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Winston Ridge (and Winston Peak)

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Leader - Ron Forbess

Trailhead Directions:

Drive North on Highway 2 (Angeles Crest Highway) 32.9 miles from the 210 Freeway continuing past the junction at Clear Creek information center to Cloudburst Summit just past Mile Paddle 57.04. Park in the gravel parking area on the north side of the road where a gated dirt road goes down. There is no restroom at the parking lot. Both of these peaks are on the Sierra 100 peaks list.

The Hike:

This was Irene's hike 5 years ago, but I wasn't able to do it at that time. We will hike to Winston Ridge first, and then on the way back those who want a little more exercise can also do Winston Peak. This is going to be a short hike, but I think it will be long enough.

Total distance for both versions of the hike is about 5 miles. Just going to Winston Ridge will be 1000 elevation gain and doing both peaks is about 1400 feet gain.

We start down the Pacific Crest trail from the parking area. After a mile the trail crosses the dirt road heading down to Cooper Canyon. We continue on the trail for another half mile, then leave the PCT and head west around bump 6903' on a use trail that is mostly good. After reaching a saddle below Winston Ridge, the trail improves and we go up to Winston Ridge at 7003'. The total distance to the peak is 2.5 miles. On the way back when we get to the PCT, those who want can branch off and go up the ridge to Winston Peak at 7502', an 800 foot very steep climb on not much of a trail from that point. After reaching the peak we continue down the ridge on the other side and reach a dirt road, which takes us down to the cars. For the others continue the way we came up until you get to the dirt road. The road is a little shorter back to the cars, but the trail is more scenic.

Cookies (from the kitchen of Patricia) will be supplied at an appropriate break on the trail. Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion.

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