

5/24/95
OTP Hike #0278

5 did Jim's hike backwards

Carlin
Irene
Mike
J-Spots
Ery?

Mike fell
& cut his nose

~~Handwritten scribbles~~

12 people

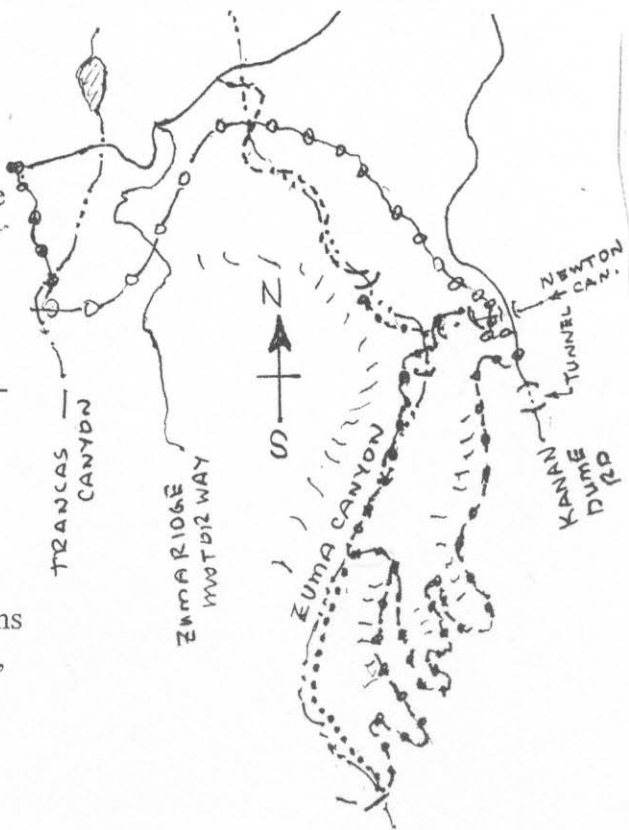
Jim Carlin's

DEATH MARCH WARMED OVER (WITH TRANCAS CANYON ALTERNATE)

7 went with Dave
4 1/2 miles

Because of an extreme interest by the participants (as well as a chance at at least some glory by those people who missed the original hike), the urge to re-initiate Poison Oak infestations, and to ruin once again a pair of perfectly good hiking pants, the 1995 Death March hike up Zuma and Newton canyons is being combined with another, "safer" hike. Both hikes originate from the Kanan Dume road trail head (paddle 9.50 just north of the southern-most tunnel on Kanan Dume Road (LA Co. N9). Park in the large dirt area on the west side of the road. We will depart on-time at 9:30 AM, splitting up into two groups, one doing the Zuma-Newton Canyon trail and the other going over to Trancas Canyon. We stipulate that the Zuma-Newton Canyon hike will not be done UNLESS there are at least 5 people willing to make the hike.

Trancas Canyon Hike: The trail we will use to hike the Upper Zuma Canyon, Zuma Ridge and Trancas Canyon is a section of the Backbone Trail just completed last February. The trail leads westward from the trailhead crossing Zuma Creek at the 1.5 mile point. Continuing another 1.5 miles past Zuma Creek, the trail crosses Encinal Canyon Road and then leads up to the Zuma Ridge Motorway through an area ablaze with wild flowers. The hike continues westward another 2.4 miles to Trancas Canyon where a new campground is planned. Trancas Canyon is a steep-walled winding slit through massive rock which should offer opportunities for future hikes. Return by backtracking along the Backbone Trail. Total distance = 10.8 miles RT.



While at the Zuma Creek crossing, the group may choose to abandon Trancas Canyon and hike instead along a trail which runs 1.8 miles south along Zuma Creek to the spectacular Zuma Falls, a 25 ft waterfall. Getting there requires boulder-bounding skills, and the need to improvise when the trail disappears in places. Return back up the stream to the Backbone trail, then via the Backbone back to the trailhead. Total distance = 6.6 miles RT.

Zuma-Newton Canyon Hike: Zuma Canyon is a spectacular combination of stark volcanic cliffs, a rugged boulder-filled stream bed with a raging stream. We found that there is virtually no trail in-canyon. Instead, we just slog our way up-stream clambering over, around and under huge boulders and attempt to get around the numerous waterfalls (we lost count last time!). There is a magnificent waterfall in Newton Canyon on the way out, and sheltering Sycamores along the way to cool our rock climbing efforts. Total distance = 6 miles loop.

WARNING: POISON OAK ABOUNDS! DRESS APPROPRIATELY

Lon & I stayed home - Lon sick