

Base of Mount Pacifico

This will be a loop trip along the Pacific Crest Trail to the base of Mt. Pacifico, an optional climb of Mt. Pacifico, and a return along the Pacifico Mountain Road to the starting point.

Driving:

Proceed North on Highway 2 (Angeles Crest Highway) from La Canada/210 Freeway to the Clear Creek junction. Turn left onto the Angeles Forest Highway and drive to the Mill Creek Summit. At the summit, you turn right and drive 0.3 miles past the ranger station and some buildings to the parking lot, where the hike survivors will be having refreshments.

The Hike:

From the parking lot, hike 5.6 miles along the Pacific Crest Trail to a saddle at the base of Mt. Pacifico. At this point you can see the dirt road, which will be used for the return hike. The ambitious hikers may climb Pacifico and eat lunch at the summit campground. The return is along the roads. From the saddle, hike Southwest a short distance, and at the first junction bear left, at the second junction bear left, and at the third junction turn right onto the Pacifico Mountain Road. It is about 4 miles along this road to the starting parking lot. Be sure to bear right after 2 miles at the junction of the Roundtop Road, and bear right again when you near the ranger station.