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Sierra Madre to Orchard Camp and back via Mt. Wilson Trail

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Start: 9:30 AM

LEADER: Jim Spotts

**DETAILS:** Approximately 8 miles round trip, 2000 feet elevation gain. This hike travels along scenic Little Santa Anita Canyon. It is part of the original trail to Mt Wilson. Those wanting a shorter hike can go to First Water via the turnoff to that trail or just turn around early on the main trail. A variation on the way back from Orchard Camp is to take a steep unmarked trail down into the Canyon (located just before the "rope area") and follow the trail in the canyon and come back to the main trail via the First Water Trail (do not do this variation alone!). Those wanting more of a challenge could go past Orchard Camp, further up towards Mt. Wilson. (If you want to go WAY past Orchard camp, an earlier start might be in order).

**DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD:** Exit the 210 freeway at Baldwin Ave. Go north to the dead-end at Foothill Blvd; jog west one block to the continuation of Baldwin Avenue to the north. Go north on Baldwin to Miramonte Avenue, (approx. 1.5 mi.). Turn right on Miramonte and park on Miramonte by the park, just past Mt Wilson Trail Drive. The trailhead is a short distance up Mt. Wilson Trail Dr.

**AFTER THE HIKE:** Refreshments will be in the park on Miramonte. There are restrooms at the park.