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G.E. TRETTEL
9:30 AM.
ONLY 5 MILES
OF TOTAL

Hike#148

REAGAN RANCH
in Malibu Creek
State Park (loop)

Maps:	Malibu Beach, topo Malibu Creek State Park
Distance:	7 miles roundtrip
Elevation:	500' gain and loss
Terrain:	Trail and road
Time:	2 hours, 45 minutes
Trailhead:	Malibu Creek State Park

The entrance to Malibu Creek State Park is from Las Virgenes Road, 2/10 of a mile south of Mulholland Highway. A fee is required for parking.

This hike will take you along the floor of the valley, then up a hill and down into a valley known as the Reagan Ranch.

Drive through the gate at the attended entrance and go west on the road into the Park. Park in the second lot and start hiking. The first mile is relatively level on a good road. Las Virgenes Creek comes down from the north joining Stokes Creek, which in turn enters Malibu Creek. You will cross Las Virgenes Creek, and in about 5 minutes take a right fork (High Road) along an oak lined lane on the north shore overlooking the creek. Movie sets for "Planet of the Apes" and many other films were built in this area but have been removed so the Park can return to a natural state.

A road comes in from the left after crossing a bridge; keep to the right and start winding uphill. This road tops out in about ten minutes, opening up a view of Century Lake and the Malibu Creek valley to the northwest. Goat buttes on the west of the lake were produced about 15 million years ago under the sea by volcanic action, then later were forced up during the time when the Santa Monica Mountains were formed.

Continue along the road as it starts downhill toward the shore of Century Lake. In a couple hundred yards turn sharply to the right on Lookout Trail. This trail takes you uphill around the south, then the east shoulder of a hill before heading northwest to the ridge overlooking the upper valley. Fifteen minutes after leaving the road you should be on the crest of an oak covered