

Hike #462

Millard Canyon to Dawn Mine Loop
April 14, 1999
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6.6 mile loop
1730' elevation gain

Direction to Trailhead:

From Foothill Freeway (210) in Pasadena exit on Lincoln Avenue. Drive north past Altadena Drive and turn right (east) on Loma Alta Drive to Chaney Trail. Turn left and proceed one mile to the junction at Sunset Ridge. Turn right and park outside the gate that blocks the fire road. An alternate route would be to exit the 210 at Lake and proceed north to Loma Alta Drive. Follow Loma Alta west to Chaney trail and turn right.

The Hike:

Hike past the gate up the fire road about 400 yards to the Sunset Ridge Trail on your left. We used it the last time we went to Echo Mountain. Near the canyon bottom, go left at the trail junction. At the streambed the trail all but disappears in a jumble of boulders. Note this trail intersection well in case you decide to return the way we came. It can easily be missed. As you proceed up the stream you will find stretches of trail along with considerable boulder hopping. The mine is approximately 2.5 miles from the trailhead. At the mine we switch to the Dawn Mine Trail and ascend 550' to the Mt. Lowe Railway Road. We can have lunch at the train station.

After lunch we drop down the road about .4 miles and pickup the Sunset Ridge Trail for the trip back to the cars. For any one desiring to end the hike at the mine, it will be a 5 mile hike with an elevation change of 800'. With a little luck, refreshments will be available at the parking area.