

Dayhike – Arroyo Seco Canyon – Oakwilde Trail Camp

Cost: \$10, covers gas and Adventure Pass. [N/A to the Philmont Crews.]

Date: Saturday, 6/14/2008

How Long: 1 day

Departure: Meet @ FUMC 06:00AM for equipment check. Leave FUMC 6/14/08 @ 07:00AM.

Return: FUMC 6/14/08 @ 05:00PM.

Destination: Arroyo Seco Canyon, Oakwilde Campground. Angeles National Forest.

Route: Windsor Ave. (N) to Gabrieleno National Recreation Trail (N) to Oakwilde Campground.

Distance: +/- ~10 miles roundtrip.

Who: Troop 209 / Crew 209 **Leaders:** Jack Merica/TBD

What: Day Hike

Why: Bonding Patrols. Philmont Crew training hike. Backpack/wilderness skills building trek.

What do I bring? Philmont crews bring everything on your Philmont gearlist. Everyone brings their 10 essentials. 4 liters of water. Personal first aid kit with an emphasis on foot care items. 2 pairs of wool socks. Trail lunch and trail snacks, hi carb foods, avoid candy/sweets. WATER PURIFICATION TABLETS! Hiking boots or Trail shoes, no sneakers.

Optional: Fishing rod/tackle/license if you want to fish. No radios, gameboys, ipods, etc.

Water Source: Self provided. 4 liters. Creek water. Purification/boiling or micro-filtering required.

Highlights:	Wooded streamside trail, picnic sites, small cascades, deep pools, fishing.
Near:	Pasadena, CA
Scenery:	☆☆☆☆
Distance:	10 miles round trip
Elevation Gain:	900 ft
Hike Time (1 day)	6 hours
Difficulty:	Moderate
Trail Condition:	Well maintained, a few difficult spots, bridges may be out.
HikeType:	Out and Back

Summary: This hike will take us up Arroyo Seco Canyon to the Oakwilde campground. Walk up Windsor a few hundred feet to a gated, narrow, paved road on the right side of a Y. The road to the left drops down into the JPL parking lot. The trail begins as a paved road through the northeastern end of Pasadena's Hahamongna Watershed Park. The pavement yields to dirt with some bridged stream crossings. Eventually the route becomes narrow trail. The trail is shaded by oaks, sycamores, maples, and white alders. The Gabrieleno National Recreation Trail crosses Arroyo Seco Creek at least a dozen times. **(Waterproof your boots!)** 4 star scenery with historic areas from the 1920s along the trail. The first 4 miles we will pass a number of developed picnic sites and several beautiful areas along the stream covered with ivy twining around the trees. The trail is considered easy to moderate for the first 4 miles to Paul Little Picnic Area, where we will break for lunch and refill our water bottles. Beyond the picnic area, the trail steepens and abruptly climbs the east wall of the canyon to bypass Brown Canyon Debris Basin and then descends back into the canyon near Oakwilde Campground.

Trailhead: Start out going SOUTHWEST on E HARVARD RD toward N 3RD ST. 0.1mi.

Turn RIGHT onto N 3RD ST. 0.1 mi. Turn LEFT onto E BURBANK BLVD. 0.3 mi. Turn SHARP LEFT onto ramp. 0.2 mi

Merge onto I-5 S. Merge onto CA-134 E via EXIT 144 toward GLENDALE/PASADENA. 7.8 mi

Merge onto I-210 W toward SAN FERNANDO. 2.7 mi

Take the WINDSOR AVE exit, EXIT 22B, toward ARROYO BLVD. 0.2 mi

Turn RIGHT onto WINDSOR AVE. 0.9 mi

End at Windsor Ave & Ventura St Altadena, CA 91001 (Parking in narrow on the left, display your Adventure Pass) Estimated Distance: 14.82 miles (Lat:34.19338 Lon:-118.16893)

Map: USGS Pasadena quadrant.

Trail Guides for Lower Arroyo Seco:

101 Hikes in Southern California

by Jerry Schad (Wilderness Press)

Trails of the Angles - 100 Hikes in the San Gabriels

by John W. Robinson (Wilderness Press)

User Groups: Hikers, Bikes, Dogs

Ranger Contact: Angeles National Forest - (818) 899-1900