

Hike #488

## Hike on October 13, 1999

### Upper Arroyo Seco

Hike Leader: Wolfgang Jahn

**Direction to trailhead:** Take Angeles Crest Highway (2) north from La Canada for 10 miles. A short way past the junction of Angeles Crest and Angeles Forest (N3) Highways, you'll see the Angeles National Forest Clear Creek Information Station on your right. About half-mile past the information station, turn right down the winding paved road to the Switzer Picnic Area. Start time: 9:30 am

**The hike:** The hike will take us from the Switzer Picnic Area to Bear Canyon, a 8 miles round trip with 1,000-foot elevation gain.

Detailed description: Cross the bridge and follow the trail into the canyon. The pathway meanders with the stream under oak, alder and spruce. In about a mile, you'll reach Commodore Switzer Trail Camp.

From the camp, cross the stream and follow the trail on the west slope. A signed junction soon appears. Bear left and hike down into the gorge of the Arroyo Seco below the falls. After .75 mile, the trail reaches Bear Canyon and heads east up the canyon crossing and re-crossing the creek. You continue to Bear Canyon Camp two miles up the canyon. Return the same way.

