

1200

Sunset Ridge to Echo Mountain

Date: October 15, 2014

Coordinator: Jack Robinson

Distance: 6.5. miles, Elevation Change: 1400 ft.

Directions to Trailhead: From the 210 Fwy in Pasadena, exit on Lincoln Avenue. Drive north past Altadena Drive to Loma Alta Drive and turn right. Proceed to Cheney Trail (at the blinking yellow light), turn left and drive about a mile to the junction at Sunset Ridge. Turn right and park. Parking is very limited so carpool to the max. An alternate route would be exiting the 210 at Lake and proceed north to Alta Loma and turn left to get to the Cheney Trail.

The Hike: Walk past the gate up the fire road about 400 yards to the Sunset Ridge Trail on the left. Take this trail almost to the canyon bottom and turn right at the only junction. At about 2 ½ miles from the cars you will return to the fire road. Walk up the road a very short distance to the Echo Mountain Rail Trail on your right. Follow this trail to the ruins of the Echo Mountain Tavern. Enjoy your lunch here and explore the area. Individuals wanting a longer hike can proceed from here on toward Mt. Lowe or Inspiration Point.

After lunch return via the rail trail to the fire road. At this point you have the choice of returning to the cars on the fire road or on the trail we came up on.

Refreshments will be available for those who survive.