

Hiking Trails

EAGLES ROOST TO LITTLEROCK CREEK

Hike #392

6 miles round trip.

Elevation change: 1,100 feet

Difficulty: Moderate

Topo Map: Mt. Waterman

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This trail passes through some of the most beautiful forested areas of the San Gabriel Mountains. The trail starts across the highway from Eagles Roost Picnic Area, which is located along the Angeles Crest Highway four miles east of Buckhorn, and about 40 miles from La Canada. Park at the picnic area just west of a large brown highway maintenance building. Look for an old logging road descending in a westerly direction on the north side of the highway. There is no sign. Follow this road down for about 1/2 mile and watch for a trail that takes off from the road to your right. It descends steeply at first and then levels out to a gentle downhill grade. Within another 1/2 mile or so, through a lush forest of pine, fir, cedar and oak, you will come to a small stream. This is the upper part of Littlerock Creek. For a short hike, make this your destination, and after exploring upstream past a magnificent group of cedar trees to a tiny waterfall, return the way you came. Remember it's all uphill to get back to the highway. There are spectacular views of varicolored rocky cliffs and outcroppings along the way. If you want more of a hike, continue on down the trail another two miles to the main part of Littlerock Creek. There you will intersect the Burkhardt Trail. For a moderate hike, return from this point after exploring the beautiful stream and nearby falls. For a strenuous hike, a

right turn at the trail junction will take you to Burkhardt Saddle, Pleasant View Ridge, and even on to the desert. While very scenic, this is a long, hard trip. A left turn at the same junction will take you to Buckhorn Campground, about three more miles. From Buckhorn you can return the way you came, or take the exit road from the campground back up to the highway, and hike four miles back along the highway to your car at Eagles Roost.

The first part of the trail, from Eagles Roost down into Littlerock Canyon, is known as the Rattlesnake Trail. This trail is also part of the Silver Moccasin Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. There is also another "Rattlesnake Trail" on the north side of Mt. Wilson.



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