

Hike #456

MT. LUKENS VIA STONE CANYON TRAIL (This is the short, steep way  
to get there)

Wed., March 3, 1999 @ 9:30 A.M. Host: Jim Spotts

The statistics: 8 mile round trip, 3200 feet elevation gain!

Join us in a hike to the highest point in the city of Los Angeles. A great view if it should happen to be clear (don't bet on it, though).

The trail is really steep but it is short enough that frequent rest breaks are practical. There are some relatively new switchbacks near the top (we saw these on Tom Frye's hike via Haines Canyon in May) which should help.

Access: From Foothill Blvd. in Sunland drive up Mt. Gleason Ave. which becomes Big Tujunga Canyon Road. Go to Doske Road (there is a sign that says Wildwood Picnic Area) and turn right and go down into the picnic area. Go all the way to the East end of the parking lot where there is a trail sign. Doske Rd. is where mile marker 3.0 would be (if there was one). It is about 1.2 miles west of Vogel Flat.

There are relatively clean pit toilets at the picnic area near the trailhead.

We have to cross Big Tujunga Wash right at the start (the only water crossing) but unless there are heavy rains it shouldn't be too bad (there are lots of rocks to hop on).

I doubt that we will all stay together on this one---it is tailor-made for rabbits! I think I should divide up the cookies.