

## Chilao to Mount Hilyer

OTP Hike for 8/5/09

Distance: 5.8 miles

Elev. Change: 1200'

Leader: Jack Robinson

Trailhead Directions:

Drive north on Hwy 2 (Angeles Crest) from the 210 Freeway to mileage paddle 50.60. Turn left into Chilao Campground and proceed 0.7 mi and park on the left side of the road. You may see the Silver Moccasin Trail sign on the right. There are rest rooms at the visitors Center and campgrounds you passed on the way to the trailhead but not at the parking area.

The Hike:

At 9:30 we start hiking north on the Silver Moccasin Trail using switchbacks to gain a slope covered with pines and chaparral. At 1.1 miles and the edge of Horse Flats Campground we turn left and follow a path to the Mt. Hilyer trailhead and a sign indicating 2 miles to the summit. Proceed up the trail past clusters of manzanita, scrub oak and Jeffrey Pine to a complex of very large boulders. Some like to stop here for cookies. From here we proceed to the rounded summit area. The rabbits generally turn left here and go about 0.3 miles to a fire break and better view. After the summit the trail continues north until we reach the Santa Clara Divide Road where we will have lunch.

After lunch we proceed down the road .5 miles to the Horse flats turnoff. We now follow this road 0.7 mi. to where we left the Silver Moccasin Trail. We then retrace our steps 1.1 mi. down to Chilao.

After the hike we can walk or drive to one of the local campgrounds for refreshments.