

Hike #347

10/9/96

Irene's hike

9:30 (leave)

MOUNT HAWKINS VIA THE SUMMIT OF THROOP

Hawkins el. 8850'

Throop 9138'

classification - easy

approx 6½ m.

HIKING DIRECTIONS At Dawson Saddle (el. 7901') start on '90's Boy Scout trail until a saddle below Throop where one can easily cross over & drop a few feet to another unnamed or marked trail that leads through lovely Jeffrey pines to the summit.

From Throop summit, cross over and follow a use trail dropping down sharply until a fork. Go right and drop until this trail joins the Pacific Crest Trail. Total drop - 400'. Then continue a very easy mile to Dawson summit with nice views of the Crystal Lake area. The few yards from the PCT to the summit are incredibly easy. Return to Throop summit the way we came.

Tigers may wish to forge on through a very fine pine forest another 2 m. to Copter Ridge. I suggest NOT doing so until Hazrat and I find a shorter way to the PCT that does not involve climbing Throop.

Better alternatives:

1. Mt. Burnham is another mile on the Boy Scout trail from Throop.
2. Mt. Lewis is .5m & 500' above Dawson Saddle starting at the government storage warehouse (w. side)

It might be fun to break out the refreshments, leave those unwilling for further adventure, and carry the beverage of our choice up Lewis, thus alleviating any pain of 3 peaks in 1 day. From Lewis 8396' there are fantastic views of the desert below.

Notes; Hawkins was named for Nellie Hawkins, a waitress at the defunct Squirrel Inn formerly nearby. Throop was named for the founder of the Pasadena university that became Cal Tech.

DRIVING INFORMATION: (The only sad part of the hike.) Dawson Saddle is 5 m. past Islip Saddle which is 39.5 m. on #2 Angeles Crest Highway from La Canada.

PARK: 1/8 m. beyond Dawson Saddle & warehouse at foot of trail.

