

April 29, 1992 Hike

9:30 AM Hike #123

UTTER/BROWN

PART OF THE BACKBONE TRAIL IN S.M. MNTNS
6.3 miles, ~300 FT. EL. GAIN

DEAD HORSE TRAILHEAD

Entrada Road
Topanga

Drive one-half mile north of the Post Office in Topanga on Hwy 27. Turn east on Entrada Road and almost immediately turn left into the parking lot.

Free parking.
Restroom.

Alternate (temporary) route through Red Rock Canyon.

Until the trail between the Dead Horse Trail and the Saddle Peak Trail is built we can use an alternate existing route through Red Rock Canyon.

~~From the Dead Horse Trailhead go south 1/2 mile on Topanga Canyon Boulevard turning right on Old Topanga Road. Drive 2 miles to Red Rock Road and turn left. Find a place to park off the road or drive 3/4 mile to a 4 car parking area near a locked gate.~~ Purists may want to walk the 3/4 miles to Red Rock. If so, leave Dead Horse from the northeast corner of the parking lot and go down to Topanga Canyon Boulevard on an old trail. Cross the highway at Greenleaf Canyon and if you are really adventurous and have no fear of poison oak, you could continue west on Greenleaf one hundred feet. Get off the road to the left and bushwhack up the ridge, gaining 300 feet of altitude in about 1/2 mile. At the crest (Henry Ridge), continue west on an overgrown steep trail dropping down along the base of a massive cliff of basaltic rock. The trail reaches Old Topanga Road at a point 1/2 mile north of its junction with Topanga Canyon Boulevard. Or you may prefer to walk along the road to Red Rock. The last time, I went by car. (Needed to check the mileage for this book).

After going around the gate and past an occupied house, head west up Red Rock Road. Somewhat of an oddity, but standing under the trees is a phone booth. It's a couple hundred feet beyond the gate and it works. Camp Slauson, a Boy Scout weekend camping area, occupied the canyon before the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy bought the property. Boys phone home easier than they write.

RETURN OVER SAME ROUTE

DEAD HORSE TO SADDLE PEAK TRAIL

	Westbound miles	Eastbound miles
Dead Horse Trailhead	0.00	8.25
Old Topanga Cyn Rd/Red Rock Rd	2.40	5.85
Red Rock parking	3.15	5.10
Calabasas Motorway junction	4.35	3.90
Stunt Road (and parking lot)	5.05	3.20
Bedrock mortar (on lower Cold Cr)	5.55	2.70
Trail junction to Stunt Ranch		
Stunt Ranch junction to ranch	5.70	2.55
Stunt Ranch parking lot on Stunt Rd	6.20	2.05
Beginning of Stunt High Trail	6.25	2.00
Stunt High (top parking)	7.15	1.10
Saddle Peak Rd/Stunt Rd	8.25	0.00

