

## Silver Moccasins Hike Detour

The route of the Silver Moccasins Hike (and the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)) in the Angeles National Forest is impacted by a long term endangered species closure.

The Silver Moccasins Hike is described in Hike Aid 15, [Long-Term Trekking](#). The trail along Little Rock Creek is closed between the Burkhart Trail and Eagles Roost to protect the endangered mountain yellow-legged frog. An official alternate to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) is in place. Due to the trail conditions and exposure of the South Fork Trail, Scout units planning to hike the Silver Moccasins Trail should instead use the Manzanita Trail from the South Fork Campground to Vincent Gap (a modification to the PCT alternate route), and then hike west-bound on the PCT/Silver Moccasins Trail to Islip Saddle, where the trek ends. The alternate is long and has a lot of elevation gain and loss, but it also has some interesting geology and is a worthy hike. Because of the length of the detour, during the period of this endangered species closure the starting trail head for the Silver Moccasins Hike is at Shortcut Saddle, instead of Chantry Flats, so that the length and difficulty of the hike remains about the same.



***As specified in Hike Aid 15, be very careful when crossing the Angeles Crest Highway. Hiking along the Angeles Crest Highway is not permitted at any time and will disqualify participants from any awards.***

***Additionally, transporting participants along the Angeles Crest Highway to circumvent the approved detour is not permitted at any time and will disqualify participants from any awards.***

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## **Official Endangered Species Detour – Silver Moccasins Hike**

This detour bypasses 7.8 miles of the Silver Moccasins Trail to protect the endangered Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog.

Mile	Description	Elevation
0	<b>Burkhart Trail</b> - Depart the PCT at the Burkhart Trail/PCT junction	
1.5	<b>Little Rock Tributary</b> - Cross a tributary of Little Rock Creek	6014 ft
3.2	<b>Burkhart Saddle</b> - Burkhart Saddle	6970 ft
6.9	<b>Cruthers Creek</b> - Cross Cruthers Creek	4641 ft
9.7	<b>Punchbowl Park Trail</b> - Pass trail junction to Devils Punchbowl County Park <b>Punchbowl Park</b> - Devils Punchbowl County Park with water fountain, out house, trash can, but no camping, park closes at sunset. 9/10 mile NE of detour mile 9.7	5272 ft
10.0	<b>Punchbowl Creek</b> - Cross Punchbowl Canyon Creek	5236 ft
12.3	<b>Devils Chair Trail</b> - Pass the Devils Chair trail junction	4975 ft
12.8	<b>Holcomb Canyon Creek</b> - Cross Holcomb Canyon Creek, possible wilderness campsite	4521 ft
15.0	<b>Big Rock Creek</b> - Crossing of the South Fork of Big Rock Creek	4522 ft
15.2	<b>South Fork Campground</b> - Continue through the South Fork Campground, outhouse, water from creek	4545 ft
18.1	<b>Dorr Canyon Creek</b> - Cross Dorr Canyon Creek, possible water from creek	5380 ft
19.4	<b>Creek</b> - Cross creek, possible water from creek	6100 ft
20.9	<b>Hwy 2</b> - Vincent Gap, crossing of Hwy 2, out house, trash can, paved trail head parking	6585 ft

From Vincent Gap follow the Pacific Crest Trail/ Silver Moccasins Trail west-bound to Mt. Baden-Powell, and continue west-bound to Islip Saddle, the end of the trek.

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