

Directions to Chilao School

As of Saturday, April 27, there is still a four and a half mile portion of Highway 2 that is closed. These directions are the detour that will take you around the closure.

GPS coordinates for Chilao School:
34.3341764547053, -118.02406758638696

GPS is becoming ever more reliable in the mountains, but it can fail you, usually when you leave Angeles Crest Highway and head into the campground. So just to make sure you arrive unruffled, please take these directions with you.

From the greater Los Angeles/San Fernando Valley/Ventura areas:

From the 210 freeway in La Canada, take the Angeles Crest Highway/Highway 2 exit and head north (up hill, away from the city). You are starting your journey in mile 26 of **Angeles Crest Highway**. Mile markers occur all along the side of the road. They are white signs about two feet tall that help you keep track of where you are on the highway.

Proceed up the mountain to approximately mile 33.68. You will see a sign pointing left to Palmdale. At the intersection of Angeles Crest Highway and Angeles Forest Highway, make a left. You are now on **Angeles Forest Highway**, starting at mile 25 and descending to approximately mile 16.50.

Angeles Forest Highway has a lot less mile markers, so note that you are going to go about 11 miles. You will go over a bridge, and through a tunnel. You will drive through the remains of a little settlement. You will emerge from that area and after a few turns the road will straighten, there will be a sign for a fire station which will be on your left, and just past that fire station you will make a hard right turn onto **Upper Big Tujunga Canyon**.

Upper Big Tujunga Canyon is nine miles long. You are starting at the beginning, or mile zero. You will drive the full length of the canyon. It will end where it meets up with Angeles Crest Highway, at mile marker 42.69. Turn left onto **Angeles Crest Highway**.

Proceed on Angeles Crest Highway to approximately mile marker 49.66. You will turn left onto **Chilao Road**, into Chilao Campground. Please look ahead as far as you can for oncoming traffic and once you commit to your turn, get on with it and get into the campground.

Follow the road and the **signs pointing to the fire station**. The total distance remaining is about two miles. The campground road has been compromised by weather and heavy equipment. The potholes are visible; the slumps in the asphalt are not. Please go slow. There are several 15 MPH signs and the biggest slumps are at or just beyond these signs. Where the road forks, follow the sign pointing to fire station, which is to the left. You will arrive in 1/2 mile at Chilao School, on your right. We have a big red and white sign on the gate.

From the Antelope Valley: Use the **Angeles Forest Highway exit from the 14 freeway** and take Angeles Forest Highway to approximately mile 16.50, then turn left onto **Upper Big Tujunga Canyon**, and follow the rest of the directions above.