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Hike for June 26, 2002

Hike leader: Charles E. Bledsoe

Will Rogers Park up to Backbone

7miles round trip, perhaps 500 feet elevation

Take Sunset Boulevard west to Will Rogers turn right to park.

Park in parking lot fee is \$3.00 (\$2.00 if you're an old geezer).

At far side of parking lot is a set of steps, go up them and follow trail about 1mile to large park sign showing the wilderness area. At that point go left up the hill to the bridge and across to the "Old Oak tree". This, according to my brand new pedometer is 3.36 miles. This is a good place for the cookie break. At this point I turned around and went back the way I came to the sign. If you look directly across from the sign there is a trail into the woods that you will take going back to the house.

Go into the woods to a "T" and then take left path. You will circle around a hill and get a good view of the horse area of the park and some of the outbuildings.

Once back at the parking lot I will direct you to the picnic area and we will have lunch

I know this is a short hike, if you wish to extend it the trail goes past Tujung, about 10 miles. So at the Old Oak tree you can continue, I have been told that it is difficult to get lost or confused but I'm sure you've all heard that before.

To set matters straight, I have done the hike described and survived but I did it earlier in the morning, when it was cooler. There are tick warnings but I saw very few places where a person could brush against vegetation.