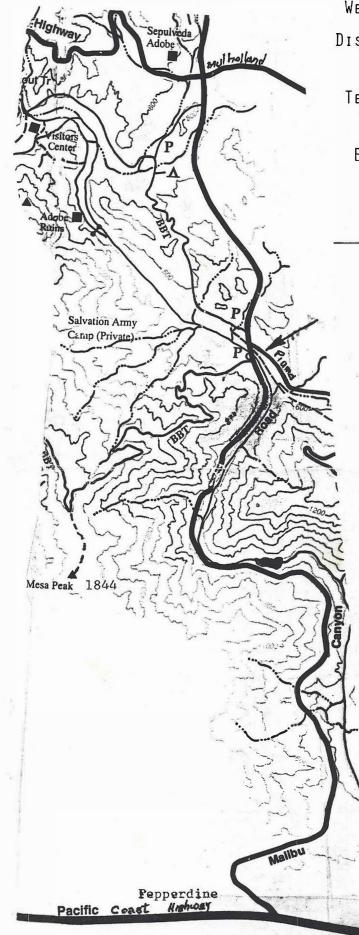
## Hike #168

DAVID LILLBACK'S HIKE



St, Patrick's Day Hike - 17 March 1993
Wearing of the Green - Kelly Green
Distance: 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles roundtrip or longer or shorter - you choose!
Terrain: Trail goes up and up until one arrives at the "motorway"
Elevation Gain: 1300 feet - I think
Backbone Trail to Mesa Peak: 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles

TO CORRAL CANYON ROAD: 12 MILES

## DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD:

DRIVE WEST ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO MALIBU CANYON ROAD. DRIVE NORTH 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> MILES THROUGH THE TUNNEL TO THE FIRST PARKING LOT ON THE WESTSIDE(ON YOUR LEFT) OF MALIBU CANYON ROAD. OR FROM US101, VENTURA FREEWAY, EXIT LAS VIRGENES ROAD AND GO SOUTH AND ONTO MALIBU CANYON ROAD PAST PIUMA ROAD AND MALIBU CREEK BRIDGE TO THE PAVED LOT ON THE RIGHT (WESTSIDE) OF THE ROAD.

THE HIKE: START ABOUT 0940 THE BACKBONE TRAIL CROSSES MALIBU CREEK AND THE CANYON ROAD AT THIS SPOT. THEN CLIMBS UP TO THE MESA PEAK RIDGE WHICH COMBINES SEVERAL PEAKS ALONG MESA PEAK MOTORWAY OVERLOOKING THE PACIFIC OCEAN TO THE SOUTH AND MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK TO THE NORTH. THIS WILD AREA HARBORS MULE DEER, RABBIT, FOX, SKUNK, COYOTE AND AN OCCASIONAL MOUNTAIN LION - USUALLY VERY EARLY MORNING OR THE EVENING.

RATTLESNAKES ALSO ARE PRESENT.

THERE IS A RESTROOM; BUT THE WATER IS NOT DRINKABLE. BRING YOUR OWN.