Directions to St. Francis Dam

Directions for a new route to the top of the West Wing Dike.

a. From Rancho Pico drive southeast on Valencia Blvd to McBean Pkwy.

b. Turn left at McBean Pkwy and drive 3.7 miles to Copper Hill Dr.
c. Turn right at Copper Hill Dr and drive 0.4 mi to San Francisquito Canyon Road on your left.
d. Drive north on San Francisquito Canyon Road about 5.8 miles to DWP Powerhouse Number Two. Just past the powerhouse you will arrive at a stop sign.
e. Set your trip odometer to zero here. Turn right.
f. Drive north on San Francisquito Canyon Road for one mile to a "turn out" on your right. Mile marker 12.16
g. Just a few feet from the mile marker is a steep trail climbing up the embankment. Scramble up this trail.
h. When you reach the top of the scramble turn left (NE) and walk about 170 steps until reaching a trail on your right that scrambles up about 10 feet to another level.
i. At the top of this short scramble you should turn left and walk to the top of the ridge. You are now standing on the remains of the west wing dike of the St. Francis Dam.
j. **Pay your respects to dam keeper Tony Harnischfeger, his wife Leona and their son Coder, who were the first to die on March 12th, 1928. Tony and Coder's bodies were never found.**