

**10/16/96 The Baldy Hike - Highest Peak in the San Gabriels (10,064')**

On a clear day (in my life time?) panorama of the Mojave, the ocean, the metropolis, peaks of San Gabriels and San Bernadinos. Let's bag this peak, or let's bag this again. Snort, snarl.

**START TIME: <sup>8</sup>7:00 A.M. SHARP**

Estimated finish time: 4:30 p.m.

**To-Be-Decided As a Group: Route to Summit**

EITHER a "loop" via Baldy Notch fireroad, along Devils Backbone to summit and return on San Antonio Canyon ridge (Ski Hut) trail ; OR, an "out and back" (more correctly up and down) along San Antonio Canyon (Ski Hut) ridge trail. Discussion between now and then. Preference?

**Loop Trip (Up more gradual):**

Distance: 11.04 miles

Cumulative gain: 3864 feet (average per mile: 350 feet)

Approx. hours: 9.38 hours <sup>7 1/2</sup>

**Out and Back Trip:**

Distance: 8.5 miles

Cumulative gain: 3864 feet (average per mile: 455 feet)

Approx. hours: I think it would be the same as we'd go slower.

**Drive to Trailhead:**

East on 210 Freeway. Take Foothill Blvd. , then left on Mills Avenue which turns into San Antonio Canyon Rd (Mt. Baldy Rd). Manker Flat is 6-7 miles beyond the Baldy Village and Ranger station area. Park on the west side of the road before the gate that blocks the fireroad.

**Reminders:**

Water supply has to last for 9 hours - maybe some Gatorade. Bring lunch, plus energy snacks like Power Bar. Bring adequate jacket, knit hat in case chilly at top.

**To-Be-Decided Individually: Arrival, Exits, Overnights for Summit Hike**

- A. Before the hike, stay overnight . Have dinner on mountain. Rise at 6 for 7 am start.
- B. Before the hike, drive up on empty freeway, leaving home at 5 am? for 7 am start.
- C. After the hike, have drinks/chips at Manker Flat with cars and do a quick exit.
- D. After the hike, wait out traffic, have dinner on mountain, then drive home.
- E. After the hike, stay overnight at cabin. Have brunch on mountain.

Information on cabins: Snow Crest Lodge between Ice House Canyon and Manker Flat. 909-985-3012. Manager Jean Adams. Each sm cabin (\$40) can sleep 4; kitchenette (\$65) can sleep 6. All have fireplaces, bring own wood.

**Alternate Hike ; Start Time <sup>8</sup>9:30 a.m. as usual.**

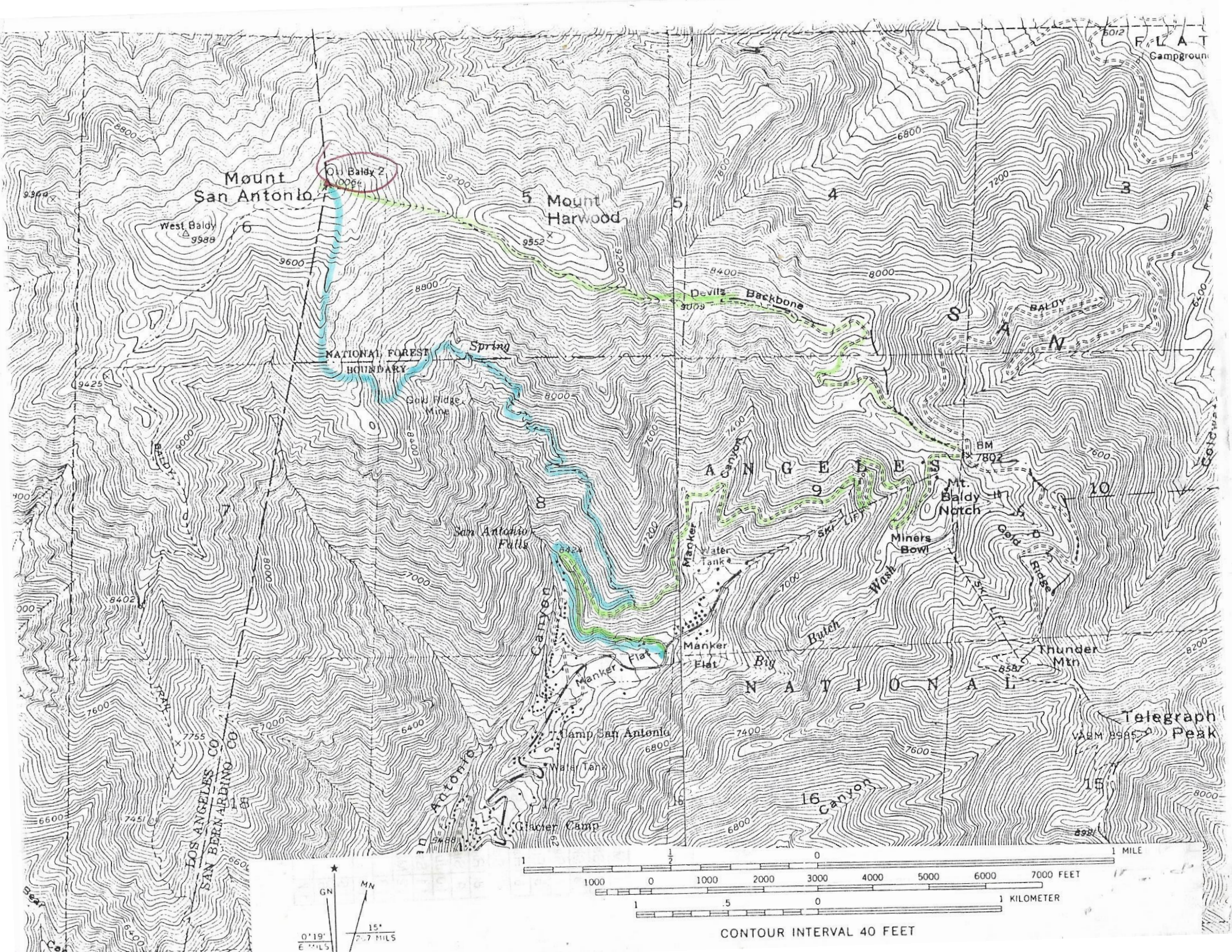
Manker Flat trailhead to Baldy Notch via San Antonio falls overlook and fireroad. Distance: 7.14 miles. Cumulative altitude: 1600 feet., average 224 feet per mile. Baldy Notch is the top of the main ski lift. From the restaurant, walk 150 yards east to scenic "Desert View". (Fireroad heading SE up Gold Ridge can be taken 1 1/2 miles, 787 feet more altitude, to Thunder Mountain which is the top of the highest ski life) Return same route. You are welcome to hang around for hikers to return from the summit, estimate 4:30 pm. Or leave thoughtful notes.

**Chips and Drinks for Alternate Hike:**

For Alternate Hike, will be in Sally and Jim's car at Manker Flat. We will provide key to individual who chooses Alternate Hike as soon as he/she reveals self.

**Please Tell Sally Spotts Which Hike & T-B-Ds. Thks**

Hike sponsor: Sally Spotts with Jim's help  
Statistics and maps provided by Ron Forbes.



Mount San Antonio

Old Baldy 2  
9984

5 Mount Harwood  
9552

West Baldy  
9588

NATIONAL FOREST  
BOUNDARY

Spring

Gold Ridge  
Mine

San Antonio  
Falls

ANGELS  
CANYON

BM  
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Mt. Baldy  
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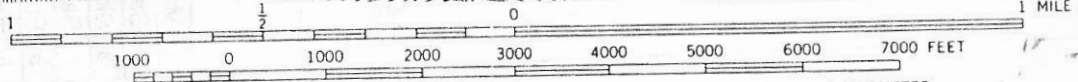
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET

