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Dayhike, Strawberry Peak

Saturday, April 29



Route: Red Box to Strawberry Peak, Josephine Saddle, Colby Canyon

Trip leader: Mike Garrett 818-354-7732 or garrett@robotics.jpl.nasa.gov
We meet at JPL visitor parking lot at 8:30, organize the transportation, and depart at 8:45. Please call or write in advance so that we can arrange carpools and parking passes.

This is a very fun and interesting trail, with a beautiful canyon to follow, a sunny hillside to traverse, and a rocky section to scramble. Much thanks to the trail builders who have made it less interesting than it was for my first trip, which required punching headfirst through dense brush and scaling cliffs where the trail had washed out.

Travel distance is about 3 miles to the top, one way. At Josephine saddle we regroup at the water tank, then head off along the ridge for the final mile. Near the top is a rock scramble that is not nearly as difficult as it first appears, then on to the top.

We can expect a cool shady morning and some warm noontime sun, so pack for both conditions, including extra water. The top (6164') makes a very nice lunch spot where we may linger over lunch and enjoy the view.

A nice description of the trip is at:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~wwilkens/sierra/sgmhike.htm>

Bring: Sunscreen, lunch, at least two liters water (I know the weather is cool, but trust me, you will be glad to have it.) hat, sunglasses, clothes for cold and hot conditions. Long pants are strongly recommended for protection against jucca, poison oak, and other brush which often impinges on the trail between maintenance visits.

If you have parking passes, please mention this to the trip leader so that we may plan transportation.

If you have any questions, please call the trip leader.

Go to: <http://www.jplerc.org/hiking/strawberrypeak00.pdf> for the pdf flyer