

Three Points to Sulphur Spring

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Directions to the Trailhead

Drive North on Highway 2 (Angeles Crest Highway) from the 210 Freeway past the junction at Clear Creek information center to Sulphur Springs Road (Three Points) at Mile paddle 52.85, about 2.5 miles past the Chilao Visitor Center turnoff. Turn left and proceed about 100 feet up Sulphur Springs road to the paved parking lot on the left side of the road where we will meet for a 9:30 departure. There is a restroom at the parking lot.

The Hike

There are a few options for this hike including just turning around at any time.

The primary hike is 7.3 miles round trip and 700 feet elevation gain.

The hike follows the Pacific Crest Trail for about 3.5 miles down to a road, which takes us to Sulphur Springs Camp. After lunch we retrace our route back up the trail to the parking lot and refreshments. There is shade on much of the hike, but remember, it is down hill to the camp, which means uphill back to the start.

For those wishing to add an extra mile to the primary hike there is a loop leaving from the camp that connects a little farther along the Pacific Crest Trail.

The rabbits will go west on the Silver Moccasin Trail Instead of using the Pacific Crest Trail. After 1.5 miles we reach a service road leading to some water tanks. We follow this road to the Sulphur Springs paved road and after crossing it take trails down skirting the Angeles Crest Christian Camp and eventually going around John Dee Lake. After 1.6 miles from the Silver Moccasin Trail we reach the Pacific Crest Trail. We then go left and follow the primary route as described above to Sulphur Springs Camp. Naturally the rabbits will want to add the mile loop leaving the camp for a total of 9.6 miles and about 1000 feet elevation gain.

Another variation of the rabbit route is to turn right at the junction of the Pacific Crest trail and return 1.7 miles to the trailhead. This variation is 4.8 miles and about 450 feet elevation gain.