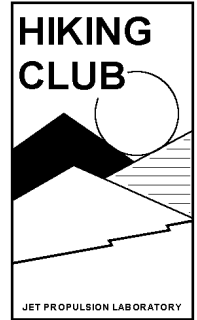


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## Cucamonga Peak via Icehouse Canyon Trail Day Hike

**Saturday, July 8, 2000**

**LEADER:** Bill Kirk (909) 989-0654/bclkc@earthlink.net  
**COST:** None  
**TRIP LIMIT:** 15, Permit required to enter the Cucamonga Wilderness  
**DIFFICULTY:** Strenuous  
**LENGTH:** 12 miles  
**STARTING ELEVATION:** 5,000' High Point: 8,859'  
**MAPS:** Telegraph Peak and Cucamonga Peak 7.5' USGS Quads

**DESCRIPTION:** Hike 20 in Ron Adkison's Book Hiking California and Hike #98 in John Robinson's Trails of the Angeles.

The trailhead is north of Mt. Baldy Village just before Mt. Baldy Rd. starts to switchback up to the ski lift and is probably the most popular trail in the Mt. Baldy area. The first 3.5 miles of the trail climbs without let up to Icehouse Saddle. This is a good spot for lunch and to catch your breath.

The 1.5 mile trip from Icehouse Saddle to Cucamonga Saddle is fairly easy with some exposure but from Cucamonga Saddle to the peak the trail climbs 1,159' in a mile and is hard as any section I've done in the San Gabriel's. However, the reward is Cucamonga Peak. This infrequently visited peak is the most beautiful peak, in my opinion, in the San Gabriel's offering outstanding 360 degree views and an occasional red hawk riding the thermals.

**NOTES:** The last reliable source of water is Columbine Spring, which we will encounter at miles 2.3 and 9.7. The middle section of Icehouse Canyon and a lot of the trail above Cucamonga Saddle are heavy scree and talus, therefore, boots are recommended.

**GEAR & CLOTHING:** Take the essentials for day hiking; such as, DEET (this canyon can have some industrial strength mosquitoes), sunscreen, sunglasses, 3 - 1 quart water containers/ hydration system or have the means to purify or filter water; hiking boots, daypack or fanny pack; camera, binoculars and food.

**MEET:** Saturday morning at the Visitor Center in Mt. Baldy Village by 7:30 AM. We need an early start to beat the heat in the Canyon.

Please call me by 9 PM on Thursday, July 6th, if you plan on going so we'll know how many to expect.

\*\*\*\*\* **NOTICE** \*\*\*\*\*

Mills Rd. between Foothill Blvd. and Base Line Rd is close while they are building a bridge for the Freeway. The amended directions taking this situation into account is now as follows. Please take note of this change if you plan on driving.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take 210 east to 10 east exit Indian Hill in Claremont. Go north to Baseline Rd. and make a right (east). Shortly thereafter make a left at Mills, if you miss Mills, Padua north is ok, too (Just don't cross the wash and enter Upland). In about 3 miles bear right onto Mt. Baldy Rd. and continue to Mt. Baldy Village, the Visitors Center is just above the Mt. Baldy Lodge/Restaurant and on the opposite side of the street. The trailhead is about 2 miles north of the Village and to your right just before the road starts to switchback up to the ski lift.

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