

Hike #734

November 17 -- Hondo Canyon -- John Chady

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Some More Backbone

HONDO CANYON

**FROM OLD TOPANGA ROAD TO SADDLE PEAK ROAD
VIA THE BACKBONE TRAIL AND RETURN**

17 November 2004

John Chady, Hike Leader

This hike was written up in the L.A. Times on 25 December 1994 and first hiked with Dick Battin in the lead on 26 November 1997. The ridge along which you will hike near the top end has long been known as "Fossil Ridge". If you look sharp at the rocks you will see why.

Details:

Take Topanga Canyon Rd from either direction (PCH or the Valley) turn northwest 0.35 miles on OLD Topanga Road. Backbone Trail marker on left side just across bridge. Park along the road.

Depart the trail head at 9:30 A.M.

Degree of difficulty: Moderate

Distance: Approximately 10 miles round trip.

Elevation Gain/Loss: 1200 Feet

Options: Hike as far as you want and return the way you came. Gazelles may climb to Saddle Peak for lunch and great views.

Refreshments afterwards at the trail head.