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REDBOX TO SWITZER'S AND BACK

Approximate distance: 7.5 miles

Approximate elevation gain: 1500 ft

Date 7/20/11

Hike leader: Rich Frederick

Take the Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) from La Canada-Flintridge for about 9 miles to the intersection with the Angeles Forest Highway. Keep going straight ahead on (SR-2) and continue past Switzer's for a few miles until you arrive at the junction with the Mount Whitney road. That's our start point; Red Box.

The hike is simple: take the trail down to Switzer's and come back. As of 6 July there were the usual signs of caution for the trail, and Cal Edison was clearing out trees for safety reasons. By 20 July we should be OK. If not, there is an alternate trail from Red Box on the eastern side that has already been cleared.

Some of you may want to do half of the hike. I suspect that the Switzer's access gate will remain closed, but that does not mean that some of us could get dropped off on the highway, hike down the hill to Switzer's, and proceed up to Red Box from there.

From the highway it appears that much of Switzer's up to Red Box remains somewhat green. Let's see!