

893 -- April 2 --West Fork Hike-n-Bike – Bob De Wolf

Hike-n-Bike starts at 9:30AM Wednesday, April 2, 2008

This hike starts from the West Fork (San Gabriel River) bridge, 11.5 miles up Highway 39 (AKA Azusa Avenue) from Azusa, 1 mile past the Rincon Ranger Station. Take Azusa Avenue north from the 210 Freeway in Azusa. After you cross the bridge there is a parking lot with a small picnic area and some trees. Drivers be sure to bring and display your Senior Pass.

Starting point: Walk or ride south from the parking lot across the bridge to the gate across the West Fork road.

Bike Ride: Ride west up the gradual grade of the West Fork road. At 7 miles you reach Glen Canyon Camp. A faint hiking trail to the left leads to Glen Canyon Falls after a short walk. Take this if you want a side trip. A mile past the camp is Cogswell Dam. The last part is steep so you may want to walk your bike.

Hike: Hikers can walk the West Fork road along the creek as far as you please and return. Adventurers can turn off the road at a bridge after about a mile and take the trail up Bear Canyon. This trail involves a few water crossings, so be prepared to get your feet wet if you want to continue.