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EATON SADDLE TO INSPIRATION POINT AND PANORAMA POINT

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From La Canada take Angelus Crest Highway to Red Box which is at the junction of Mt. Wilson Road. There are flush toilets here usually operational. If not you may use the permanent portable restroom. There is no more bathroom beyond this point.

Then you proceed on Mt. Wilson Road for approximately 2 or 3 miles to Eaton Saddle.

From Eaton Saddle (Elev=5100) you go up gently on the fire road for 0.5 mile to Markham Saddle (Elev=5300). Then you go up more or less gently on the Mt. Lowe East Trail for 0.8 mile to the junction to Mt. Lowe West Trail (Elev=5400) Continue on East Trail but remember the configuration of this junction so as not to make a mistake and go the wrong way on your return trip. On my hike several years ago many people made a mistake here and started going the wrong way so don't make the same mistake again.

From this junction the trail will go more or less horizontally for a while and then start going down rather steep to the fire road (Elev=4500). Distance from previous junction to here is 1.2 miles. During this descent you will see a rather modern looking wallless structure with roof only in the distance below. This is your Inspiration Point.

Having reached this fire road turn left and go 0.3 miles to another junction. Road to your right will go to Mt Lowe Camp Ground and Chaney Trail Trail Head. But you take the road going left to go to Inspiration Point. Again 0.3 miles and Elev. is still 4500, At Inspiration Point you can view through numerous lenseless telescopes permanently oriented toward well known landmarks clearly identified.

There is a nice level road from there to Panorama Point which is 1.1 miles away. There used to be a railroad there called OmandM Railroad once upon a time. Panorama Point is identified by the fact that the road quits there and you can't go any further.

From there you return the way you came to Eaton Saddle and drive back to Red Box and have refreshment.

REVISED DATE
IS APR 18TH

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