Baden-Powell
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### 0930 Start

**Genesis:**   Combination of hikes #80 and #81 in Trails of the Angeles - 100 Hikes. David Lillback created this very successful hike, and it eliminates the trek up the NW ridge via 41 boring switchbacks.

**General plan:** All gather at Dawson Saddle on CA Route 2. We hike south along a ridge 2 1/4 miles contouring around the north slope of Throop Peak where we meet the Pacific Coast Trail (PCT). Peak baggers can slog up Throop at this point or grab it on the way back. We turn left and follow the north-east running ridge to Baden-Powell. We return the way we came back to Dawson Saddle. SEE MAP ATTACHED.

**Statistics:**   **Round trip mileage=7.5.**
**Altitude gain=2000 ft.**
**Classification: Strenuous (because of altitude).**

**Gathering Place:** Angeles Crest Hwy (CA 2) 49 miles from La Canada (County road marker 69.6). Park in clearing on north side of road. Allow at least an hour **ONCE** you get off of the 210 to get to Dawson. I will try to be there on time (reputation not withstanding). Please do likewise so we can get back at a reasonable time.

**Stuff on the Way:** Sparsely forested (Jeffrey pine, white fir, and higher up, lodgepole pine) undulating terrain. We'll see the vast expanse of the Sheep Mtn. Wilderness, the home of big horn sheep (to the south & east), the far desert to the north and even Catalina somewhere out there in the mists! "Baden-prowlers" will get up to a forest of ancient gnarled limber pines, and experience the thrill of gazing with rapt wonder at the memorial built to honor the founder of the Boy Scouts.

Baden-Powell was known for many years as North Baldy. Its name was changed 30 May 1931 when Boy Scouts honored their founder by building a plaque & flagpole at the peak. The present monument was dedicated 28 Sep 1957 largely thru the efforts of Wally Waldron, an LA Scout official. Throop Peak (pronounced "Troop") was named after Amos G. Throop, the founder of Cal Tech.