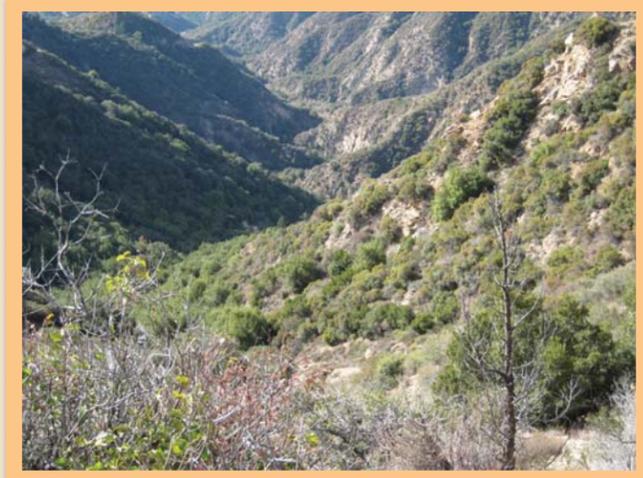


Sunset Ridge

Trailhead



View into Millard Canyon from Cape of Good Hope

Sunset Ridge Fire Road and Trail

Beginning at this trailhead a paved fire road opens up the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains. The Sunset Ridge - Mt. Lowe Fire Road winds its way up about 9 miles to Eaton Saddle Trailhead between San Gabriel Peak and Occidental Peak. Along this road many trails beckon - adventures to other wonderful destinations on the front range. Sunset Ridge Trail also begins here and offers stunning views, pine forests, and deep canyons.

Travel the Trail into History

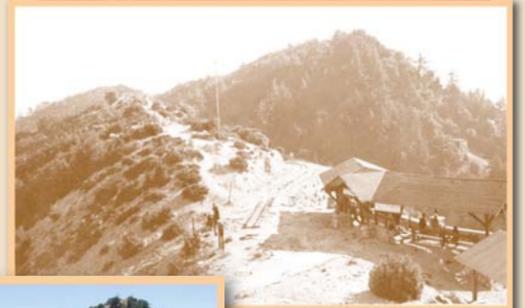
The Sunset Ridge Trail provides access to the ruins of the Mt. Lowe Scenic Railway, Echo Mountain, and the Alpine Tavern. Popular in southern California from 1893 to 1936, these locations were later destroyed by winds, floods and fire.

On Echo Mountain are the foundations of Echo Mountain House and the chalet. A fire swept Echo mountain in 1900, leveling all of the White City except the observatory. Picnic tables are now there for a lunch stop among the ruins. Look for the large, iron bull wheel that pulled the cars up the steep incline from Rubio Canyon below.

Along the historic railroad bed you will pass sites that attracted tourists of yesteryear: Granite Gate, Horseshoe Curve, and the site of the Great Circular Bridge. Near the top you'll come to the site of the Alpine Tavern (or the Mt. Lowe Tavern) which burned in 1936. Almost all signs of the tavern are gone, but this spot under oaks and big cone spruce still extends its hospitality, welcoming hikers with its shade, water, restrooms, and picnic tables.



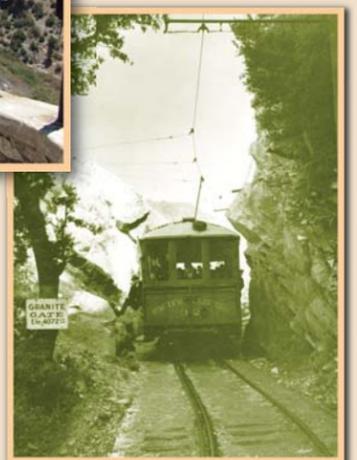
Early postcard of Echo Mt with The White City perched on the edge. A photo from the same viewpoint on the right.



Inspiration Point. Telescopes for viewing are on the other side the pavillion, circa 1920s.



Telescopes at Inspiration Point



Granite Gate, circa 1930s.

Things to remember when recreating in the area...

Poison Oak lives here!

Avoid contact!
- causes an itchy, blistering rash lasting up to 10 days.

Grows in a cluster of 3 shiny leaves that have a scalloped edge. Changes color seasonally, green to yellow and finally red.

Wash skin under cold water if contacted and as leaf oils can remain on clothing for up to 2 weeks, wash clothes immediately.



Be Bear Aware!

Bears are in the area so:

- Hike in groups, never alone
- Choose a campsite free of bear signs.
- Store your food, garbage and other bear attractants well away (100 yards) from your sleeping area and keep your camp clean!
- Cook well away (100 yards) from sleeping area
- Don't burn or bury garbage, pack it OUT!



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Leave No Trace

- Pack it in, pack it out.
- Keep a clean camp.



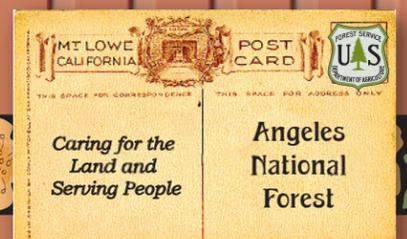
Control Your Pet!

- Your dog must be on leash while on the forest.



WANTED

Historical sites and archeological items are irreplaceable and protected by Federal Law. Protect your cultural heritage by leaving structures and artifacts intact for future visitors. Violators will be prosecuted.



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