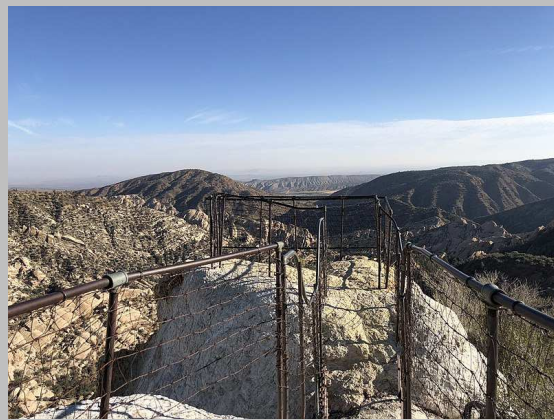
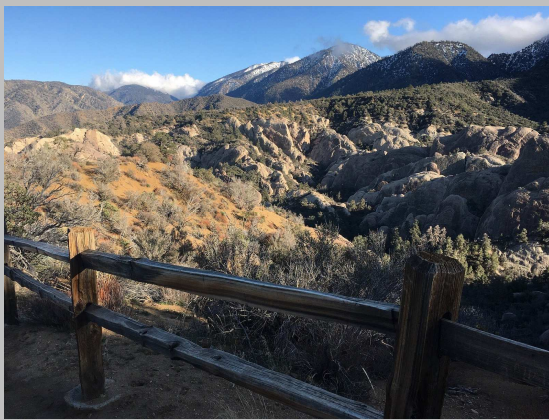


San Andreas Fault, Part 5: Wrightwood, Cajon Pass

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East of Palmdale the SAF leaves the Antelope Valley and begins crossing the San Gabriel Mtns.



2020 Bobcat Fire destroys the Visitors Center ☹ vs 2022 Plans to rebuild 😊
The hike to Devil's Chair remains open!

But before you continue... go south of Pearblossom to discover the Devil's Punchbowl! The Punchbowl Fault (which is a parallel strand of the SAF) is one of many smaller faults in this area. The upheaval in this LA County park is amazing.

After Valyermo, Big Pines Road runs more or less directly atop the fault, crossing it numerous times during the climb toward the summit. At Big Pines, the fault zone runs under the five-way intersection at the Angeles Crest Highway.



Jackson Lake west of Big Pines – Photo by Rennett Stowe



Lone Pine Canyon runs down the linear valley from Wrightwood to Cajon Pass, generally paralleling the fault and crossing it several times.

CAJON PASS

At Cajon Pass, the fault crosses several major infrastructures - 9 lanes of Interstate 15, US Route 66, two major railroad mainlines (Union Pacific Railway and Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway) as well as power, gas and water lines.



Union Pacific or BNSF train



view of the traffic from the Mormon Rocks