

Hike #421

Mt. Lukens May 27, 1998 Tom Frye

DIRECTIONS: Exit 210 Fwy. at Lowell Ave. Turn left on Honolulu Ave., which becomes Tujunga Canyon Blvd. Follow Tujunga Canyon up across Foothill Blvd. Turn right on Haines Canyon Ave. Jog to the right when it ends at Day Street, pick it up again in a few hundred feet, and continue on up the hill. Park down the road from the last <sup>upper</sup> few houses.

THE HIKE: Mt. Lukens fire road (2N76) starts at the catch basin. After about a mile, the road crosses the stream near a gate. Our well maintained foot trail goes to the left, on up the canyon. Toward the ridge, the trail splits. The Nanny Goat trail, to the left, reaches the ridge sooner, but the Billy Goat trail, on up the canyon, gets us closer to the peak.

OPTIONS FROM THE RIDGE:

1. Eat lunch and return the same way.
2. Do a loop at the ridge between the Billy Goat, and the Nanny Goat trails. The semi-bald dome off the west shoulder of Mt Lukens lies between the two.
3. (My Choice) Catch the Stone Canyon Trail on the back side and continue to the peak. The steep upper end of the Stone Canyon Trail has been replaced by switchbacks, making that last several hundred feet elevation gain much easier. From the peak we can take the fire road back down. There are a couple of short cuts for the more adventurous.

HAPPY TRAILS

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