Hike #1215 March 4, 2015 Jones Peak from Bailey Trail Tom Kaczmarek, Hike Leader

Basic Hike: 6 mi. RT, max. elevation change = 2350 ft.

Mt. Wilson Trail/Jones Ridge Loop Option: 6.6 mi. RT, max. elevation change = 2500 ft.

**Directions to Trailhead:** From the 210 Freeway take the Michillinda Blvd. off-ramp and go north on Michillinda. After about 1.2 miles turn right (east) at Grandview. Turn left (north) at the third street, Grove. Grove will dead-end at Bailey Canyon Park. Go through the gate and park in the parking lot. If the lot is full there is plenty of parking along Grove just before the park entrance. There is a restroom in the park.

**Basic Hike:** Is up and back on the Bailey Canyon Trail to Jones Peak. It is not an easy hike, it is steep, but the trail is in good condition.

Mt. Wilson Trail Loop Option: Exit the parking lot and walk 0.75 miles east along Carter Avenue to the beginning of the Mt. Wilson Trail. Hike up the trail about a mile to the unmarked junction of the Jones Ridge Route Trail. The trail route follows the ridge all the way to the summit of Jones Peak. The lower part of the trail has easy switchbacks for a while, but then it is a straight up scramble about a mile and 1735 feet elevation gain.

Return via the Bailey Canyon Trail back down to the parking lot.

## **Shorter Options:**

- 1) Hike up the Bailey Canyon trail for 2.2 miles (one way) and 1350 feet elevation gain to the Old Cabin site. All that is left of the cabin are some low stone walls. It is shady there and a short trail leads down to the stream with lots of trees.
- 2) Hike up the Canyon View Nature Trail, which goes to the falls. This trail branches off the Bailey Trail after 0.45 miles with a total distance to the falls one way from the Park of about 0.75 miles and 300 feet gain.
- 3) Another short loop that could be combined with the Falls Trail is the Live Oak Nature Trail, which begins by crossing a bridge 0.3 miles from the Park.

Google Earth Photo - Jones Peak via Bailey Canyon, and Mt. Wilson/Jones Ridge Trails

GPS Data:

Basic Hike: 6.1 mi. RT, max. elevation change = 2250 ft.

Mt. Wilson Trail/Jones Ridge Loop Option: 6.5 mi. RT, max. elevation change = 2440 ft.