

March 19, 2003

Departure time 9:30 AM

Hike leader: Vicky Ritter

Hike: Calabasas Cold Creek Trail

Distance: 9.6 miles

Elevation: 745 ft. gain and loss

Directions:

From Pacific Coast Highway, drive north on Topanga Canyon Blvd., just one mile before Top of Topanga Overlook, turn left to Summit Valley parking. From the Valley, drive south on Topanga Canyon Blvd, one mile south of Top of Topanga turn right.

The hike:

From the Summit Valley Trail we will hike to Summit to Summit Motorway, turn left and we will meet Calabasas Peak Motorway to Calabasas Cold Creek Trail. We will have lunch and return the same way we went out.

For those who would like to continue to Calabasas Peak, it's only 0.9 miles longer and 298 ft. elevation gain. Calabasas Peak overlooks everything close by. Only the east-west backbone to the south, dominated by Saddle Peak, is higher. The view one mile west is of Stokes Canyon and Stokes Ridge. Beyond is Malibu Creek State Park distinguished by the volcanic Goat Buttes.

Second choice:

Start at Top of Topanga Overlook, you will be walking on a paved road, the climb is only 110 ft. versus 325 ft. You will meet the other group at the top of Summit to Summit Motorway. You may hike as long as you wish and return to Summit Valley trail head, where we are having our refreshments.

