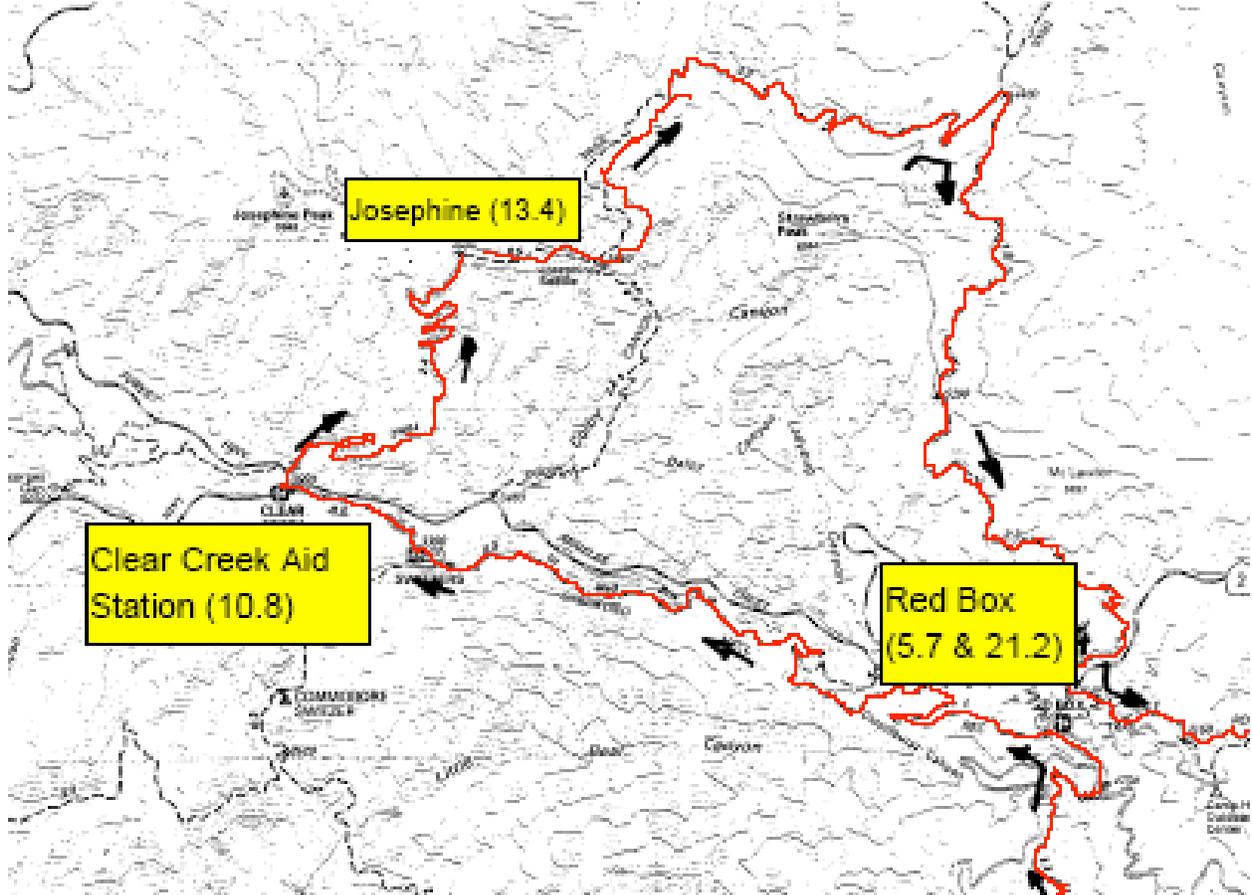


Running the Strawberry Loop from Red Box



Starting at Red Box:

- First thing to remember is follow the ORANGE RIBBONS where marked.
- Go West towards Clear Creek on the Gabrielino Trail. Follow the Trail for about 2 miles. You will see a path to the right, which probably has stones in front of it blocking the way. DO NOT follow the path. Continue down the short very rocky trail to the left.
- Follow Gabrielino Trail all the way to Switzers Picnic area. You'll know you are there, because it's the first place along the trail with picnic tables.
- Go to the right and get to the parking lot.
- Go thru the parking lot and up the paved road up towards Angeles Crest HWY.
- When you are almost at the top of the paved road there are some big pine trees on the left going up the hill near the top. Take the trail on the left to Clear Creek.
- When you get to the small Clear Creek Ranger Shack, fill up your bottles on the far side of the shack.
- Cross HWY #2 (Angeles Crest HWY) and follow Angeles Forest HWY for about 100 yards.
- On your right you will see a fire road and a fire road gate.
- Go up the Fire Road 2N64.
- Follow the road for about 2.4 miles up.

- You will get to Josephine Saddle where you can see the entire Big Tujunga Canyon/Valley. Josephine Aid Station is where the trail attaches to the road. There may be some left over orange ribbon at the trail head.
- Take the trail there that leaves the road to the right. There is no sign so pay attention!!
- Follow about a _ mile.
- You will come to a trail head and trail sign. Do not go down to the right.
- You want to take the trail that goes to the left and sort of on an upgrade.
- Stay on that trail all the way around Strawberry Peak. You will have incredible views from the backside of Strawberry Peak. Enjoy.
- You will follow the trail down and thru the creek/rocky area and thru a piney and sandy floor area.
- The next trail head you come to will have a metal trail sign-in box.
- Go to right and up the hill. DO NOT go to the left and down to Colby Camp! That is no mans land and no water down there!
- Stay on this trail (Strawberry Trail). It will keep climbing up steep at first, but it will lessen to a gradual climb for about a 1_ miles.
- When you get to the next trail sign just go straight. You now are about 2_ miles from Red Box. You will follow for about _ mile, you will go around a turn and both Mt Wilson and Mt Disappointment will come into view. Enjoy.
- Follow for about 1_ miles to you get to an unmarked fork in the trail.
- Go down the hill to the left and you are home free.
- OK, that was your tour...how was it?

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