

Hike #491

## OTP Hike

Echo Mountain via the Sam Merrill Trail

11/03/1999

9:30 AM

Jack Robinson

Distance : 6 miles

Elev. 1400'

This is one of my favorite destinations and my notes indicate that we haven't taken this route since late 1997. It's time to do it again.

Exit the 210 Freeway at Lake Avenue in Pasadena and drive north to the end and park by the road. The trail proceeds east along a fence then down across Las Flores Canyon and up the east slope. After three zigzag miles of switchbacks you reach the ridge behind Echo Mountain. Hike south about 100 yards to the Echo Mountain ruins. As this is a relatively short hike, we will have some time to explore and have a leisurely lunch. Be sure you note the trail junction at the ridge when you come up so we can find our way back the same way we came.