

Directions to Crystal Lake Recreation Area (for astronomy)

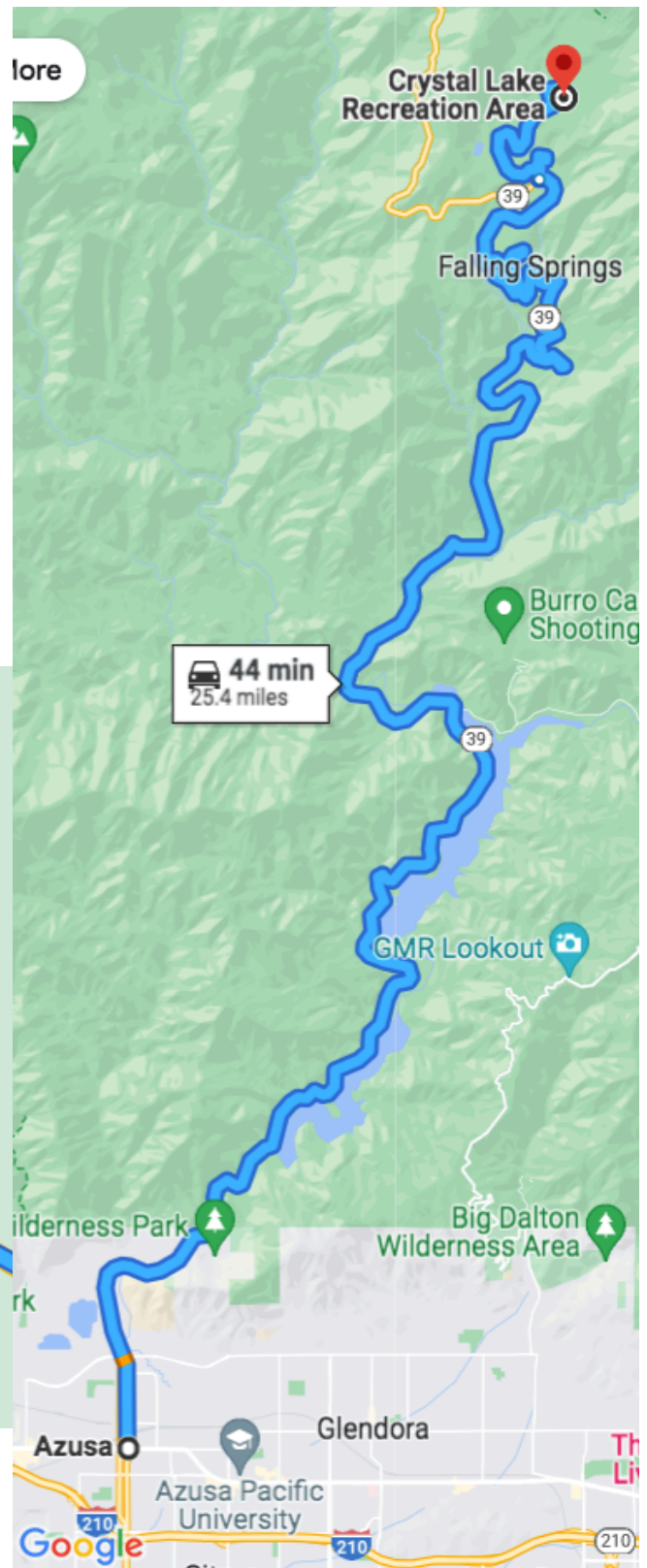
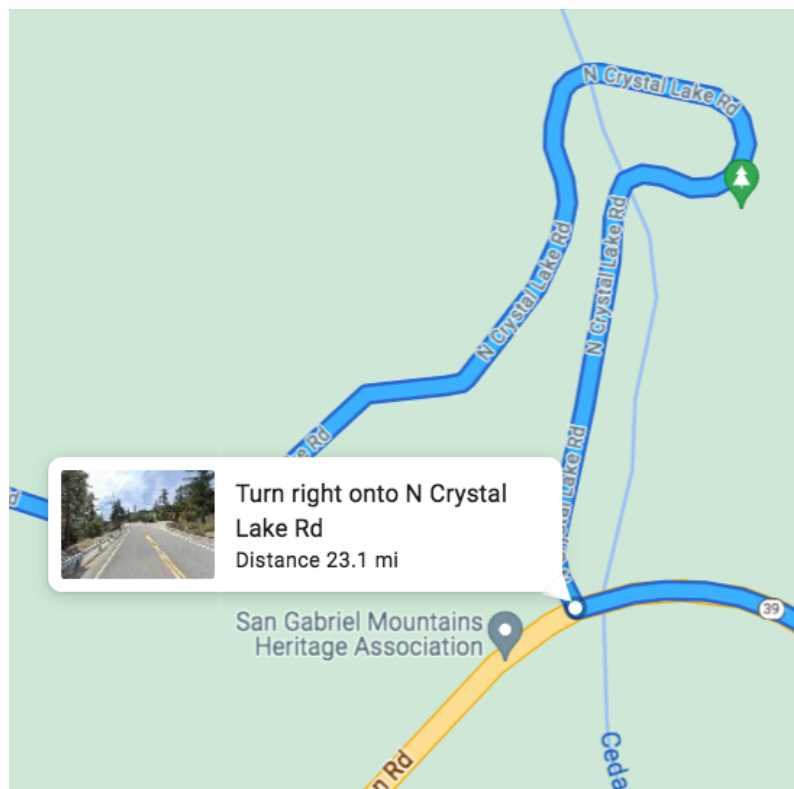
Phones do not work in the area. Make sure you know where you are going before starting.

The last 10 miles are steep and winding. Make sure your car has good brakes. Drive safely!

It will be cold. Take warm clothing. (Hot drinks?)

Directions:

- Starting from the city of Azusa, go North on Azusa Ave, aka Route 39. It changes name to San Gabriel Canyon Road, but it's still Route 39.
- About 23 miles up, you will see signs for Crystal Lake - make a right turn on to Crystal Lake Road.



About 2 miles up Crystal Lake Road you will see the Visitor Center and the Crystal Lake Cafe. It closes around 6 pm but if you get there early you can find snacks and useful stuff like flashlights, hats etc.

- Continue past the visitor center and cafe. The road curves to the left of the visitor center.
- Continue another 1/2 mile and park in the parking lot at the end of the road. We meet here.

Suggestions:

- Come a little early to look around. It's a lovely natural area.
- Bring a mat to lie down on to view the sparkling sky. The school is providing binoculars.
- Come a little early to help me set up. (Extra credit.)
- Stay a little late to help me pack up. (E.C.)
- Provide a ride to your fellow students. (E.C. if your car is safe.)

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Note about permits: Technically, you are supposed to have a Forest Service Pass to park your car. The Visitor Center and Cafe sell these passes which are good for one year. However, in the ~ twenty years I have been visiting the San Gabriel Mountains, I have never seen anyone get ticketed. Don't worry about it.

