

OTP & OTHERS

The Tunnel to Nowhere

The hike for September 25th will be near my last hike to the Bridge to Nowhere. We will hike on a dirt road high up above the Narrows of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. We will be able to see, below us, the parking area for the hike to the Bridge to Nowhere and as we proceed we will have views overlooking the river. About 1.7 miles up the trail we will reach the first tunnel, about 400 yards long. Another tunnel, about 250 yards long, lies beyond. I haven't been to the tunnels yet. I have just been to the trailhead. I assume that they are still open. As you recall, the tunnel at the end of the Bridge to Nowhere was filled with rock debris that had fallen from the mountain above. With a bit of luck we may even see a few big horn sheep on the mountain slope across the river. I don't expect any river crossings on this trip.

From the 210 Freeway, in Azusa, turn north on, Azusa Avenue, State highway 39. Azusa Avenue becomes San Gabriel Canyon Road at the north side of Azusa. Follow San Gabriel Canyon Road up the canyon, past the two dams. Above the second reservoir turn right on the East Fork Road. Proceed 3.39 miles to Shoemaker Canyon Road on your left. Turn up Shoemaker Canyon Road and continue about 1.8 miles. Park off the road near the locked gate or in the large parking area nearby.

Trip data:

Distance: 5.5 miles, round trip
 Elevation gain: 900 feet
 Effort: Easy

We will start the hike at 9:30 AM.

Recommended Maps:

San Gabriel Valley Area:	Automobile Club
Angeles National Forest:	U S Forest Service
Glendora:	7.5 minute Topographic
Crystal Lake:	7.5 minute Topographic