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## Ontario Peak Day Hike

**December 6, 2003 (Saturday)**

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**CLASSIFICATION:** Strenuous **Distance:** 12.2 miles RT **Elevation gain/loss:** 3,800ft / 3,800 ft  
**Trailhead elevation:** 4,920 ft **Ontario Peak:** 8,697 ft

**DESCRIPTION:** 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. Ontario Peak is 2.5 miles and 1,117 ft of gain from this point. Ontario Peak has good views of the valley, canyons, mountains, etc

**SCHEDULE:** 8:00 am - meet at the Visitor Center, introductions, obtain hiking and parking permits  
8:15 am - drive to the trailhead which is little more than a mile from the Visitor Center  
8:30 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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