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Garapito Canyon

Date: Aug, 1, 2012

Leader: Rich Frederick

The hike will start at the top of Reseda Blvd. Exit 101 at Reseda and go all the way south to the parking area. After reaching the parking area at the south end of Reseda (restroom and water available), we will climb the hill to the fire road. There are lots of options from this point.

The primary hike is up the hill, fire road to the west for 1/3 mile, left at the gated entry (south) toward the Hub for 2/3 miles, and the trailhead of Garapito Canyon, down Garapito canyon and then up to the fire road just short of Eagle Rock. From there on the fire road back to the east to the Hub and further on the fire road to the Reseda parking area. I estimate roughly 8 miles and 800 ft down and up.

The first of August will probably be hot, but Garapito Canyon has lots of shade. The fire roads returning from close to Eagle Rock will be hot, but we have endured this or more. Carry lots of water! And there are other options: a simple return from the bottom of the Garapito trail, a hike on the fire-road straight to Eagle Rock through the Hub or a hike to the Nike site to the east.

A longer (10 miles) version would be Garapito, Eagle Rock, Trippet Ranch, and return.

A short hike could go to the Garapito trailhead, but take the trail to the east directly across the fire road from the Garapito trailhead, which leads back to Mulholland and Reseda. About 3 miles.

After climbing the hill from the parking area, one could also go east on the fire road to the Nike Site and back. About 6 miles.

We can run over all of this on the 1st, but I suggest that we leave on whatever hike version we chose at 0900. That helps beat the heat. Also, bring lots of water!

My intent is to have everybody over to my place on 1 August for after-hike refreshments, hamburgers and hotdogs, and some pool time. Bring bathing suits. So the hike has to be close by.

I will provide maps on how to reach my place, and we may move by convoy if all get back to the trailhead at about the same time.

Please remember I have scheduled this to allow all of you an after-hike refreshment and swim at my place. I will provide driving instructions at the hike.

Rich