

26 JANUARY OTP HIKE #502
MENDENHALL PEAK

HIKE LEADER: ARNE FOSS

START TIME: 9:30 A.M.

STARTING ALTITUDE: APPROXIMATELY 2,700 FT.

PLANNED HIKE: APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES TO MENDENHALL PEAK AT 4636 FT AND BACK.

ALTERNATE HIKE: APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES TO MENDENHALL SADDLE AT 4300 FT AND BACK (OR SHORTER).

DIFFICULTY: A CONSTANT, EASY UPGRADE ON A WELL GRADED ROAD TO MENDENHALL SADDLE. THEN THE TRAIL AND THE EASY PART COME TO AN ABRUPT HALT.

VIEW: VERY GOOD, 360° WAS A FIRE TOWER.

EASE OF GETTING LOST: IF YOU DO — CARRY A COMPASS, EVEN IN THE HOUSE.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD:

FROM 210 FWY EXIT AT OSBORNE STREET AND HEAD NORTH.

TAKE A LEFT AT THE FIRST STOPLIGHT, AFTER THE FWY ON-AND OFF RAMPS, TO STAY ON OSBORNE STREET. (FOOTHILL BLVD GOES STRAIGHT AHEAD.)

OSBORNE BECOMES LITTLE TUJUNGA. STAY ON LITTLE TUJUNA TO THE TRAILHEAD ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

THE DISTANCE FROM THE 210 FWY TO THE TRAILHEAD IS 5.5 MILES.

UNFORTUNATELY THE LARGE PARKING LOT IS INSIDE THE MASSIVE WHITE LOCKED GATE BUT THERE IS ADEQUATE PARKING ALONG THE ROAD.

IF YOU BEGAN TO GO LEFT AND RIGHT IN A DOWNHILL SWITCHBACK, YOU HAVE PASSED IT.