

Hike #469

MALIBU SPRINGS TRAIL TO NICHOLAS FLAT

June 2, 1999, Tom Frye

DISTANCE: 7miles

ELEVATION GAIN: 1,400 feet

DIRECTIONS: About 25 miles north of Santa Monica, just past Leo Carrillo State Park, turn right on Mulholland Highway. Proceed to the trail head at Paddle #3.22.

THE HIKE: The first 2 miles are on a recently cleared, but steep trail. Parts of the last mile of trail, though easy to walk, are crowded with Deer Weed. (Dress appropriately for TICK exposure). Where the trail tops out, there is an intersection and a State Park Boundary sign. Bear left as the trail drops slightly, rounds the hill side and comes to the grass lands. After crossing the meadow, turn right on Decker School Road, follow the road to the trail head; then the trail to the pond lunch site.

INTREPID HIKERS may wish to approach the pond on the East side and use a trail between the pond and the ocean.

RETURN LOOP goes over Hill 1838', with several hundred feet elevation gain. An easier way is to back track up the road.

ALTERNATE EASY HIKE: Drive to the Decker School Road Trail Head, join the group for lunch and hike back down to the Malibu Springs Trail Head; then catch a ride back to your car. (5 mile side trip) OR have someone drop you off up there in the morning.

Happy Trails

