

Rincon Short Cut Off Highway Vehicle Route (No Vehicles)
To Pine Mountain

DISTANCE: FULL HIKE, 11 miles round trip (plus unscouted scramble to Pine Mt. Peak)

ELEVATION GAIN: 1900 Ft. plus several hundred ft. to the peak.

FEATURES OF THE HIKE: The wild flowers were outstanding when Theo and I scouted on May 16. Let's hope they persist.

The gravel road starts off steeply. After a couple of miles it becomes less steep but continues unceasingly upward. While the road is in the open, the vegetation and occasional tree make it bearable.

There is a mileage post for each mile. Those of us who chose to go less than all the way may want to take an old spur trail which Theo scouted. It is about 2 1/2 miles into the hike. It goes up a hill to the South and affords a view of the lakes down the canyon.

Those who get past the 4 mi. mark will be able to look down on the West Fork Road and up into Bear Canyon, and also glance at the face of Cogswell Dam. Those who have made it this far, though tired and hungry, will be lured on ahead by the pass next to Pine Mountain which will present a brand new vista.

DIRECTIONS: From the 210 Fwy exit Azusa Ave north (Hwy #39). Proceed past the two dams. **Don't** cross the green bridge, but continue to the San Gabriel OHV Staging Area parking lot for **rest rooms**.

The Trail Head is just ahead, at paddle # 26.54 directly across from Rincon Fire Station.

Refreshments at the trailhead.

Happy trails
Tom