

Philmont Training Hike

Echo Mountain – Altadena, CA

Sunday, 4/13/2008

Cost: 5\$ per scout to cover the costs of fuel and the Adventure Pass.

Leaving from: Meet at FUMC at 6:30 for equipment check. Leaving promptly at 7:00AM, returning at 4:00PM. Class A's for travel. Class B's for the hike.

What to bring: Basic Philmont Load/10 Essentials in the frame backpack you will be using at Philmont. 4 liters of water, trail snacks, a trail lunch and something you can cook on a light weight stove. Parts of the trail are somewhat steep and can be slippery, wear a sturdy, broken in pair of hiking boots or trail shoes. **With the exception of a digital compasses, GPS unit and digital cameras, no electronics are allowed.**

Trailhead: I-5 South. 134 East to 210 East, exit Lake Ave. Proceed North toward the mountains. Turn Left on Loma Alta Drive. From Loma Alta Drive in Altadena, turn right on Chaney Trail, drive up the Chaney Trail (past a locked gate that opens at 6am, Closes 10 PM) to the top of sunset ridge, where there's parking by the roadside. The trail starts east on the gated paved Sunset Ridge fire road. (Lat:34.2148 Lon:-118.1477) After ~100 yards pass a foot trail leading left down to Millard Campground. Continue 300 yards to second foot trail on the left. Take it. This is Millard Canyon. Waterfalls down below on the left. After ~ 7/10 of a mile you reach a fork in the trail, go right, uphill. Proceed to the intersection with Sunset Ridge Fire Road just below the rocky knob, Cape of Good Hope. Turn Left, proceed uphill to Echo Mountain Trail intersecting on the right. Proceed to ruins on top of Echo Mt.

Go back the way you came or directly down Sunset Ridge Fire Road to the trailhead. Map USGS Pasadena, Pasadena/Mt. Wilson quadrant or Tom Harralson Angeles National Forest Front Country Map. These are available from Sports Chalet, Barnes and Noble and Borden's.

Trail Guides for Millard Canyon - Dawn Mine/Echo Mountain

Top Trails – Los Angeles

by Jerry Sohad (Wilderness Press)

Trails of the Angeles

by John W. Robinson (Wilderness Press)

Hike Los Angeles Volume 2

by Dennis Gagnon (Western Tanager Press)

Best Seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring

User Groups: Hikers, Dogs

Ranger Contact: US Forest Service, 818-790-1151

DISCLAIMER: Do not go out and buy all of your Philmont equipment for this hike. Get together what you can to approximate the equipment list. PACK LIGHT! Hike destination may change due to weather. Equipment check on Tuesday night 4/8/2008.

Questions? Contact Jack Merica (818) 840-9443 or Walt Sturrock (818) 238-9144.