

PLACERITA CANYON FALLS

The hike for Wednesday, February 5th, 1992 will be in Placerita Canyon. The first discovery of gold in California occurred in Placerita Canyon in 1842. The ensuing gold rush produced hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of gold for the Mexicans living in the area. They had the good sense to not let the information get out to the rest of the world. The "Oak of the Golden Dream" under which the discovery was reputed to have been made still stands near the park visitors center.

Trip Data:

Distance:	6.2 miles round trip
Elevation Gain:	750 feet
Effort:	Easy

With the recent rains there should be a good flow over the falls. There are several falls in a series of cascades. It is fairly easy to climb past the first falls to view the second falls, beyond that it gets rather difficult and is not recommended to go further. Most will be content to stop at the first falls.

Take I-405 north to I-5. Continue north on I-5 to SR14. Take SR14 north to Placerita Canyon Road. Turn right (east) on Placerita Canyon Road and follow it 2 miles to Placerita Canyon State Park. Park in the large parking lot. We will meet at the visitor's center so that we can start hiking at 9:30 AM.

Bring your lunch, clothing to suit the anticipated weather, cameras and binoculars.

In the event of extremely heavy rain, snow or hurricane the trip will be scrubbed and rescheduled. Call Mike Gessner 310-370-5063 if in doubt. Light showers will not stop this band of adventurers.

Recommended Maps:

Los Angeles County & Vicinity:	Automobile Club
Angeles National Forest:	U S Forest Service
Mint Canyon, San Fernando:	7.5 Minute Topographic