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ECHO MOUNTAIN DAYHIKE

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CLASSIFICATION: Moderate (5 miles RT, 1400' elevation gain)

COST: None

TRIP LIMIT: None

DESCRIPTION: This hike goes up the Sam Merrill Trail from Altadena to Echo Mountain where the ruins of White City once stood. The "City" consisted of the Echo Mountain House, the Chalet, a reservoir, a small zoo and the Mt. Lowe Observatory. The cable incline brought the people up from Altadena. The City burned down completely over the course of three fires in 1900, 1905 and 1928. Today nothing remains but the ruins. There is a plaque to commemorate what was once there on the platform on the cable car terminus. There are good views of the valley below from here and a place where we can make echoes across the mountain. There are picnic tables where we can rest and have snacks or lunch. We plan to stay at the top for about 30 minutes and then go back down. The total time for the hike should take about 3.5 hours.

BRING: Water, sunscreen, bug repellent, snacks and/or lunch.

DIRECTIONS: Go to the Northern end of Lake Ave in Altadena. Park alongside the street. The hike begins on the right hand side where the sidewalk ends. We will meet there at 8:45 AM.

If you have any questions, please call the Trip Leader.

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