

Hike #549

Jan. 17, 2001 OTP Hike – Condor Peak Via Trail Canyon

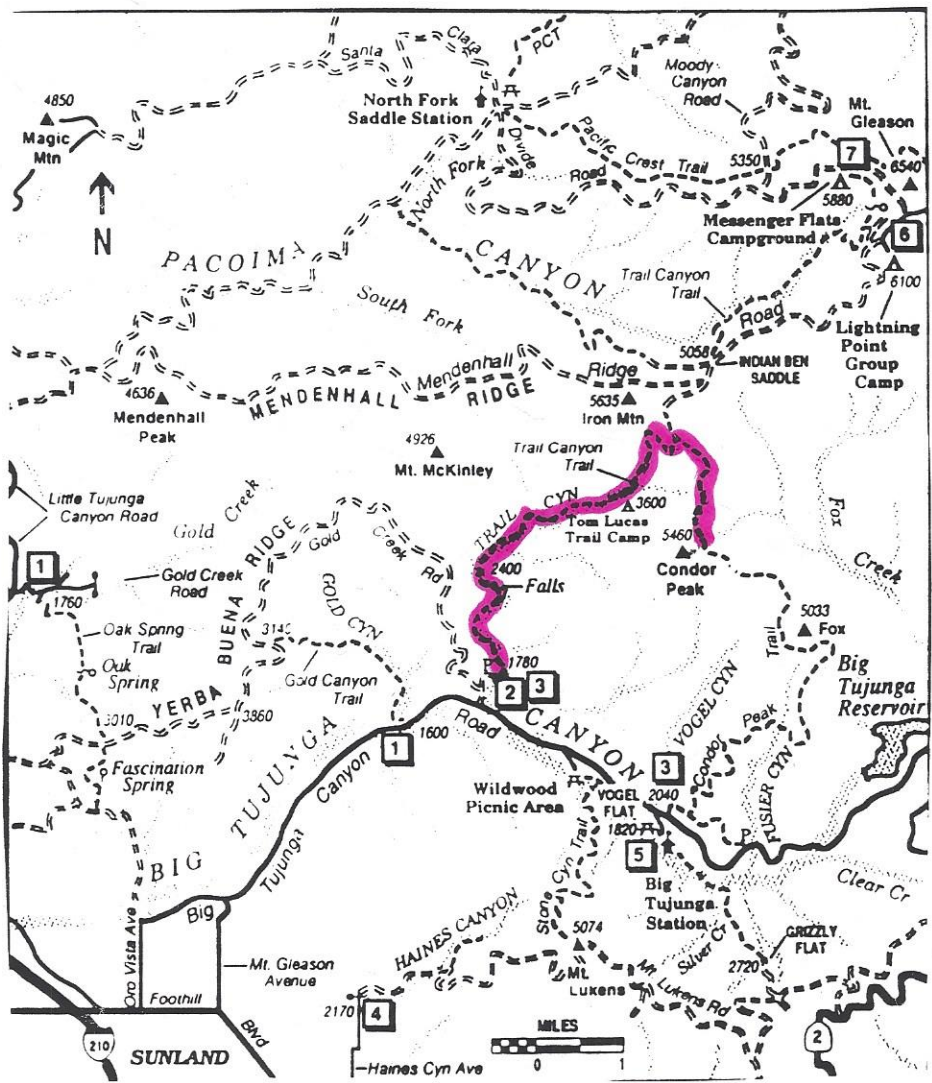
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Trailhead: From 210 fwy. turn east on Sunland Blvd in Sunland/Tunjunga. Sunland Blvd merges with Foothill Blvd after a short distance. Continue to follow Foothill Blvd until you reach Mt Gleason Ave a short distance beyond McDonalds. Turn left on Mt Gleason and follow it north to Big Tujunga Canyon Road. Turn right on Big Tujunga Canyon Road and follow it for 3.3 miles to a small dirt road on the left marked Trail Canyon Trail! This turnoff is 0.7 miles past the bridge. Follow the road for less than 0.5 miles to a parking area. I did this hike last February and can't remember for sure if there is a potty at the trailhead. You may want to visit the McDonalds on the way.

The Hike: The hike will start at 9:30 AM as usual. We will follow the pack trail along the stream thru Trail Canyon, some possibly going all the way to Condor Peak. You can make the hike as far or as short as you want. Here are three hike options. Each group can choose a destination according to their wishes.

- Tom Lucas Trail Camp - 5 miles round trip with 1200 ft. accum. elevation gain.
- Trail Canyon Trail Junction With Condor Peak Trail - 9 miles round trip with 2800 ft. elevation gain.
- Condor Peak - 13 miles round trip with 3440 ft. elevation gain.

The first 4 miles are along the confines of the canyon thru occasional rocky stretches and stream fords. I don't anticipate much water unless a big rain storm occurs prior to the hike. On clear afternoons, warm sunlight filters through the alders, casting fitting shadows amid the crystalline pools and stream-side boulders. The Tom Lucas Campground has tables and stoves. It is often occupied by Scouts or other groups. Past the campground are oak and jungle-like riparian areas. The vista opens up more near and past the trail junction and onto Condor Peak.



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one way