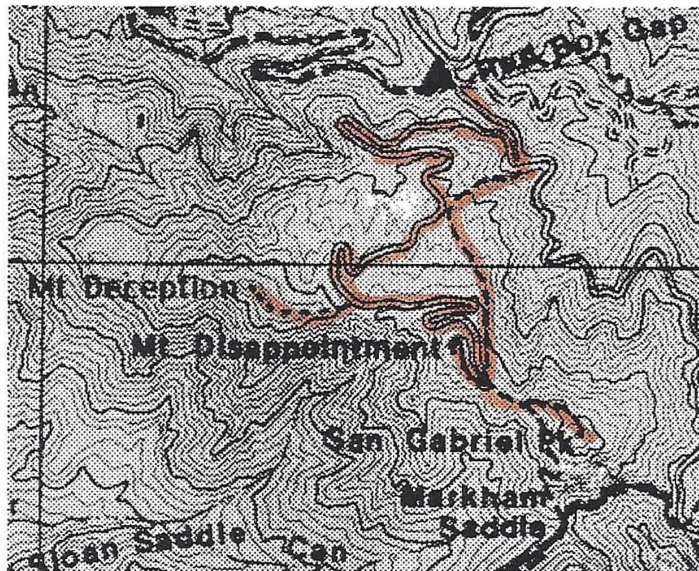
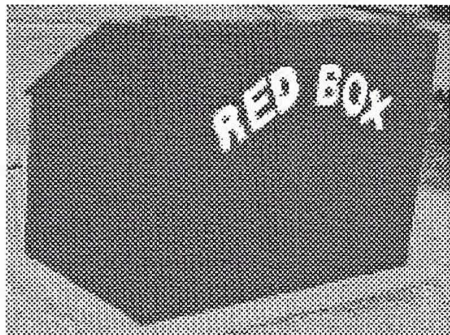


# Red Box Three Peak OTP Hike June 6, 2001, 9:30 AM

Ron Forbess' Hike

## Trailhead Directions

Meet in the parking lot at Red Box Station at mileage paddle 38.38 on the Angeles Crest Highway (about 14 miles from I-210 at the Mt. Wilson road turn off). Be sure to be there in plenty of time for our usual 9:30 departure. There are restrooms at Red Box.



## Summary

The total hike distance is 7.5 miles with 2080 feet elevation gain. We will have an opportunity to hike and climb to the top of three peaks on this outing, Mount Deception, Mount Disappointment and San Gabriel Peak. We did this hike on August 1999 but only half the group went up Mount Deception which is north and west of the other peaks and is reached from a steep trail taking off from the paved Mount Disappointment fire road. So this time we will reverse the direction of the hike so we go there first and have cookies at the summit. While we take in the great view of Bear Canyon. Of course, the peak climb will be optional, with cookies for those who stay on the road. We will then continue on to Mount Disappointment where the summit is cluttered with electronic installations and empty buildings dating from the 1950's when an Army Nike missile station was located there. At this point some of the group will probably eat lunch and head back down for refreshments. But the remaining hardy souls will climb the west ridge of San Gabriel Peak to the summit where we will get an unmatched 360-degree panorama, weather permitting, over the wrinkled San Gabriel Mountains while we eat lunch.

## The Hike

After walking up the Mount Wilson Road from Red Box 0.4 mile, we turn right and proceed up the paved Mount Disappointment fire road 1.9 miles to a saddle at 5450 feet elevation. Here we climb up a steep trail almost 400 feet and .35 mile to the summit of Mount Deception at 5796 feet elevation. After coming back to the saddle we continue 1.2 miles up the road, past the San Gabriel Peak Trail we will take down later, and up to Disappointment Peak at 5960 feet elevation. We then drop down to the saddle between San Gabriel Peak and Mount Disappointment and take the ridge trail 400 feet and 0.4 mile up to the peak at 6161 feet elevation. After scrambling down the trail to the saddle we will hike along the paved Mount Disappointment fire road to the San Gabriel Peak Trail (built by the JPL Hiking Club in 1988). In 1.4 miles we drop down to the Mount Wilson Road where after 0.4 miles we are back at Red box.

