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Hello again! This month, we will take a short hike, a little more than a mile. But this trail is very special.

Photos by Alive! Staff

Why? Because it has a waterfall!

When you think of waterfalls, you might think of far away tropical places. But there's a beautiful waterfall just a short drive from downtown

Have you ever heard of Millard Canyon Falls? It's also known by the name of Chaney Trails. This trail is in Altadena, a neighboring city to Pasadena. The directions are listed below.

You might want to bring extra shoes and socks, just in case you step in the water. Water flows alongside the entire trail.

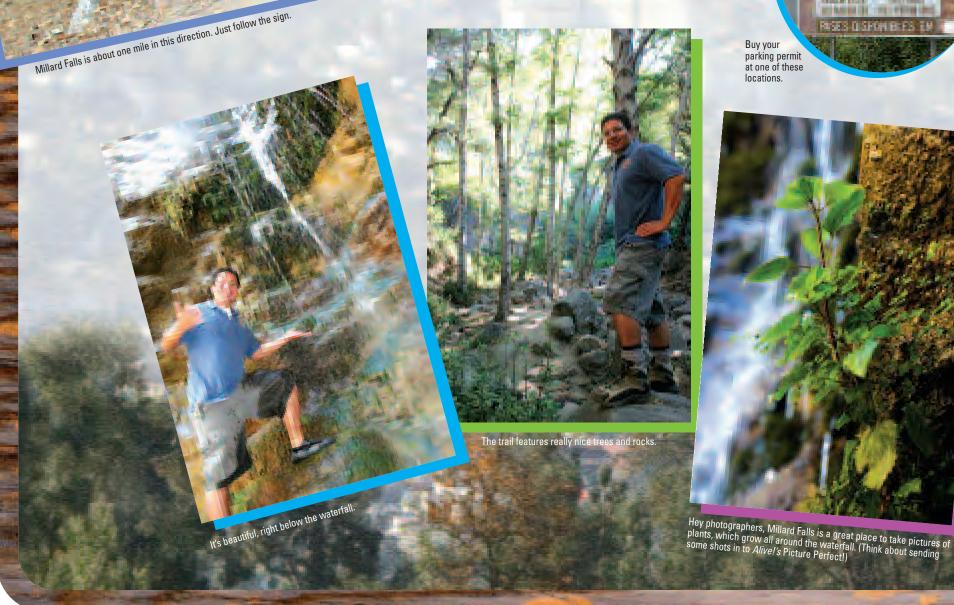
Note: This is more like a very low-grade rock climb, because you are basically following the creek all the way to the top. Bring a camera and take a few pictures; imagine your're on that tropical vacation. The creek and boulders make you zigzag from side to side, but the sparkling stream and sounds of running water help you relax and just enjoy the moment. There are lots of lush green plants and flowers, and when you arrive to the end of the trail, you will see a 50-foot waterfall. Spectacular!

Millard Canyon is named for Henry W. Millard, who homesteaded in the mouth of the canyon with his family in 1862. He raised bees and hauled wood to Los Angeles. Millard Canyon also became known for its gold mining. The historic Dawn Mine (in operation intermit-tently from 1895 through the early 1950s) was one of the most sto-

ried mines of the range.

This is another hidden treasure in our local mountains. Please take a moment and visit this trail. I will see you next month. Bye for now!







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You meet all sorts of great people at Millard Falls. I met B.J., area resident and dedicated Millard Falls hiker, and his dog, Kona.



Don't forget your parking permit!

Taking photos of these beautiful places is almost as much fun as the hiking is .. but sometimes more work!

## August Events

#### **26th Annual Watts Towers** Day of the Drum Festival/ **3 Ist Annual Simon Rodia** Watts Towers Jazz Festival

Great, international drums and jazz at the Watts Towers Arts Center: drums on the first day, and jazz on the second. Tours of the Watts Towers are available. Free.

When: Sept. 29-30, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Where: Watts Towers Art Center Amphitheater, 1727 E. 107th St., Watts Sponsor: Cultural Affairs and Watts Towers Arts Center

Info: (213) 847-4646, www.wattstowers.net

#### **Pershing Square Summer Concert** Series

The park in downtown continues its annual series of lunchtime concerts, "Swingin' Summer Nights" and Salsa Sundays. Information: www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

#### L.A. Greek Fest

The yearly L.A. Greek Fest is held on the Grand Plaza of the St. Sophia Cathedral in the Byzantine Latino Quarter of Los Angeles. This event is L.A.'s premier Greek festival, featuring the best of Greek foods, pastries, music and folk dancing, along with exotic gifts and arts and craft booths. When: Sept. 7 - 9

Where: 1324 S. Normandie Ave. and Pico Blvd., Los Angeles **Cost** (admission): \$5 Information: (323) 737-2424, www.LAGreekFest.com

#### **Port of Los Angeles Lobster** Festival

Enjoy a weekend of fun and fine food on the waterfront in historic San Pedro. The Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival features worldfamous discount lobster meals, rides, games, arts and crafts shopping, and nonstop entertainment. Sponsored by the Port of L.A. When: Sept. 14 - 16, Where: Seaside Lagoon, 200 Portofino Way, San Pedro Cost: \$8 general Information: (800) 831-PORT, www.portoflosangeles.org

### How to get to Millard Canyon Falls

- From the 210 Foothill Freeway in Pasadena, exit at Lake Avenue.
- Turn left (West) where Lake ends and Loma Alta Drive begins, the road curves to the left.
- Drive about 1.0 mile and look for the flashing Yellow light (Chaney Trail) make a right. Continue north and after about a mile you will see Sunset Ridge. Turn left and park in the large parking lot.
- You must have a National Forest Adventure parking pass, (see the picture insert for locations).

# Ticket Guy Recommends:

#### The San Diego Zoo

You've already gone to the City's excellent zoo in Griffith Park, and now you're looking for another zoo adventure ... plus a road trip.

Think the San Diego Zoo. You can take a drive, dine, do some shopping, and visit the world-famous San Diego Zoo. Check out the Club Store page for current prices. And remember, we pass along the great discounted price with no added markup.