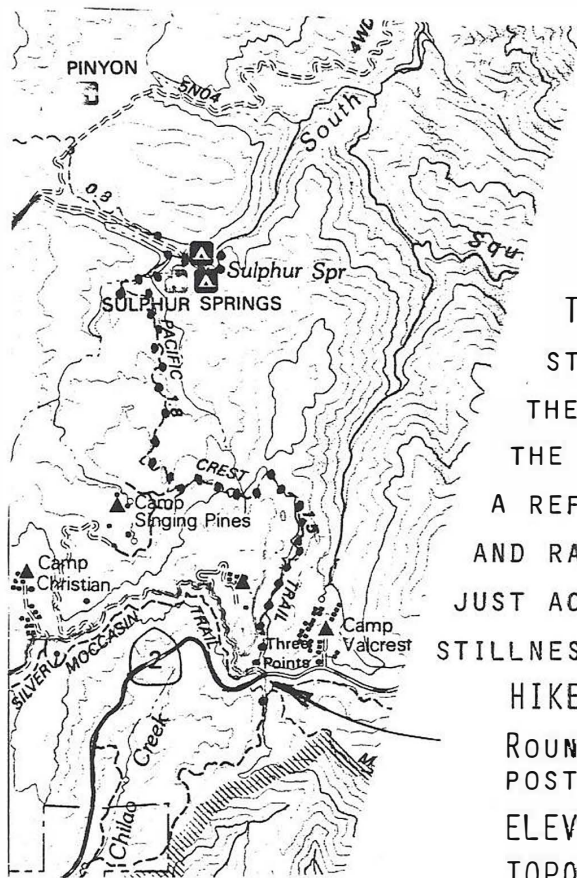


OTP Hike #255

THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL: THREE POINTS TO SULPHUR SPRINGS CAMPGROUND SEGMENT

FEATURES:

AT THREE POINTS TWO MAJOR TRAILS FIRST INTERSECT: THE SILVER MOCCASIN TRAIL FROM CHILAO-CHARLTON FLAT-SHORTCUT CANYON AND THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL FROM THE HUGE PACIFICO MOUNTAIN AND MT. GLEASON AREA.



THE SPRING AT THE CAMPGROUND FEEDS THE SOUTH FORK OF LITTLE ROCK CREEK - A MOSTLY SEASONAL STREAM. THE AREA WEST OF THE CAMPGROUND TO ALDER SADDLE AND NORTHWEST TO PINYON IS SEMIARID DESERT FOOTHILLS OF PACIFICO, WHERE TIBURCIO VASQUEZ AND HIS *Bandidos* CORRALED THEIR STOLEN HORSES FOR SALE. THEY HERDED THE HORSES OVER THE SADDLE FROM THE HORSE FLATS PASTURE TO PRESERVE THE SECRET HIDEOUT IN THE REMOTE WILDERNESS. NOW ITS A REFUGE FOR MULE DEER, RABBITS, COYOTE, MOUNTAIN LION, AND RATTLESNAKE. BUT THEN, THERE IS THE SHOOTING RANGE JUST ACROSS PINYON FLATS TO OCCASIONALLY SHATTER THE STILLNESS. OF COURSE, O.T.P. HIKERS ARE NOT TOO QUIET.

HIKE CLASSIFICATION: MODERATE AT 6000 FT ALTITUDE
ROUNDTRIP USING THE PCT: 6.6 MILES; BUT MARKER POSTED STATES IT WILL BE 4.0 MILES TO CAMPGROUND.
ELEVATION LOSS TO SPRING/GAIN TO 3 PTS: 655 OR 800 FT.

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: TRAIL MAP OF ANGELES HIGH COUNTRY SAN GABRIEL NORTH RANGE; PACIFICO MOUNTAIN
A.C.S.C. MAP: LOS ANGELES COUNTY

SEASON: ALL YEAR

29.5 MILES TO I-210
AT LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE
FROM THREE POINTS

HIKE DESCRIPTION:

GO NORTH ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE PARKING LOT AND LOCATE THE METAL MARKER INDICATING THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL & SULPHUR SPRINGS 4.0 MILES. THE TRAIL GOES NORTH FOR A MILE BEFORE TURNING WEST. AFTER 1.5 MILES, TRAILS FROM PRIVATE CAMPS JOIN THE PCT. THE TRAIL TURNS NORTH AGAIN WRIGGLING DOWN TO THE OLD ROAD. TURN RIGHT (EAST) TO THE SULPHUR SPRINGS CAMPGROUND AND THE SPRING. LUNCH? THE PCT CONTINUES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD AND CLIMBS ABOUT PACIFICO MTN.
DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD FOR HIKE ON 11-23-94 LED BY DAVID LILLBACK, N&GE

TURN OFF I-210 FREEWAY FOR ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY ROUTE 2 AT LA CANADA. DRIVE UP, DOWN AND AROUND FOR 29.5 MILES TO THREE POINTS, WHICH IS 2.5 MILES PAST THE CHILAO TURNOFF. SIGN ON HWY 2 INDICATES SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD. TURN LEFT INTO THE PARKING LOT WHERE THE O.T.P. HIKERS WILL GATHER BEFORE 0930. THEN IT'S ON WITH IT! COOKIES DURING AND REFRESHMENTS AFTER IT. [THERE IS A RESTROOM OPEN] .