

Hike #1205

Ice House Canyon

Date: November 19, 2014

Host: Bob De Wolf

Driving directions:

Exit the 210 Freeway at Baseline (in Claremont). Proceed west on Baseline a short distance and turn right (North) on Padua Ave. Continue north to Baldy Road and turn right. Continue up San Antonio Canyon to Baldy Village. After you reach Baldy Village, continue 1.5 miles and turn right into the Ice House Canyon Trailhead parking lot.

Be sure to choose a hike that meets your needs, and capabilities. Never hike alone. Always stay well hydrated.

The following hikes can be taken from this trailhead:

1) Ice House Saddle (8 miles RT, 2600 feet). The trail to the saddle continues up the canyon past the signed Chapman trail to Cedar Glen (1.5 miles). At 3 miles you reach Columbine Spring, where the water gurgles from a hidden spring. I will turn around here. This could be a destination for those who want an easier hike than continuing to the saddle, which is another mile.

2) Cedar Glen (4-5 miles RT). Follow the same route as 1) for 1 mile until the sign tells you to make a sharp left turn onto the Chapman trail. Continue about 1 mile to Cedar Glen. Return the way you came.

3) It is possible to continue on the Chapman trail past Cedar Glen and return to the main trail used in hike 1). Then you can continue 1 mile further up the canyon to the saddle or return down the main trail to the parking lot.

4) If you reached the saddle and you still have the time and energy to do more, you can hike 1 mile north and 750 ft higher to reach Timber Mountain.

A wilderness permit is required for this hike. I will obtain one. I may need a volunteer to get another one if the number of persons allowed on one permit is insufficient.

I scouted the Ice House Canyon trail recently and found it to be slightly rougher in places but generally in good condition. I have not scouted the Chapman Trail but the volunteers at the visitor center report that it is open.

[Google Earth Photo - Ice House Saddle](#)

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