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### **Switzer Picnic Area to Commodore Switzer Trail Camp, Switzer Falls, Arroyo Seco Cascades**

**Hike Length:** 4 miles round trip

**Description:** Drive up the Angeles Crest Highway 10 ½ miles from La Canada to the side of the road down to Switzer Picnic Area, ½ mile past the junction of the Angeles Crest and Angeles Forest highways. Turn right and descend to the parking lot outside the picnic area. Cross the bridge and follow the trail down the canyon. Travel one mile to Commodore Switzer Trail Camp down the stream. Some of the trail might be washed out so you might have to do some boulder hopping. From the trail camp, cross the stream and follow the trail as it climbs and then contours along the west slope above the falls. Go about ¼ miles until you see an unmarked junction. Go left (southeast) following the trail into the gorge of the Arroyo Seco below the falls. When you reach the creak, turn upstream and walk about ¼ miles until you see Switzer Falls. Or, walk downstream and find pools and miniature cascades.

### **Millard Canyon to Millard Canyon Falls**

**Hike Length:** 1 mile round trip

**Description:** Go down 210 west and take the Lincoln Ave exit in Altadena. Turn right on Lincoln Ave, then right onto West Loma Alta Dr, then finally turn left on Chaney Trail Dr. Drive up Chaney Trail Drive and continue over the ridge and down to the parking area at the bottom of Millard Canyon. Pass a locked gate and proceed a hundred yards up a fire road to Millard Canyon Public Campground. At the upper end of the campground, a wooden sign points right (east) to Millard Canyon Falls. Follow the shady canyon trail ½ mile to the foot of the falls. Return the way you came.

### **Eaton Saddle to Markham Saddle, Mount Lowe**

**Hike Length:** 3 miles round trip

**Description:** Drive up Angeles Crest Highway 14 miles from La Canada to Red Box. Turn right on the Mt. Wilson Road 2 ½ miles to Eaton Saddle marked by a gate on the right side of the road. Walk past the locked gate onto the Mt. Lowe fire road, overlooking the yawning chasm of upper Eaton Canyon. Follow the road as it turns west and contours around the south face of San Gabriel Peak. Near midpoint, the road tunnels through a nearly vertical cliff. After a mile you reach Markham Saddle, a V-shaped cleft between San Gabriel Peak and Mt. Markham. Here you leave the road and take an unmarked footpath to the left that leads southwest around the slopes of Mt. Markham. You cross an area of sparse growth, where fires a few years ago took its toll, to the saddle between Mt. Markham and Mt. Lowe, then enter a forest of small oaks as the trail rounds the east slope of Mt. Lowe. About 300 yards beyond this last saddle, look for an unmarked side trail branching back to your right (west). Take the side trail about ¼ miles to the bare summit of Mt. Lowe for a spectacular view.