Irene'e hike

Hike #440

Oct. 7, '98 9:30 A.M.

WINSTON PEAK -----WINSTON RIDGE 7502' 7003'

OTP's chance to see a resident ringtail!!!!

Driving directions: Drive to Cloudburst Summit (7018') on #2 approx. 33 m. from I-210 at La Canada, Park on the N side of Hwy. 2 where a dirt road goes downhill.

The hike: We head up the peak soon after starting up the dirt road, reach the summit & descend the N side. We reach a marker for the PCT at the bottom and ignore it, going left on a faint trail to a can/register at the end of Winston Ridge, watching for the resident ringtail between the 1st & 2nd bumps.

Suggestions: Take sturdy shoes, a walking stick & a windbreaker. The DESCENT DOWN WINSTON PEAK IS STEEP.

Also watch for a fox at the start of the descent.

This is not a long hike, but for most of you, it will be sufficient. For those who want more, I'll bring along a few maps of Buckhorn and you can drive a very short distance further, (It's the next peak.) and sign in the register at the summit. That will add another peak to your list, and give you just a bit more exercise. The main hike will have 1,300 gain. Hazrat says to climb Buckhorn cross country from the PCT & don't drive.

