

4 miles 1 hr 45 15 people on this hike turned back #20

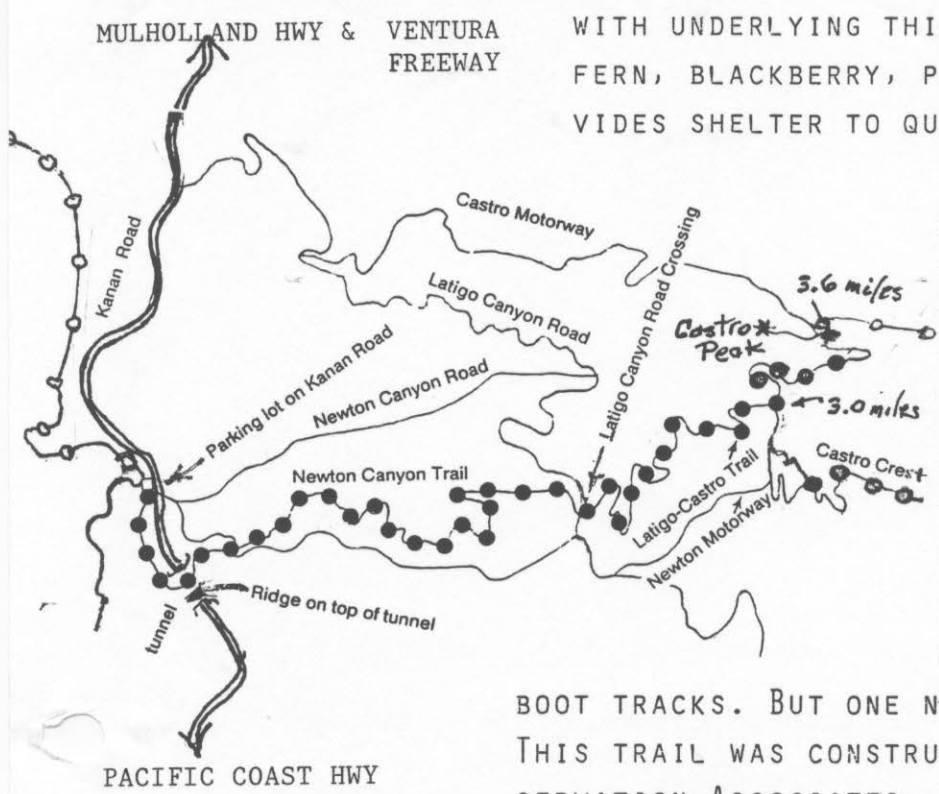
NOTICE: THE ZUMA-NEWTON CANYON CREEKS ARE STILL HAVE HIGH WATER FLOWING. THUS, THE NEWTON CANYON-LATIGO-CASTRO CREST-NEWTON M/W TO CASTRO PEAK. BACKBONE TRAIL FEATURES WILL HAVE TO SATISFY. JIM CARLIN WILL SCHEDULE THE 4-SPLIT HIKE LATER.

WILDLIFE HAS FOUND REFUGE IN THE NEWTON AND ZUMA CANYONS FROM THE FIRES OF 1993. THE WOODLAND OF SYCAMORES, WHITE ALDER AND COASTAL LIVE OAK TREES

WITH UNDERLYING THICK SHRUBBERY OF HORSETAIL, WOOD-FERN, BLACKBERRY, POISON OAK, AND STREAM ORCHID PROVIDES SHELTER TO QUAIL, COYOTE, SALAMANDERS, MULE

DEER, AND THE PACIFIC RATTLESNAKE. O.T.P. HIKERS CREATE ENOUGH OF A BUSTLE THAT ASSURES WILDLIFE WILL BE SELDOM SEEN. BESIDES THE BEST TIMES ARE EARLY MORNING AND LATE EVENING; THOSE ARE NOT TIMES FOR O.T.P. AND OTHERS. HOWEVER DURING THE SCOUTING TRIP WHILE OTHERS WERE ON CATALINA, RABBITS, QUAIL, BIRDS, AND DEER WERE SEEN. DEER MADE TRACKS ON THE TRAIL OVER OUR

BOOT TRACKS. BUT ONE NEEDS TO BE QUICK TO SPOT WILDLIFE. THIS TRAIL WAS CONSTRUCTED BY THE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATES. THEY ARE NOW WORKING ON THE ZUMA CANYON-ZUMA RIDGE-TRANCAS CANYON SECTION OF THE BACKBONE



HIKE DESCRIPTION

FROM THE PARKING LOT, THE TRAIL FOLLOWS THE OLD ROAD SOUTH TO THE RIDGE ON TOP OF THE TUNNEL, AND THEN TURNS EAST ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE OWNER HAS GRANTED THE NPS AN EASEMENT FROM THE TUNNEL RIDGE TO NEWTON CREEK ROAD WHICH IS THE DRIVEWAY TO THE ESTATE GROUNDS ABOVE THE TRAIL. THE TRAIL WINDS BACK & FORTH THROUGH THE CANYON, JUMPING OVER THE SEASONAL CREEK, AND FINALLY CLIMBS TO CROSS LATIGO CANYON ROAD ONTO THE LATIGO-CASTRO SECTION. CHAPARRAL DOMINATES THIS SECTION UNTIL NEWTON MOTORWAY IS REACHED. IT'S A HALF MILE AND 300' TO THE CASTRO M/W AND LUNCH. CASTRO PEAK (2824') IS ACCESSIBLE: ANOTHER 100' & 1/2 MILE. DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD FOR HIKE ON 19 APRIL AT 0930 LED BY DAVID LILLBACK

PACIFIC COAST HWY TO KANAN-DUME ROAD. UP ABOUT 4 & A THIRD MILES THROUGH THE FIRST TUNNEL [FROM THE VALLEY 101 FREEWAY THIS IS THE THIRD TUNNEL] ABOUT 1/4 MILE TO PARKING LOT ON WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD. FROM THE VALLEY THIS IS 1.8 MILES SOUTH OF MULHOLLAND HWY. ROAD MARKER READING "N9 LA 9.50" POSITIVELY IDENTIFIES THE LOCATION. BESIDES THE VALLEY BOYS WILL BE THERE AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL BY 0915. OR A BIT LATER SINCE PCH MAY STILL BE ONE LANE FOR AWHILE. ON THE VALLEY SIDE, WIDENING OF KANAN ROAD RESTRICTS TRAFFIC TO ONE LANE. NATURALLY, THERE WILL BE COOKIES ON THE HIKE AND REFRESHMENTS AFTER.

*1800 ele. SO BE THERE!
8 miles 4 hr 5, 7 min*

Lots of wildflowers