

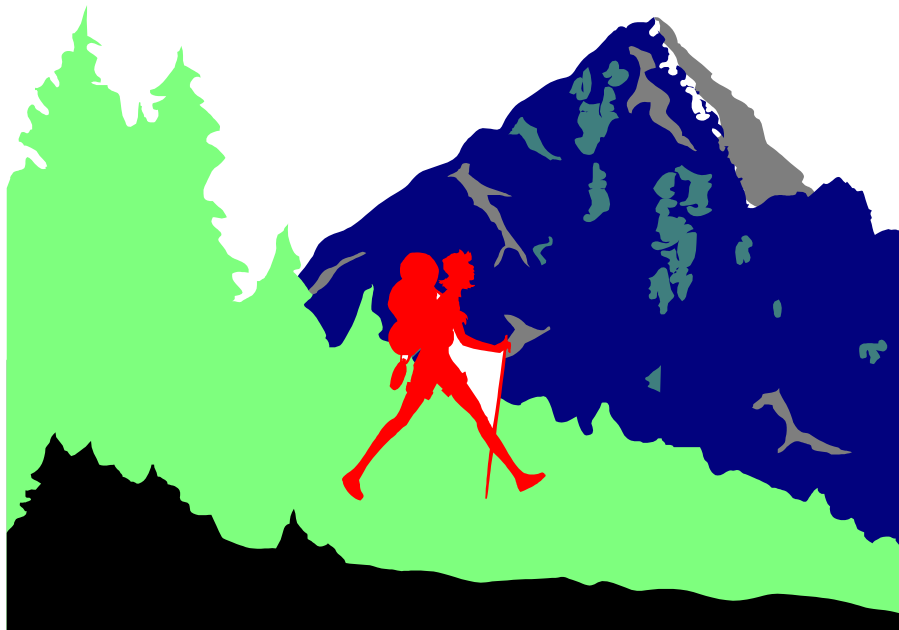
# **YMCA of GREATER WHITTIER CAMP ARBOLADO OUTCAMPING TRIPTIK BOOK**

**TRIP #2 INFO: Forsee Creek Trailhead to Jackstraw  
Springs Trail Camp**

**(NOTE: This book is to be used in conjunction with the TripTik Baseline Manual)**



*We build strong kids, strong families,  
strong communities.*



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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT/REFLECTION**

You may think, my dear, when you grow quite old  
You have left camp days behind.  
But I know the scent of wood-smoke  
Will always call to mind  
Little fires at twilight  
And trails you used to find.

You may think some day that you have quite grown up,  
And feel so worldly wise.  
But suddenly from out of the past  
A vision will arise,  
Of merry folk with brown, bare knees  
And laughter in their eyes.

You may live in a house built to your taste  
In the nicest part of town.  
But some day for you old camp toys  
You'd change your latest gown  
And trade it all for a balsam bed  
Where the stars all night look down.

You may find yourself grown wealthy  
- have all that gold can buy.  
But you'd toss aside a fortune  
For days 'neath an open sky  
With sunlight on blue water  
And white clouds sailing by.

For once you have been a camper,  
Then something has come to stay  
Deep in your heart forever,  
Which nothing can take away.  
And heaven can only be heaven  
With a camp in which to play.

**TRIP #2**  
**Forsee Creek Trailhead to Jackstraw Springs**  
**Trail Camp**

## TRIP #2

**MAIN STATISTICS:**      **8 miles** round trip from Forsee Creek trailhead; **10.3 - 11 miles** round trip if leave from Forsee Creek trailhead and hike back to Camp Arbolado  
**2,800 feet** elevation gain  
Classification: **Moderate** (2 days), **Strenuous** (1 day)  
Season: **June - October**

### FEATURES

Jackstraw Springs offers a beautiful view of the Barton Flats area below. Camp Arbolado, Jenks Lake and many other landmarks are visible from Jackstraw Springs Trail Camp. The camp itself is situated in a saddle thick with pine trees. Another option that this trip offers is the ability to hike back into Camp Arbolado, thus eliminating the need for transportation to bring campers/staff back to camp. This option adds 2.3 to 3 miles to the trip, but it's level walking.

### DESCRIPTION

Take the Jenks Lake Road turnoff of State Highway 38. From Camp Arbolado, go down the highway towards Redlands to the Jenks Lake Road turnoff point below the Boy Scout Camp Tahquitz. Travel up Jenks Lake Road approx.  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile and turn right onto the Forsee Creek trailhead (Camp Round Meadow) dirt road. Follow the dirt road past Camp Round Meadow entrance until it ends at the Forsee Creek trailhead, about 1 mile. The first  $\frac{2}{3}$  mile of the dirt road is readily negotiable; the last  $\frac{1}{3}$  is too steep and rocky for most standard cars.

From the trailhead, the trail leads uphill through a dark forest of white fir, incense cedar, Jeffery pine and black oak. Approx.  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile from the trailhead you reach a trail junction; left goes to Jackstraw Springs and Trail Fork Springs; right goes to Johns Meadow (Trip #4). Follow the left fork to Jackstraw Springs. 1 mile past the fork you reach little Stetson Creek, trickling water until late summer. A mile farther up, the trail crosses a sloping bench (Round Cienega Spring), resplendent with grasses and ferns, spotted with Indian paintbrush and lupine, and several year-round springs. Beyond, Lodgepole pines begin to appear. Vistas open as the trail rounds the east side of the ridge. As you rise above 8600 feet, Lodgepole becomes the predominant forest tree. 4 miles up, a sign points right 100 yards to Jackstraw Springs Trail Camp. Bear right and follow the trail into Jackstraw Springs Trail Camp. Year-round water is available from springs at the camp.

An option on the trip home is to hike all the way back to Camp Arbolado. To do this, merely walk the Forsee Creek dirt road to Jenks Lake Road after returning to the trailhead. You can cross Jenks Lake Road and do a short (0.13 mile) cross-country hop to State Highway 38 or follow Jenks Lake Road all the way to State Highway 38 (adding an extra  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile to the walk). Bearing right onto State Highway 38, follow the highway (walking on the shoulder of the road) up toward Barton Flats US Forest Ranger Station. This stretch of road is a level walk. Upon reaching the ranger station, you can take the trail into Camp Arbolado at the stream on the left side of the highway or travel further to the main dirt road into Camp Arbolado. Using the main dirt road into Camp Arbolado will add an extra 0.4 mile to the return trip. If one follows Jenks

## **TRIP #2 (Contd)**

Lake Road and the main dirt road into Camp Arbolado, approx. 3 miles total is added to the return trip. Taking the above mentioned shortcuts reduces the distance to 2.3 miles.

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Information on the above subjects is provided in the Camp Arbolado TripTik Baseline Manual.

**FIGURE 1:** Trip #2 Elevation Gain (One-Way)

