

OTP & OTHERS

Hiking & Debating Society

Grizzly Flats from Angeles Crest Highway

For all you OTP Buckaroos, Mike Gessner is going to schedule a hike that will satisfy those of you who would like to do a kinder and gentler hike. This will be a dry shoe hike, there will be no stream crossings, and no rock hopping, no poison oak and the hike will be mostly on a fire road. The probability of injury or getting lost is near zero. We have done this hike before and this time no one will have to crawl under the brush. We will avoid that exciting bit of trail.

From the I-210 freeway in La Canada drive north 6.2 miles on Angeles Crest Highway, (SR-2), to a parking area on the left (north) side of the road. The mileage paddle at the roadside will read 30.64. Park so that you don't block the fire road.

We will gain 300 feet of elevation in the first half mile, and then we will ascend an easy 100 feet to a saddle. We will cross the saddle and descend about 680 feet to Grizzly Flats. We will have an excellent view of Tujunga Canyon as we descend the escape route used by Tiburcio Vasquez on one of his raids on the ranchers of early Los Angeles.

We will convene at the trailhead by 9:15 AM and with a 15 minute waiting period we can adjust our gear, mill around, socialize and wait for the slow pokes. We will start the hike at 9:30 AM.

Trip data:

Date:	August 2, 1995
Distance:	6 miles, round trip
Elevation gain (cumulative):	1080 feet
Trailhead elevation:	2980 feet
Effort:	Easy / Moderate
Leader:	Mike Gessner

Recommended Maps:

San Gabriel Valley:	Automobile Club
Angeles National Forest:	U S Forest Service
Condor Peak:	7.5 minute Topographic