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Mt Baldy Day Hike Bear Canyon Trail

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CLASSIFICATION: Strenuous **Distance:** 12.8 miles RT **Elevation gain/loss:** 5,804ft / 5,804 ft
Trailhead elevation: 4,260 ft **Mt Baldy:** 10,064 ft

DESCRIPTION: Mt San Antonio, commonly known as Mt. Baldy, is the highest peak in San Gabriel Mountains. From the peak we'll have 360 degree views of mountains, desserts, valleys, and on a clear day ocean and Catalina Island. Trail starts out from the visitor center in Baldy village and follows a creek through the forested area. At 1.75 miles (1,270 ft elevation gain) we'll reach Bear Flat, a good turn around point for someone looking for an easy hike. After Bear Flat, a series of short switchbacks will lead us out of the forested area on a ridge. From this point on the trails follows the ridge all the way up to Mt. Baldy with nice views along the way. **Note:** Depending upon the level of snow we may not be able to get to the peak. We'll hike through light snow but will turn around if the snow is deeper than few inches. Also, in order to finish the hike during daylight we'll turn around at 1:00pm from wherever we are on the trail.

SCHEDULE: 8:00 am - Meet at the Visitor Center, introductions, obtain parking permits
 8:15 am – Start hike

COST: \$5 for day parking pass which can be purchased at the Baldy Visitor Center.

TRIP LIMIT: 15

RSVP: Please contact the trip leader and leave a phone number where you can be reached in case of any last minute changes due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstances

BRING: The normal day hike gear: day pack, **water (four quarts)**, hiking boots, lunch, trail snacks, hat, sunglasses, **clothes suitable for cold weather**, **rain gear**, **headlight or flashlight**, sunscreen, bug repellent, etc.

MEET: Mt Baldy Visitor Center in Mt Baldy Village. Phone number for the visitor center is (909) 982-2829

Directions: From Freeway 210 in Upland take Mountain Ave Exit and go north towards the mountains. Stop and reset your odometer. The following distances are from this point (intersection of freeway 210 and Mountain Ave). Continue on Mountain Ave as it curves to the right at 0.8 miles. Turn left at intersection with Euclid Ave (odometer 1.7 miles). Turn right at intersection with Mt Baldy Road (odometer 3.9 miles). Follow this road into Mt Baldy Village. As you enter the village, look for Mt. Baldy Restaurant/ Lodge on the right hand side. Visitor Center is across from the restaurant on the left hand side at 8.8 miles.

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

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