



JPL HIKING +

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JPL TRAILBUILDERS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE Saturdays September 17
October 15, 2005

(Rain cancels any outing)

Monthly Volunteer meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the volunteer house at Wildwood picnic area. Call Kathie for directions.

LEADERS: Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL) 626-798-7256 (home)
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CLASSIFICATION: Easy to strenuous, up to you. **COST:** none **TRIP LIMIT:** none

DESCRIPTION: WHAT HAPPENED:

We continued maintenance on our adopted Mt Lowe East Trail, widening the trail tread and cutting back the brush. We went once more toward the midpoint from Eaton Saddle, but that part is in full sun and very hot. Now that the Mt Lowe fire road has been plowed, we drove up to the trail head near the Alpine Tavern campground and worked in the shady lower portion, also covering up some trail shortcuts. On another outing, we tried to remove 2 bad slides on the Sunset Trail, since is part of the Angeles Crest 100-mile foot race that takes place September 17. Once we removed the slides, we went on to brush other parts of the trail wider, and at the end of the day, the slides were back! A Trail Boss training outing in September will work on removing the slide from higher up the ridge. At least we proved to them that the slides couldn't be removed easily!

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

We will continue work on the lower half of the Mt Lowe East Trail from Mt Lowe fire road until the weather gets cooler, and then complete the upper half as well.

BRING: Dayhike gear (daypack, lunch, lots of water), sun screen, bug repellent, hat, sturdy shoes, and work gloves. You can bring your own tools or are welcome to use those from our group supply.

MEET: Meet at 8:15 AM at ball diamonds parking lot in the lower part of Hahamonga Park. Get off the 210 freeway at the Berkshire off-ramp and follow the signs for JPL and Hahamonga Park. Once you turn into the park, go down the driveway, make a right at the bottom and look for us in the parking lot by the ball diamonds. . We will sign in and form carpools, leaving at 8:30 sharp, returning around 4 PM. The leaders always take passengers, but make sure you have plenty of gas in case we need more drivers (riders can give drivers \$1 towards gas). If you need to leave early, notify the leaders at sign-in time.

Next tentative dates November 5, 26 and December 17