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Gabrielino Trail Backpack

Friday-Sunday, April 27-29, 2007

Los Angeles National Forest

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COST: Free !

DESCRIPTION: When you cross the bridge from the East Parking Lot to the East Gate at JPL you're at standing at one trailhead of the *Gabrielino National Recreation Trail*, our local backpacking trail running 28 miles through the San Gabriel Mountains from JPL to Chantry Flats in Sierra Madre. A chance to immerse ourselves in our local mountains during wildflower season, this semi-circular route runs north along the shady Arroyo Seco, east past Switzer Falls, over Red Box Saddle, and down the West Fork of the San Gabriel River, then south through Big Santa Anita Canyon to Adams Pack Station at Chantry Flats <http://www.adamspackstation.com>. As John Robinson describes it in *Trails of the Angeles*: "Enroute you sample the varied terrain and vegetation found in the front range: oak-shaded canyons, spruce- and pine-dotted mountainsides, and chaparral-coated lower slopes. The name commemorates the Gabrielino Indians, who roamed these mountains long before the advent of the white settlers in Southern California."

ROUTE: Our route can be a leisurely 3-day trip, or 2 ½, or an active 2-day trek. With six trail campgrounds to choose from along the way, it is easy to adapt our plan to match the interests and pace of the hikers. Stream water is available along most of the route (of course some method of purification is advised). Most of the trail camps have vault toilets. Red Box Ranger Station on Highway 2 is midway along the route.

BRING: Normal backpacking gear: pack, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, food, water, headlamp, tent if desired. Stoves are allowed with a California Campfire Permit from the Forest Service. The best map for this trail is Tom Harrison's Mt. Wilson Trail Map. Bring some packable delicacy to share for Happy Hour at our first camp.

PRETRIP DISCUSSION: Will be held on Tuesday, April 24th from noon to 1 pm in building 306 room 301. Be there or be represented. We'll discuss when we want to start (the Friday is an RDO which we can take advantage of if desired), how long we'll take, and in which direction we want to make the hike, as well as transportation to/from the trailheads, and what gear to bring (who plans on bringing a stove, water filter, etc.).

Clip and send to Glenn Sellar M/S 306-393

Please reserve space for ____ hikers on the Gabrielino Trail backpacking trip

Name: _____ Address: _____

Names of guests on back. Please enclose your new waivers (for all hikers).

Phone: _____

email Address: _____