## **Hams in the Hills - Strawberry Pass**

**When:** Sat., Sept.9 0900 departure from Rally Point.

**Rally Point:** Safeway 6498 Pony Express Trail, Pollock Pines, CA 95726.

Click here for location.

**Trail Boss:** Jeff K6BSY <u>jeff.sims929@gmail.com</u> Notification is helpful

so we can anticipate your arrival before departing the rally point. Drop a line and Jeff will

add you to the email list.

**Objective:** Strawberry Pass Trail runs from State Route 50 near the town of

Strawberry to State Route 88 at the Caltrans Caples Lake Maintenance Station. A map from Safeway to the "trail head" is

included in the link below.

https://goo.gl/maps/rvPzaDoK8tiJ4dBL6

The trail is about 12 miles long, and prior to the Caldor Fire, had a few technical spots. During and after the fire the trail was graded to accommodate large equipment. Winter storm run-off has formed some new technical spots. High clearance, 4WD is required.

A scenic view at the Pass (Elev. 8626) makes the trip worthwhile regardless of the lack of some of those technical features. This is a great lunch/group photo spot unless hunger overtakes us sooner.

We will air up at or near the Caples Lake Maintenance Station.

**Food:** Safeway has a deli. There is also a Subway and Shell station at

this exit.

**Gas:** The Shell station (mentioned above) across Pony Express Trail is

a good place to fill your tank.

Road chatter: Tac-1 (details here)

En route W6YDD (details <u>here</u>)

**Frequencies:** Repeater: On the trail: Tac-1 (details here)

APRS: APRS.fi for active vehicle locations on event day

Avoid chatter on W6EK unless participating

in the Coffee Break Net.

**Map:** A map showing our route is on the following page.

**Links:** Click on the links below to download and import our route

into your favorite GPS/navigation program.

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