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Hike April 27, 2011
La Jolla Canyon Loop Trails and Pt. Mugu
Hike Leader: Marta Jahn
Starting Time: 9:30 AM

Trailhead: Ray Miller trailhead on PCH opposite Thornhill Broome Beach campground about 22 miles north of Malibu Canyon Rd.

Description of hike: We hike north up La Jolla Canyon to a junction with the La Jolla Valley Loop Trail. There are two loop options at this point:

1. Meadow Loop: Turn left (clockwise loop) and proceed on the La Jolla Valley Loop Trail past the junction with the Mugu Peak Trail (keep right), **past** the cross-meadow shortcut junction (keep left) up paralleling the old stream bed to the La Jolla Valley Fire Road (turn right) and proceed on the road to the campground for lunch. Return by hiking back on the road to the junction of the La Jolla Loop Trail, turn left and proceed to and through the canyon to the trailhead. Total distance about 6.3 miles with 750 ft. Elevation gain.
2. Mugu Loop: Proceed as above to the junction of the La Jolla Valley Loop and Mugu Peak trails and turn left making a long climb up and over the peak. Descend steeply on the north side of the peak and turn right at a junction with the Chumash Trail, an extension of the La Jolla Valley Fire Road. Proceed on the fire road to the campground and return to the trailhead as above. Total distance 7.4 miles, with 1200 ft. elevation gain.