

## OTP &amp; OTHERS

## Hiking &amp; Debating Society

## Grizzly Flats from Angeles Crest Highway

For all you OTP Buckaroos, Mike Gessner has found a new hike. We haven't done this one yet and it's not in the hike books. This hike will be different from most Mike Gessner hikes. This will be a kinder and gentler hike. This will be a dry shoe hike, there will be no stream crossings, and no rock hopping, no poison oak and the hike will be mostly on a fire road. The probability of injury or getting lost is near zero. Yes, Mike Gessner has turned over a new leaf for the new year.

For the inveterate adventurers, there are a couple of unscouted alternate routes that follow a steeper trail and may provide a little more interest to those so inclined.

Anyone who sees his shadow on this hike will turn into a groundhog.

From the 210 freeway in La Canada drive north 6.2 miles on Angeles Crest Highway, (state route 2), to a parking area on the left (north) side of the road. The mileage paddle at the roadside will read 30.64. Park so that you don't block the fire road.

We will gain 300 feet of elevation in the first half mile, and then we will ascend an easy 100 feet to a saddle. We will cross the saddle and descend about 680 feet to Grizzly Flats. We will have an excellent view of Tujunga Canyon as we descend the escape route used by Tiburcio Vasquez on one his raids on the ranchers of early Los Angeles.

We will convene at the trailhead at 8:45 AM and with a 15 minute waiting period for the slow pokes we will start the hike at 9:00 AM.

## Trip data:

Date	February 2, 1994
Distance	6 miles, round trip
Elevation gain (cumulative)	1080 feet
Trailhead elevation	2980 feet
Effort	Easy / Moderate
Leader	Mike Gessner

## Recommended Maps:

San Gabriel Valley	Automobile Club
Angeles National Forest	U S Forest Service
Condor Peak	7.5 minute Topographic