

OTP & OTHERS
Hiking and Debating Society

Jackson Flat
September 8, 1999

The Drive:

Drive north on Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) about 50.4 miles from the 1-210 freeway to Vincent Gap, (mileage paddle 74.80). Estimate about one hour and fifteen minutes driving from the 210 Freeway. Park at Vincent Gap on the on the right side of the road. A Wilderness Adventure Pass is required for parking. Arrive in time to arrange your gear and start hiking at 9:30 AM.

The Hike:

The hike is up a dirt fire road across the highway from Mt. Baden-Powell. This hike is not meant to be a race; the intent is to enjoy the mountain scenery and the companionship of the other hikers. If you feel that you need something more strenuous, please, take the trail across the road to Mt. Baden-Powell.

Hike up through chaparral and deciduous trees, climbing at a steady moderate rate to higher elevation and large conifers. Observe the changes in the trees as we ascend the mountain. I did this hike last year at about the same time of year. The leaves on some of the trees were beginning to change color. There were a number of quail flushed up about half way up. There are several forks in the road. Always take the upper fork. At about 4.25 miles (by road) lies Jackson Flat Campground. There is a geology nature trail near the camp, an observation platform on a water tank and many very large trees. From the ridge top there is a view out over the desert.

Trip data:

Leader: Mike Gessner
Distance (Round Trip): 8.5 miles
Elevation gain: 950 feet
Effort: Moderately to easy

Recommended Maps:

San Fernando Valley Area: Automobile Club of Southern California
Angeles National Forest: U S Forest Service
Angeles National Forest, High Country: Harrison