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Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day  
 Devil's Punchbowl to Devil's Chair  
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9:30 am start

Devil's Punchbowl Nature Center (4600 ft) to Devil's Chair (4980 ft), out and back.

Distance: approx 7 miles round trip.

Elevation: Approx. 1100 gain, 1100 loss, I think

Trailhead:

Highway 14 to Pearblossom exit and follow Pearblossom Hwy east through Littlerock to town of Pearblossom. At Pearblossom, turn right on Longview Road (County N6) and follow signs for Devil's Punchbowl Park, 7 miles.

Hike :

Behind the Nature Center, follow the Loop Trail down into the punchbowl, (300 Ft) and then back out of the canyon -- opposite some of the tallest upright formations in the park.

Up on top again, go to the south side of the parking lot and find/follow the signed Burkhardt Trail northwest along the rim of the punchbowl.

At 0.5 mile, join an old road, pass small reservoir at 0.7, arrive at "trail junction" 0.8.

At junction (5200 ft), bear left on Punchbowl Trail leading east. (This trail is part of the "High Desert Ntl Recreation Trail").

At 3.0 and we reach "a trail junction" from where a 0.1 mile spur goes west and then north to Devil's Chair with protective fencing and "awesome panorama of punchbowl".

Lunch at/near Devil's Chair, and retrace steps back to south side of parking lot.

Ambiance:

"...caught between two active faults- the main San Andreas and an offshoot, the Punchbowl Fault —along which old sedimentary formations have been pushed upward and crumpled downward, as well as transported horizontally."

**An Ideal Winter Hike (it should be well worth the long drive)**

Note: This is a different segment than the previous Devil's Chair hike which started at S.Fork Campground off Valyermo Rd.

