

## OTP HIKE TO Mt Hawkins

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002

Leader: Jim Gardner

Distance: 9.4 Miles

Vertical (net): 2900 ft.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the 10 or 210 in Azusa, take the 39 to its end in the Crystal Lake recreation area. Go to the left of the visitor center about 0.3 - 0.4 miles to a dirt parking area. The trailhead is clearly marked

**DESCRIPTION:** From the parking lot, follow the Windy Gap trail 1.1 miles to a fork in the trail. During this stretch you will cross the Mt. Hawkins Truck Trail twice. Take the right fork, which is marked **WINDY GAP**. The next 1.4 mile climb is fairly steep, and meets the Pacific Crest Trail at Windy Gap (elev. 7588). Turn right on the PCT and go 1.4 miles east to a triple junction. Stay left on the PCT 0.6 miles to the spur trail on the right, which is 0.2 miles to Mt. Hawkins. Return the same way.

**ALTERNATIVES:** One possibility would be to hike on to Throop Peak (1.8 miles round trip) from Mt Hawkins in order to be able to say you have walked the PCT from Windy Gap to Baden Powell this year. Another is to do the Mount Hawkins Loop by turning right at the triple junction and going to South Mt Hawkins. Return by the Mt Hawkins Truck Trail. This loop trail---without going to Mt Hawkins itself---is 11.5 miles and 3400ft. total gain. Also going to Mt Hawkins would add 1.6 miles to the 11.5.