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ON FIREROAD 28 -

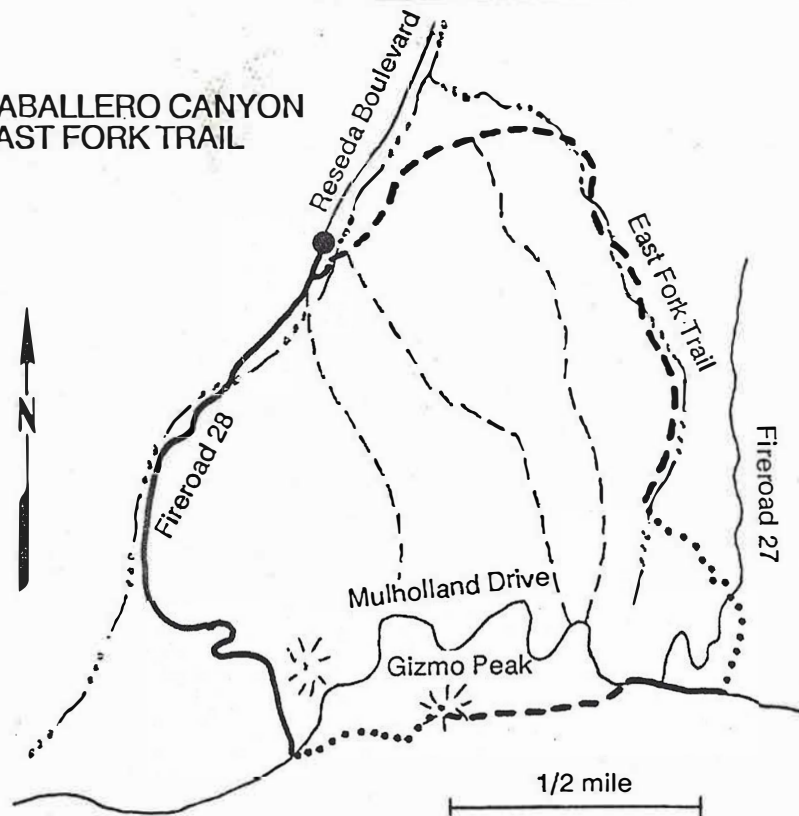
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HIKE 55

CABALLERO CANYON
EAST FORK TRAIL
Fireroad 28 from
Tarzana (loop)

Maps: Canoga Park, topo
Distance: 5 miles roundtrip
Elevation: 1100' gain and loss
Terrain: Trail, steep firebreak
and fireroad
Time: 2+ hours
Trailhead: Reseda Blvd.

CABALLERO CANYON EAST FORK TRAIL



In Tarzana drive south on Reseda Blvd to the end. Walk down the road southeast to the streambed. Turn left and get on the trail heading northeast. The route takes us over a couple of low ridges and swings east and down a slope to the stream (usually dry). Stay on the trail as it makes several stream crossings and soon becomes steeper. Eventually the trail leaves the stream making a couple of switchbacks but in general goes directly up the hill. The trail crosses Fireroad 27 (which comes up from the housing area reached by Alonzo Avenue). We have an option of hiking up Fireroad 27 or of crossing the road and making a steep climb until reaching Mulholland Dr. Encino Reservoir is in good view during the last part of the climb.

Upon reaching Mulholland Drive, turn right and follow the road until coming to a fireroad on the left (almost straight ahead as Mulholland makes a bend to the right at this point). Go around the gate, following the road west for about 1/2 mile until coming to the end of the ridge. A steep firebreak drops 400' in elevation ending at Mulholland Drive. (If the firebreak looks bad to you, an alternate route is available. A few hundred feet back on the ridge, a trail goes south down to the firebreak, crosses it and continues west to Mulholland.) Continue west on Mulholland for 100 yards or so until coming to Fireroad 28 on the right. Go downhill on Fireroad 28, back to the roadhead.

This trail stands a chance of being in the path of subdivision so if you run into streets and houses, hike elsewhere.