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nearly 3 miles directly to Echo Mountain, where you'll find ruins from the Mount Lowe Railway. The Sam Merrill Trail ends on the ridge where it intersects the [Mt. Lowe Railroad Trail](#).

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Originating in the town of Altadena, the trail switchbacks its way up Las Flores Canyon to the top of Echo Mountain. The trail was first built in the 1930s but was washed away, along with many others, in the floods of 1938. Soon after, Sam Merrill spearheaded the rebuilding of the trail, which was then named after him upon his death in 1948.

The Sam Merrill Trail follows a sometimes steep route for



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States: California

Counties: Los Angeles

Length: 2.7miles

Trail end points: Lake Ave. & East Loma Alta
Dr. to Mt. Lowe Railroad Trail

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Mountain Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

You can park at the trailhead in Altadena where Lake Avenue and Loma Alta Drive meet. You can also access the trail from the Mt. Lowe Railroad Trail at the top of Echo Mountain.