

Hike #508

OTP HIKE

Jack Robinson

Altadena to Oakwilde via Arroyo Seco
3-22-00
9 miles Round Trip 900' elevation gain

From the 210 freeway, take the Arroyo Blvd off ramp and drive north on Arroyo which promptly becomes Windsor Avenue. Continue $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the intersection with Ventura street and park on the west side. We plan to start the hike at 9:30 AM sharp !?

The hike begins at the right hand locked gate and procedes down the road about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the Arroyo Seco entrance. In another $\frac{1}{2}$ mile you pass the Forest Service residences. Another $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and we arrive at Gould Mesa Picnic Area. In another $1 \frac{1}{4}$ miles we come to Paul Little Memorial Picnic Area. Just beyond, the trail climbs up the steep east slope of the canyon to get around the Brown Canyon Debris Dam, then drops back into the gorge and rounds two more sharp bends before reaching Oakwilde, $4 \frac{1}{2}$ mile from the start. Here you find the picnic area with tables and stoves. We now eat lunch before returning the way we came.

While this is a relatively easy hike, you can see from the above itinery that there are picnic areas all along the way for any one that is not comfortable going over the slope into Oakwilde. As has become the tradition with this hike, we will drive down Arroyo to Brookside Park for refreshments.