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Cucamonga Peak Day Hike

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CLASSIFICATION: Strenuous

Distance: 12.0 miles **El gain:** 3,900 ft **Trailhead:** 4,920 ft **Cucamonga Pk:** 8,859 ft

DESCRIPTION: This is very popular hike in the San Gabriel Mountains. Trail starts out in a lightly forested area and follows a creek for little more than a mile. Parts of the trail are very nice as you see the water cascade downstream and form mini waterfalls. At 1.8 mile you'll be greeted by the Cucamonga Wilderness sign. As we enter the Wilderness we'll cross dry rocky creek bed and start uphill on a long switchback. At about 2.3 miles we'll pass by a spring which runs all year. If you use water filter this is the last place on the trail to get water. From this point, trail switchbacks uphill up to the Ice House Canyon (IHC) Saddle. Looking back from several points on the switchbacks, you'll have good views of the canyon and Mt Baldy. IHC Saddle is a good place to take a break and have some snacks. Cucamonga Peak is 2.3 miles and 1,279ft of gain from this point. Peak has good views of the valley, nearby mountains, distance peaks of San Jacinto and San Gorgonio, Ocean and Catalina Island on a clear day.

MEET: 7:00 am – at the Ice House Canyon Trailhead. We'll start hiking at 7:10 am

COST: None. Adventure pass is usually required for parking. According to a volunteer at the Mt Baldy visitor Ctr, parking is free on last Saturday of every month

TRIP LIMIT: None

RSVP: Please contact the trip leader and leave a phone number where you can be reached in case of any last minute changes.

BRING: The normal day hike gear: day pack, water (3 quarts+), hiking boots, lunch, trail snacks, hat, sunglasses, clothes suitable for weather, sunscreen, bug repellent, etc.

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 at about 9 miles. Continue past the village for a mile or so to the Ice House Canyon Trailhead. There is a large parking lot at the trailhead.

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

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