

OTP Hike #581

**MANKER FLAT, BALDY**

**NOTCH TO**

**THUNDER MOUNTAIN**

8587'

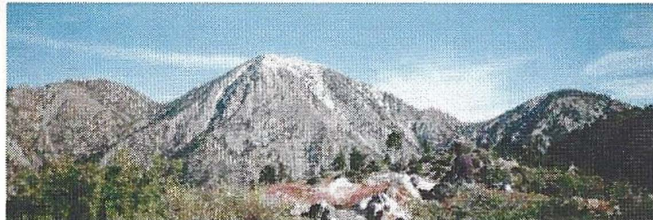
September 26, 2001

*Leader:* Vicky Ritter

*Distance:* 8.5 miles

*Elevation Gain:* 2,700'

*Season:* June-October



*31's - Thunder, Telegraph, Timber from Sugarloaf Peak*

### **DRIVE TO TRAILHEAD:**

- Go East on the 210 Freeway
- Take Foothill Blvd. Exit
- Make a Left on Mills Avenue which turns into San Antonio Road (Mount Baldy Road)
- Manker Flat is 6 to 7 miles beyond the Baldy Village and Ranger Station area
- Park on the West Side of the Road before the gate that blocks the fireroad.

This is ideal summer hiking country. The well-beaten ridge trail zigzags over crests and across saddles, through open stands of pine, fir and cedar, offering continuous vistas. Snow patches linger in sheltered recesses well into the warmer months. The high mountain air is cool, clear and clean, with seldom a trace of urban-generated murkiness that clogs lungs at lower elevations.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Manker Flat trailhead to Baldy Notch, from Baldy Notch Restaurant, walk east 150 yards to "Desert View" where you pick up the fire road leading southeast up Gold Ridge. Follow the fire road to Thunder Mountain, the top of the highest ski lift, 1.5 miles.

