

May 24th 2000Alice Weiss Hike
MINE GULCH

Drive up Hwy 2 to the Vincent Gap parking area - 53 miles from La Canda.

This is a 5 mile round trip - 500 ft. elevation gain.

Hike up an old wagon road to the Big Horn mine. There will be wonderful views of snow covered Mt. Baldy - so close you could almost catch a chill. Also views of the massive buttress of Mt. Baden-Powell and the deep gorge of the East Fork. When we reach the old stamp mill of Big Horn mine. The broad trail ends. The main tunnel is just behind and above the mill building; it extends several hundred feet into the mountain, is usually wet and is unsafe to explore beyond the entrance. An old foot path, narrow, partly overgrown, continues about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile farther around the mountain, passing several small prospects. The big mill building is dangerous to enter.

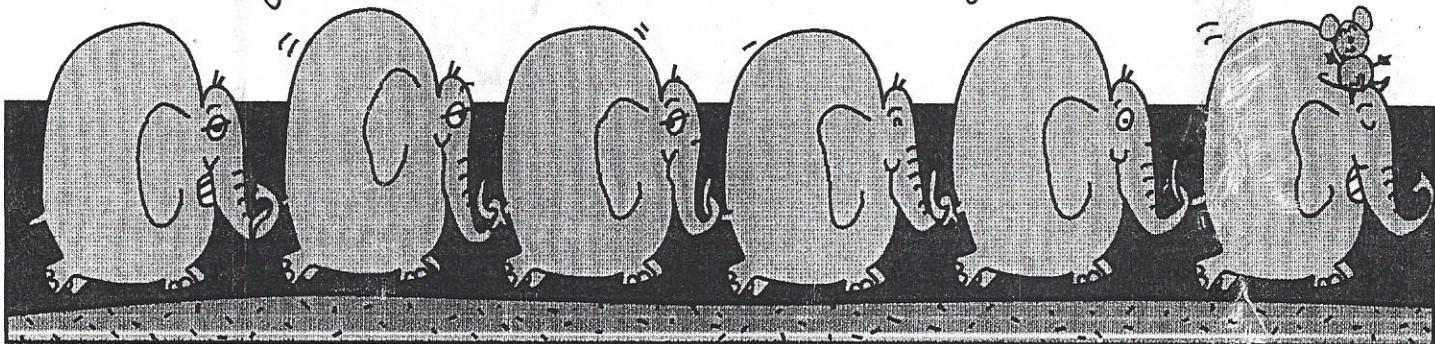
There will be some great camera shots to be had.

A second option of this hike will be offered on the day of the hike (24th of May) Alice will give out instructions -

(#A) I did not check out this $\frac{1}{2}$ mile leg. So maybe its not there anymore!

Extra points for the Pack-a-dams

From the parking lot--start out down the road with me, in about 100 yards you turn left and follow the small path down. the trail stays on the right (west) slope after 2 miles and 1000 down you should come to a dry creek, good spot for cookie break, Then return back up (after looking high up the Baden-Powell mt. & spotting the rest of us (Known briefly as the Mt. Goats) when you get back up to the wagon road - turn left and continue on to the Big Horn mine - at a certain point on this road you'll be able to look down to the cookie break area : Eventually we'll all be back for Party time !



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