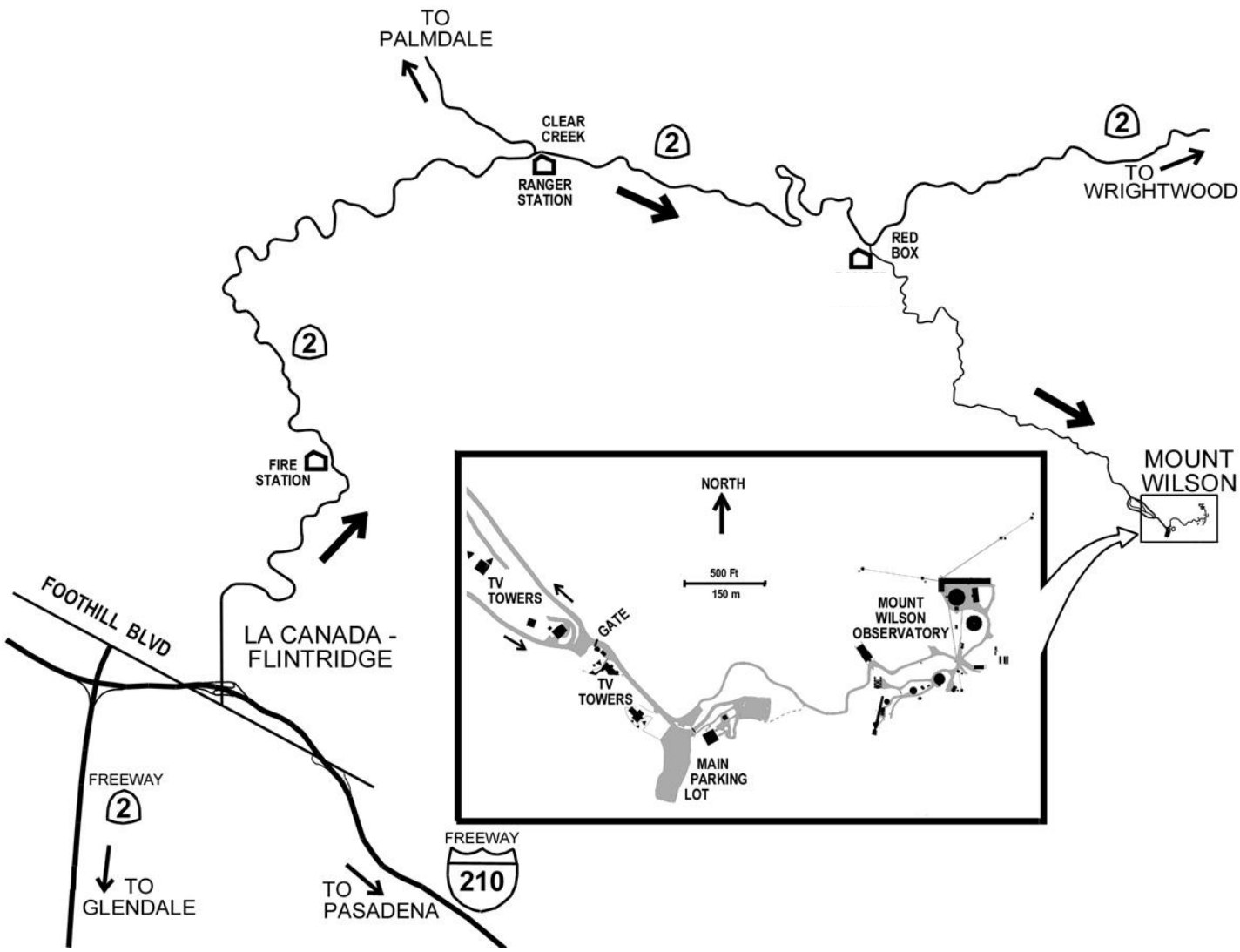
DIRECTIONS TO MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY



NOTE: Narrow, winding road. Allow at least 45 minutes from La Canada-Flintridge to Mount Wilson.

<u>DIRECTIONS:</u> From the 210 freeway, follow the Angeles Crest Highway (State Highway 2) north out of La Canada-Flintridge, past the Angeles Forest Highway turnoff to Palmdale, to the Mount Wilson turnoff at Red Box. This is about 14 miles from the 210 Freeway. Drive about 5 miles more to Mount Wilson. You will arrive at a small intersection near a number of transmitter towers. Follow the "Observatory" sign on the one-way road to the far right around the towers until you reach the Forest Service gate, which is the entrance to Skyline Park and the Observatory.

<u>HOURS:</u> The gate and the public portions of the Observatory are normally open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily but are closed in winter and in periods of high fire danger. Tour visitors may park in the main parking lot at Skyline Park and walk about ¼ mile to the Observatory. No public parking is available on the Observatory grounds and only authorized vehicles are permitted past the main parking lot.

<u>PARKING:</u> The Forest Service requires that vehicles parking within the Angeles National Forest, which includes the parking lot, display a National Forest Adventure Pass or a Golden Age Passport. The Adventure Pass may be purchased for $5 (one day) or $30 (one year) at Clear Creek Ranger Station, many sporting goods stores, or at the Shell service station just south of the 210 Freeway on Angeles Crest Highway. Be advised that ranger stations are not open continuously (but the Shell station is). On weekends, the passes may also be purchased at the Cosmic Café above the main parking lot.

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