

15 DEC

GATHER AT 0900, ~~28 JULY~~ 1999 AT MILL CREEK SUMMIT

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ON MOUNT GLEASON, 6532 FOOT HOGBACK, TO MESSENGER FLATS

THE MOUNTAIN IS POPULATED BY DEER, BOBCATS, MOUNTAIN LIONS AND YOUNG MEN OF THE STATE CORRECTIONAL PRISON. THE TRAIL IS MAINTAINED BY THE YOUTH WHO ARE LEARNING THE SKILLS OF FORESTRY AND CLEAN LIVING. THEY RUN ALONG THE TRAIL!

THE OUT-TO-PASTURE & OTHERS HIKING AND DEBATING SOCIETY WILL JUST HIKE/WALK.

FORESTER TO LEAD THE SHORT HIKE: DAVID LILLBACK: NEED LEADER FOR LONG HIKE.

SHORT HIKE DISTANCE: 6.8 Miles	LONG HIKE DISTANCE: 12.5 Miles/15.1 mi.
ELEVATION GAIN: 1500 FEET (Overall)	ELEVATION GAIN: 2000 FEET/2800 ft.
ELEVATION LOSS: 1500 FEET	ELEVATION LOSS: 1500 FEET
PHYSICAL EFFORT: X X x	STRENGTH EFFORT: X X X x

THE MAP ON THE REVERSE IS FROM Harrison's TRAIL MAP OF THE ANGELES FRONT COUNTRY PUBLISHED IN 1992. OTHER MAP USED IS AAA'S LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

0900 TO 0915: MILL CREEK SUMMIT CONGREGATING INTO LONG AND SHORT HIKERS. GET ORGANIZED: DRIVERS OF VEHICLES SHOULD BE ON THE SHORT HIKE.

REASON: LONG HIKERS WILL BE DUMPED WITH THEIR GEAR AT FIRST TRAILHEAD, AND ALL VEHICLES WILL BE PARKED AT THE SECOND TRAILHEAD.

HOW TO GET TO MILL CREEK SUMMIT:

MOST VALLEY PEOPLE: FROM I-210 SUNLAND BLVD EXIT EAST, DRIVE TO ORO VISTA AVENUE. TURN LEFT AND DOWN TO BIG TUJUNGA CANYON ROAD. TRAVEL 12.3 MILES TO INTERSECT ANGELES FOREST HIGHWAY N3. DRIVE 10.8 Mi TO SUMMIT.

OTHER O.T.P. PEOPLE: FROM THE I-210 LA CANADA EXIT FOR ANGELES CREST HWY 2, DRIVE 9.3 MILES TO CLEAR CREEK JUNCTION. TURN LEFT ONTO ANGELES FOREST HIGHWAY N3. DRIVE 13.7 MILES TO MILL CREEK SUMMIT

0915 TO 0920: PHOTO OF HIKERS GOING ON THE SHORT HIKE & PHOTO OF ANTELOPES.

0930 (About): DUMP LONG HIKERS WITH THEIR GEAR AT FIRST TRAILHEAD. START !

0940 or SOONER: BEGIN HIKE AT SECOND TRAILHEAD. MAYBE KEEP AHEAD OF OTHERS.

NOTE: ALL HIKE DATA, STATED ABOVE, ARE APPROXIMATE. FORESTER IS NOT, as you should know, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF THE DATA OR ANYTHING AT ALL !

FIRST TRAILHEAD : 2.5 MILES FROM THE SUMMIT WHERE THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL CROSSES MOUNT GLEASON ROAD. HIKE DIRECTIONS GIVEN BELOW.

SECOND TRAILHEAD: CONTINUE SOUTHWESTWARD ON THE PAVED ROAD ABOUT 3.7 MILES TO THE PRISON CAMP ENTRANCE. TAKE THE DIRT ROAD ON THE LEFT. TRAVEL A HALF MILE TO THE BOTTOM. PARK OFF THE ROAD.

HIKE DESCRIPTION: LONG HIKE GAZELLES WILL REACH GLEASON CREEK AFTER 3.7 Mi. THEN THE TRAIL GOES ABOUT THE PRISON CAMP PLATEAU TO THE SPOT WHERE THE SHORTER HIKE BEGAN AND WHERE THE RETURN VEHICLES ARE PARKED.

EVERYONE WALKS UP THE TRAIL UNDER THE CANOPY OF INTERIOR LIVE OAK, BIG-CONE SPRUCE, BLACK OAK, INCENSE CEDAR, AND LISTENS TO THE BIRDS HAPPY IN THEIR SANCTUARY. HIGHER ON THE NORTH SHOULDER OF Mt. GLEASON, JEFFREY PINES BECOME PREDOMINANT AND VIEWS OPEN NORTHWARD OVER SHIMMERING MOJAVE DESERT. YOU CROSS AN OLD DIRT ROAD AND, 1/4 MILE FARTHER, JUST BEFORE THE PCT STARTS DOWN, YOU REACH A TRAIL JUNCTION. FOLLOW THIS SIDE TRAIL LEFT UP THE RIDGE, OVER SEVERAL HUMMOCKS TO THE TOP. CONTINUE SOUTHEASTWARD TO THE PAVED ROAD. TURN RIGHT TO DESCEND WESTWARD TO A FORK OF ROADS. TAKE THE RIGHT FORK TO THE NORTH AND TO MESSENGER FLATS CAMPGROUND WITH PICNIC TABLES, FACILITIES, AND HIKERS WHO GOT THERE BEFORE YOU. EAT. BE MERRY, ENJOY THE COUNTRY. GO BACK TO SECOND TRAILHEAD VIA THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AT THE MILL CREEK SUMMIT PICNIC AREA. Trail Canyon TRAIL also ends here. It is only 10.7 miles down to Big Tujunga Canyon Road. BUT--THE FORESTER sez you'll miss out on refreshments, and maybe be picked up. SOME DAY or OTHER.

