

Saddle Peak and Topanga Lookout

OTP Hike #876 10/31/07 9:30 AM Dick Battin, leader

Halloween Hike A maze hike You figure it out

Directions: 101 Freeway to Valley Circle/Mulholland exit
Go south and continue past commercial area to traffic light at Valmar
Turn right and continue 1 mile to Mulholland HY. Turn right
Go 3.6 miles and turn left on Stunt Rd.
Follow Stunt Rd. 3.9 miles to intersection of Stunt/Saddle peak and Schueren rd.
Park.

PRIMARY HIKE: 7 miles, 1200 ft gain (climbing peaks)

This goes down Saddle Peak trail to Stunt road, back up, and to Topanga lookout.

Description: We hike west on Stunt road for 200yds. The Saddle Peak segment of the Backbone Trail angles left leaving Stunt Road and continues to a ridge crossing over to the south side. Continue almost level until you see a large water tank ahead. Go around the tank to follow an uphill trail to a level area and a fork in the trail. Take the right trail to continue on the trail as the left fork goes to the top of Saddle peak east. Hike down the trail to Stunt rd. We turn around and go back up the trail to climb east and west Saddle peaks and return to the parking area. At 2800 ft. Saddle Peak is the highest point in the eastern or central part of the Santa Monicas **(You can hike down Stunt road about a mile and then only climb up the trail to Saddle Peak and save about a mile.)** Go northeast on a fire road leading to Topanga look out and back, (2.4 miles 300 ft gain)

OPTION 1 HIKE: 6 miles, 1615 ft gain

Driving up Stunt road let these hikers out at paddle 1.94 so they can hike up part of the Stunt High Trail to paddle 3.0 on Stunt rd. Walk about 100 yds. west and pick up the Backbone trail on the left. Turn to the left and go up to Saddle peak. Continue on to Topanga lookout and then continue up to Saddle peak trail and on to the Topanga look out. There are a few parking spaces along side the road for lone travelers.

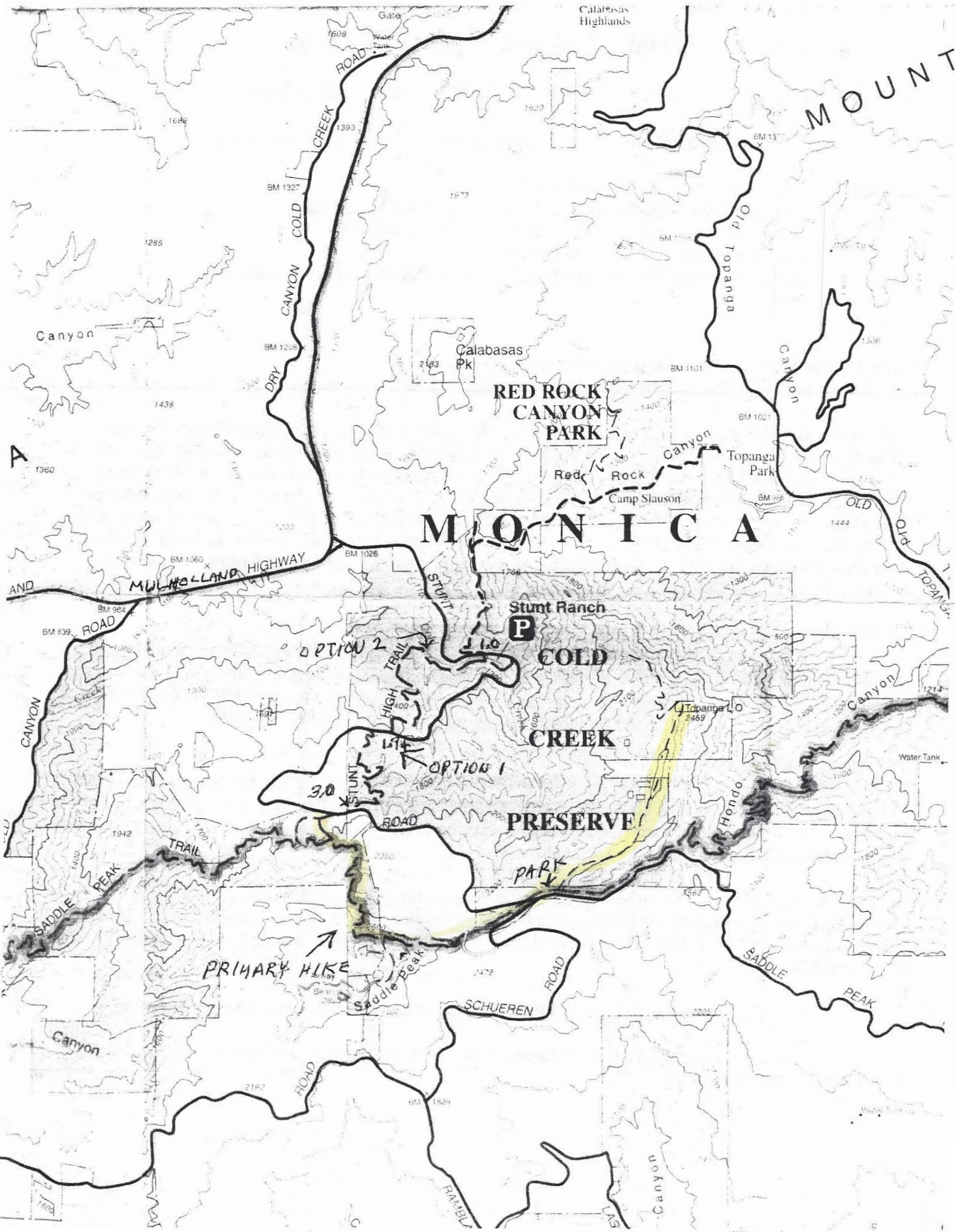
OPTION 2 HIKE: 7.5 miles, 2080 ft gain

Driving up Stunt road let these hikers out at the parking lot on the right about 1 mile from Mulholland HY. Follow the Stunt High/Cold creek trail to an intersection and turn left. Also turn left at the next intersection and arrive at Stunt road. Go 50 yds. up Stunt road to the Upper Stunt High trail on the left at paddle 1.94. Continue as in option1.

NOTES: 1. RABBIT HIKERS can coordinate on the Internet for a drop off place and meeting time. Individual drivers can just park, as they will get a ride down the mountain to their vehicles. Keep me in the conversation loop and I will drop off cookies at the parking lot at paddle 1.0 or paddle 1.94. Otherwise you will have a post hike cookie break.

2. Best Halloween costume or make up will receive a bottle of my best Charles Shaw Wine.

3. A map will be given to the rabbit hikers on the 24th to help make up their minds. If you were not there and want one let me know.



MONICA

MOUNT

RED ROCK CANYON PARK

Stunt Ranch

COLD CREEK

PRESERVE

PARK

PRIMARY HIKE

OPTION 2

OPTION 1

STUNT ROAD

SCHUEREN ROAD

MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY

CANYON COLD CREEK ROAD

Old Topanga Canyon

Canyon

OLD TOPANGA CANYON

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SADDLE PEAK

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