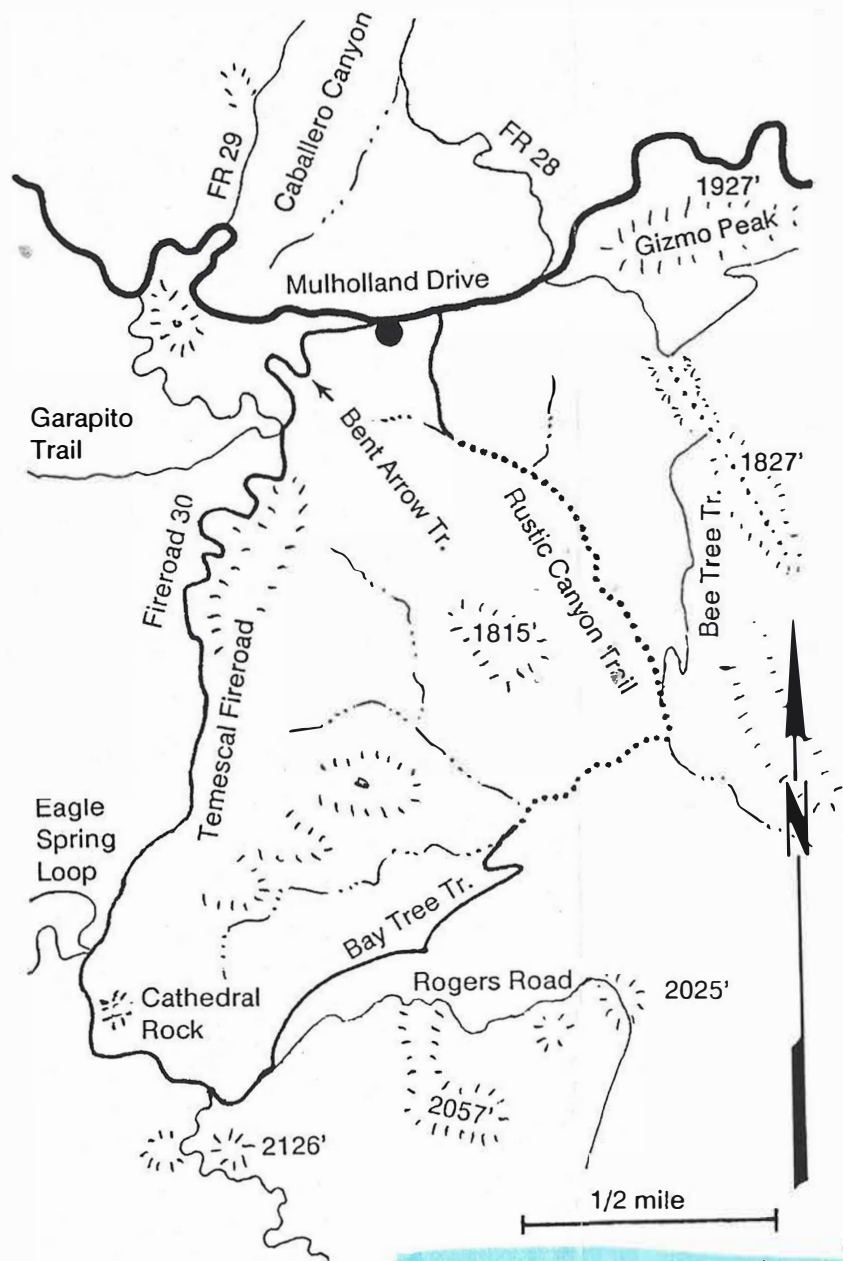


UPPER RUSTIC CANYON  
and BAY TREE TRAIL



TRETTEL'S HIKE  
9/18/91 9:30 AM

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CONTINUE 1.3 MI  
ON MULHOLLAND

Maps:	Canoga Park, topo Topanga, topo
Distance:	6 miles roundtrip
Elevation:	1200' loss and gain
Terrain:	Trail, streambed, and fireroad
Time:	2-3/4 hours
Trailhead:	Mulholland Drive

UPPER RUSTIC CANYON  
via Rustic Canyon trail,  
Bay Tree trail, Rogers  
Road, Fireroad 30, and  
Bent Arrow Trail from  
Mulholland Drive (loop)

This "Rustic Ramble" presents a challenge to your trail finding ability in getting out of the canyon. You should expect to spend some extra time looking for the trail, so it's best to do this hike on a day when you are not on a precise schedule.

The beginning of the hike starts on a trail that leads down from the south side of Mulholland Drive 4.8 miles east of Topanga Canyon Blvd. There is parking space for 3 or 4 cars on the south side of Mulholland Drive at a bend in the road — between Fireroad 28 and Fireroad 29, both of which intersect with Mulholland on the north side.

After parking your car, walk east on Mulholland (about 150 yards) and take the indistinct trail that drops down steeply through the chaparral on the south side of the road. Across the road is a telephone pole with the number 112509M. Upper Rustic Canyon, being rugged and isolated, is seldom visited so you'll be walking along a trail overgrown with brush, and rough spots underfoot.

After about 500 yards of very steep, "brushy" trail you will reach a streambed where you will turn left. Get ready for some boulder hopping. Rustic Canyon is full of rocks that resemble small "blackboard slates," "giant speckled eggs," some "concrete" rocks, but no "spaghetti" rocks. Also look for tracks made by raccoon, coyote, and deer. Common with most streambed travel in these mountains is the fact that every storm changes the terrain so that last year's sandy trail can be this year's mosaic of boulders. The