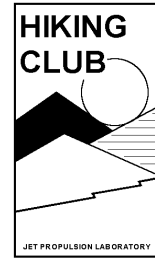


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Echo Mountain/Inspiration Point Dayhike!

7 May 2000
Sunday Morning EARLY



Meet at the top of Lake Street in Pasadena at 7:30AM
(Intersection of Lake and Loma Alta) Please be on time so we can avoid the
midday heat for the uphill hiking.

Come experience some of the history and beauty of our local San Gabriel
Mountains.

Summer weather has arrived. Please bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, water,
snack, sturdy walking boots, light jacket. You may want to bring camera and
binoculars, sketchbook, etc.

The Echo mountain leg of the hike takes about 1-1 1/2 hours each way, there are a
variety of interesting ruins and artifacts with interpretive data on top. Bring at least
1-2 liters of water if you're planning on doing this part of the hike. The Echo
mountain option I rate as easy to moderate (depending on how fast you wish to
hike).

Inspiration point is a shorter but steeper distance (approximately the same level of
effort) from the top of Echo mountain. We will hike up through Castle Canyon, a
partially shaded trail with many visual delights. Inspiration point has a
reconstructed outlook shelter, where we'll have post uphill snack, relax and enjoy
the view. The return trip will follow the upper Sam Merrill trail through an oak
forest and then down an open south facing slope to Echo mountain, then back
down the Echo Mountain trail to the automobiles. Those wishing to do the
Inspiration Point option should bring 2-4 liters of water. (depending on their
individual needs). The overall Echo mountain/Inspiration point option I rate as
moderate to strenuous. (again depending on how fast you want to hike).

Note there is NO water reliably available on this trail once you leave the trailhead.
There is a fountain available right at the start near the top of Lake street.

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