

Hot Fun in the San Gabriels July 23rd – Sign Up Now for the Summer Day Drive!

It is time to book your spot for our fun-in-the-sun loop through San Gabriel National Monument's best mountain twisties: the AROSC Summer Day Drive on July 23rd, with lunch at 4,000 feet. RSVPs are needed by July 15th.

You can think of this as an "extended hillclimb" from Azusa to Mt. Baldy Village via the scenic and challenging San Gabriel Canyon, Glendora Mountain and



Glendora Ridge Road, one lane across the top of the world with distracting scenery.

Glendora Ridge Roads. These are two-lane and single-lane, no-curb, no-guardrail, focus-on-your-driving roads. Everyone is invited, but Alfas get to lead the pack – other makes and models will be the support crew.

Our short tour will begin at the San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center, 1960 San Gabriel Canyon Rd, Azusa, CA 91702, at the entrance to the Angeles National Forest. Just follow Hwy. 39 to Azusa where it ends in the foothills. Hwy 39 becomes San Gabriel Canyon Rd. There is a big turnout alongside the Gateway Center on the right side of the road for us to park, plus nice restrooms and a great garden. Meet-up time is 9:30AM; roll-out is 10:00AM.

We plan to arrive at Baldy Village by 11:30AM, giving us a half-hour to stroll the U.S. Forest Service's Visitor Center in the former Mt. Baldy Schoolhouse, plus outdoor exhibits.

Our lunch will be a non-structured drop-in at Mt. Baldy Lodge, as they open at 12:00Noon. The food is outdoorsy fare with beef, turkey, chili and potatoes



Mt. Baldy Lodge is our lunch destination. Elyse Barrett photos.

everywhere in the menu. Salads are protein-infused (chicken and tuna). Visit www.mtbaldylodge.com/ for an overview. We will descend straight off the mountain on Mt. Baldy Rd./Mills Ave., and have an optional visit to the Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden in Claremont pencilled in, depending on interest. Please let us know if you are interested in the garden. Get your Alfa ready to spend a day in the mountains (4,000 ft. elevation) and RSVP to Jim & Elyse at eddinab@verizon.net no later than July 15th.

– Elyse & Jim