






Hike #568

Cattle Canyon

	Distance	6.0 miles round trip
	Total Elevation Gain/Loss	700'/700'
	Hiking Time	3 hours (round trip)
	Optional Maps	USGS 7.5-min <i>Glendora, Mt. Baldy</i>
	Best Times	September through June
	Agency	ANF/MBD
	Difficulty	★★

From Coldwater Canyon to East Fork, Cattle Canyon carves a sinuous course through a gorge impressively flanked by walls abruptly soaring 1000 feet or more. An old jeep road—now a pleasant hiking path—follows the canyon bottom, crossing the alder-lined stream about two dozen times.

The trail starts from the west side of an old bridge on East Fork Road just east of the intersection of Glendora Mountain Road. Roadside parking space is available at several spots in the immediate area. On weekends and holidays, you'll need to post a parking permit on the dash of your car—see Area A-9 introduction for details.

You can follow the gradually ascending trail through Cattle Canyon as far as 3.0

miles to a locked gate, posted no-entry. The River Forks Ranch and other private properties in Cattle and Coldwater canyons lie beyond.

This is a great spring or early summer trip for families. You can go as far as you like, and turn back at any point. The stream flows clear and cool, but not normally so high as to create a hazard when crossing. Streamside vegetation flourishes, and wildflowers dot the sunny flats. The stream and its moist banks are a perfect habitat for a variety of snakes, including rattlesnakes. During the first couple of episodes of warm weather in April or May, you should be wary of the latter, as they are often irritable when they awaken from a long period of hibernation.

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Bring extra shoes & socks

We will be crossing a
stream over 20 times (1 way)

We will get wet.

The distance is closer to

8 miles rather than 6.