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Hike Leader: Rich Frederick
Approximate Distance: 8 Miles
Approximate Elevation Loss/gain: 900 feet

Directions to Trailhead: Take the Angeles Crest Highway (Route 2) past Red Box for about 3 miles. A few hundred yards past the junction with the Upper Big Tujunga Road turnoff to the left (stay on route 2) there is a parking area on the left side of the road. Park here. There are no facilities here, so stop at Red Box if the need arises.

Shuttle Needed: Since this hike is planned to take the Silver Moccasin trail south to the West Fork camp site and then on to the west to Red Box, we need to conduct a shuttle. Hikers should all arrive at the trailhead no later than 0900. Drivers will then return to Red Box, leave their cars, and return in as few vehicles as possible to the trailhead to start the hike, hopefully at 0930.

The hike: We will take the Silver Moccasin trail on the south side of the road down into a beautifully wooded canyon and on to the West Fork camp site. I led this hike a while ago, and in order to avoid the steep final return to the trailhead, half the group did the return to Red Box, which is the plan this time. If the weather turns out to be hot, this is the best way to avoid the heat and that awful final climb in the open back to the trailhead. We will have refreshments at Red Box.

Note: Bring lots of water!