

Hike #564

Altadena to an immense oak tree

10 mile round trip 1400 elevation gain

Take the Arroyo Blvd. exit from the #210 freeway and turn left heading north on Windsor Avenue. In about 3/4 mile park in a large parking lot above JPL. We start the hike promptly at 9:30.

Hike about a half mile down a road to the Arroyo Seco entrance and continue about another half mile to the Forest Service residences on the right. Then turn right, keeping right. A sign saying 2N66 indicates that we are on the hike for the day. Shortly thereafter is a sign on the left saying Lower Brown Mt. Road and El Prieto Trail. Follow the trail for nearly 2 miles until within a few feet of the road.

There is a fork in the trail at that point. Go left and continue on El Prieto Trail until it reaches Lower Brown Mt. Road the 2nd time. Take the road to the left to a saddle with a road marker & trees.

Turn on a road going to Millard Camp Ground. Stop for lunch under a magnificent oak tree, our destination, and turn back. At the saddle with signs, take the road to Arroyo Seco.

Refreshments will be on a knoll adjacent to the gated entrance to the public roads and our cars. We will not go to Brookside Park. I will bring a large paint drop (or 2) and anyone who wants to sit can bring their own camp stool (or sit on a paint drop).

Those who are eager might want to go 12 miles to Brown Mt. Those who want a short hike can stop at a picnic table shortly before reaching Lower Brown Mt. Road the first time. This is a lovely shaded area and would make about a 5 mile hike. Insects and poison oak are scarce on the entire hike. Note that there is no rest room at the knoll where we have refreshments so find a bush or tree before stopping your hike.