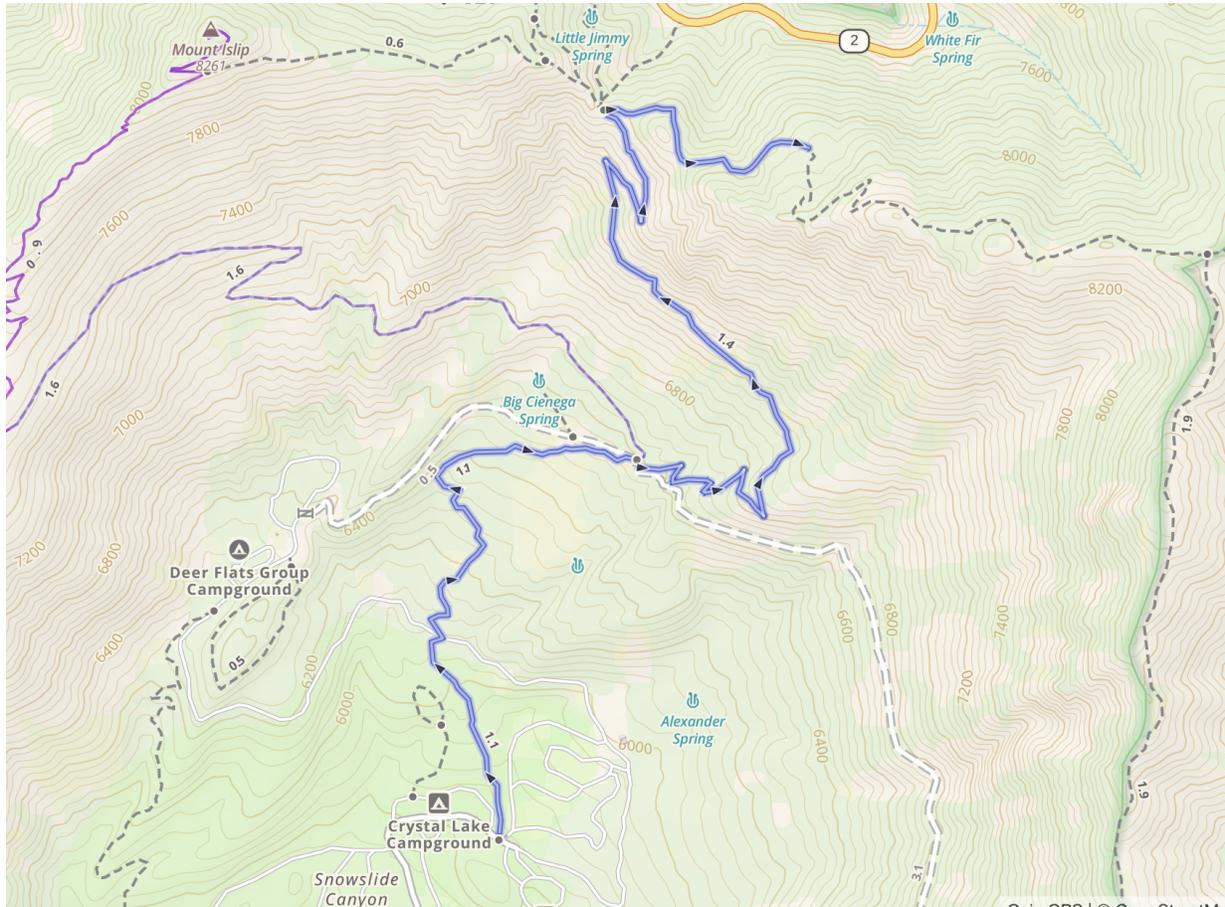


April 9th-11th, 2021

FIRE

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST



Description

Fire merges the organic and inorganic. It exists at the meeting point between organic fuel, the particular chemistry of our atmosphere and the moment of ignition. In the smoke filled fire season of 2020, Los Angeles residents experienced the sensation of breathing in the ashes of the trees many of us had been hiking in for years. Grief over a perceived loss mingles with curiosity about the new landscape. As we become more familiar with the essential role fire plays in this landscape (and the devastating consequences of fire

suppression), this trip is an opportunity to engage with the aftermath of combustion in an embodied, direct way.

Trip Details

Starting at Crystal Lake, we will hike up the south face of the San Gabriels through an area burnt in 2002's Curve Fire. Upon reaching the ridge at Windy Gap, we will be on the backbone of the range, able to see down into the desert to the north – and into vast areas that burned in this summer's Bobcat fire. From there, we will hike east to a campsite from which we can consider, explore, and discuss the effects of the fires. We will return to the site throughout the year to observe the forest's unfolding response across the seasons.

Map link:

<https://www.gaiagps.com/map/?loc=14.1/-117.8342/34.3362&pubLink=h2Zn7tTuWq67UDziycdEluj6&trackId=4d1b4424-435f-43ff-a2f1-5162996ea46e>

Itinerary

Day	Description	Mileage
1	Hike from Crystal Lake to campsite	3.5
2	Explore together or individually around site or up further east towards Throop peak and Baden Powell	0
3	Hike back to car	3.5

Total Mileage: 7 miles

Difficulty: Easy to moderate. The first two miles are quite steep, but the distance is short. This is a good entry to backpacking as we stay relatively close to the car.

Distance Ascent
2.85 mi **2,421 ft**

Elevation ^



Ascent	2,421 ft
Descent	352 ft
Max Elevation	7,933 ft
Min Elevation	5,864 ft

Expected Conditions

- Weather
 - Highs in the 70s, lows in the 40s, should be clear weather, but an exposed climb. Bring adequate sun protection
- Trail
 - Possibility of ice patches, trees downed on trail in the burn scar, but otherwise easy to follow
- Water
 - There is a spring about .75 miles from the campsite. We will fill up on our way into camp. I'd suggest bringing a carrying capacity of 4 L for drinking and cooking purposes
- Gear Considerations
 - It is likely to be chilly, so layer up for the nights!
 - Trekking poles and microspikes highly recommended for navigating any remaining ice patches.

Getting to the Trailhead

- Meet at Crystal Lake Cafe at 7 am
- Drivers will need an Adventure Pass for 3 days per each car.