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Unofficial website: <http://www.simpsoncity.com/hiking/bridge.html>

E. East Fork Road

Valyermo, CA 93563

DURATION/DISTANCE: 10 miles/ 5+ hours

ABOUT THIS HIKE (for more info, see “Events” at www.OC-Hiking.com)

This is an intermediate/advanced hike. It has many stream crossings and boulder hopping. Please do not sign up if you are uncomfortable hiking uneven terrain.

In the mid 1930’s a road was under construction to link the East Fork of the San Gabriel River to the Angeles Crest Highway near present day Wrightwood. It was to traverse the East Fork through the deepest gorge in Southern California known as “The Narrows”. A number of bridges were built as the road snaked its way into the canyon. In 1938, a significant rainstorm occurred which washed out the road and damaged some of the bridges. This same rainstorm wreaked havoc in Los Angeles as well and precipitated the cement lining of the LA River as we see it today. The damage was too great to consider rebuilding the roadway. The bridge alone remains, an eerie yet historic insight into the past. Hike Duration: 5+ hours.

DIRECTIONS

From 605N to 210E for 3 miles and exit Azusa Blvd

From 57N, take 210W, exit Azusa Blvd.

North on Azusa (Hwy 39) 12 miles, right on East Fork Road. Cross the bridge and continue east 5 miles until you reach an abrupt u-turn in the road. Go straight at this point and, as it veers north, continue on another mile until you reach the trailhead parking area.

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FEATURES

- Adventure Pass is required for parking
- Watch bungee jumpers use the bridge on weekends
- Pit toilets are available at the parking lot
- Trekking poles and water shoes recommended
- Bighorn sheep have been sighted
- Look for Swan Rock en route (pictured below)



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SAFETY TIPS

- 1) Bring your camera!
- 2) Have extra footwear/dry clothes in your car for return.
- 3) There is no shade; bring sunglasses, sunscreen, and a hat.
- 4) Comfortable shoes with traction are advised. Water shoes are advisable.
- 5) Please dress appropriately for hiking. Loose, comfortable clothing with wicking capability and layers for temperature variation is recommended. You may prefer shorts and want swimwear.
- 6) Please bring MORE than 2 liters of water.
- 7) Parking is limited; carpooling recommended.
- 8) Bring your lunch, snacks, and sense of adventure.

WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAID

"Fascinating hike through the San Gabriel River canyon." -- Maryam

"This is one hike where you can depend on seeing lots of water year round." -- Brian

"First time on this hike, and it was GREAT!" – Barry Steele

