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Moonlight Dinner Hike to Henninger Flats

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(Rain cancels outing)

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CLASSIFICATION: Moderate Classification (constant ascent)

5 miles round trip: 1400 feet elevation gain

Topo Map: Mount Wilson

DESCRIPTION: Drive to the beginning of the Old Mt. Wilson Toll Road at the east loop of Pincrest Drive in Altadena. Park on the street, but be careful not to park where restricted. (They do give tickets).

Meet at 2:00 PM. at the gate. You don't need to call us to reserve, we will meet everyone there at 2:00 PM. The hike will start at 2:15 PM regardless of number of hikers. We will start our walk past the locked gate, down across the Eaton Canyon bridge, and up the cypress-rimmed old road, zigzagging up steep chaparral-covered slopes 2 1/2 miles to Henninger Flats. Just inside the shady flats, on both sides of the road, are the picnic and campgrounds.

Upon reaching the top, we will relax, walk around and enjoy the scenery. Later we will have our supper. We will determine how long we will stay up there depending on the weather, etc. But plan to start back by 6:00 PM to reach the bottom before the gates are closed. The Forest Rangers lock the gate at dusk. If I can get the key, we may stay later so we can see the moon.

BRING: Comfortable shoes, layered clothing (depending on the weather conditions), at least one quart of water for the hike (there is water up in Henninger, but you will need water for the hike), hiking stick is optional (but if you are old like me you may need two hiking sticks!), sun glasses, flashlight (it may be getting dark on the return trip), dinner as you wish (remember whatever you bring you have to carry up the hill, and every ounce feels like a pound when you are ascending).

See you all there!