

CARLIN HIKE FOR 7/17/96

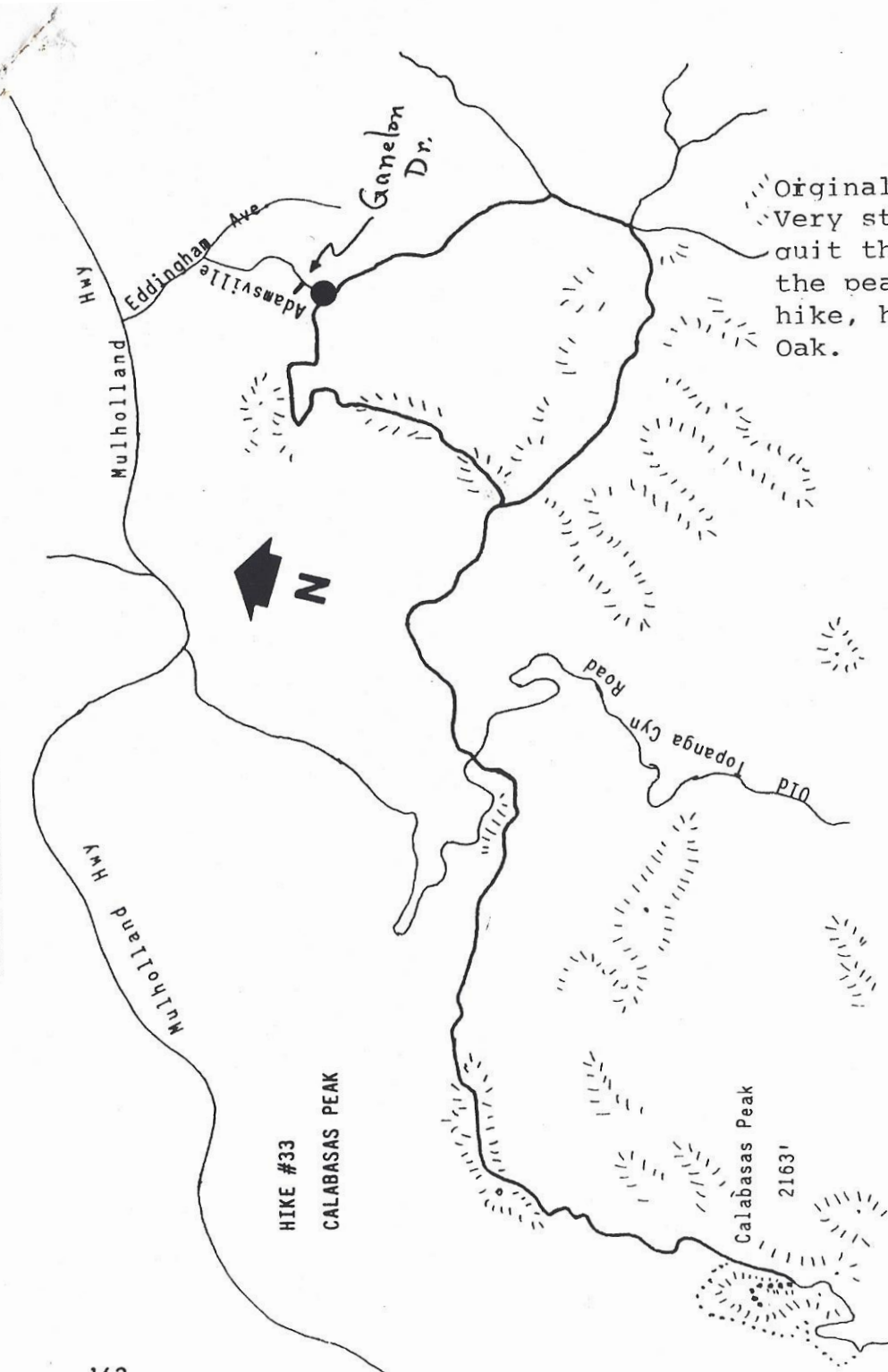
CALABASAS PEAK
 from Woodland Hills
 via Summit-to-Summit Motorway

Originally Scheduled 1/16/91
 Very strong winds caused us to
 quit the hike before reaching
 the peak. Thus this is a new-old
 hike, hopefully free of poison
 Oak.

Malibu Beach, topo
 Calabasas, topo
 Canoga Park, topo
 Distance: 8 miles
 Elevation: 1750' gain and loss
 Terrain: Trail and fireroad
 Time: 3½ hours
 Trailhead: Adamsville Avenue,
 Woodland Hills

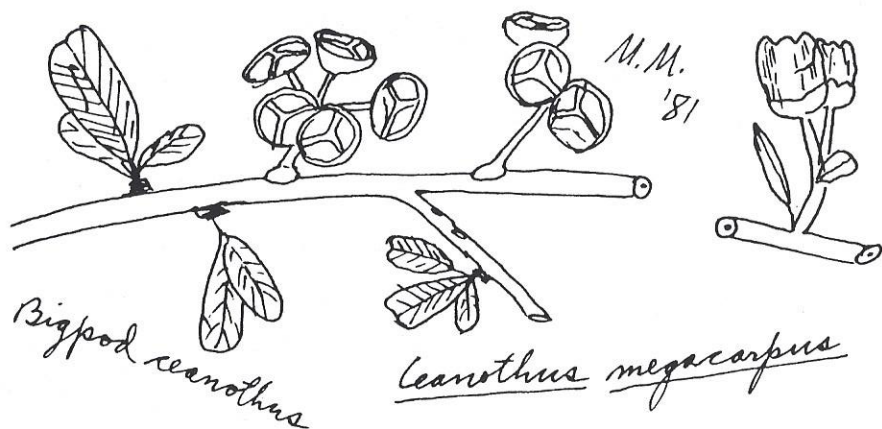
This trip is unusual in that it starts by going downhill and ends by going downhill. Get to the trailhead by driving west on Mulholland Hwy in Woodland Hills to Eddingham Avenue; turn left and go to Adamsville Avenue; turn right and go 2 blocks to the end. This is in a residential area with limited parking so you may elect to park a few blocks away and walk in. As it is in an area of housing development you may want to take a look at the start of this trail in advance of the hike to see if it still exists.

A steep trail drops down beyond the last house on the right. This goes to a north running intermittent stream. Turn right upon reaching the streambed and begin looking for a trail that branches left, going up a gully to the west. This steep trail makes a turn left working up onto a ridge. Stay on the trail until reaching the "Summit-to-Summit" fireroad, then turn right. Go west as you stay close to the ridge. You will cross Old Topanga Road at its high point and continue west going around a fireroad gate, then uphill. A private road leading to Deer Creek Ranch branches left and should be avoided.



The next segment of the hike is about 2 miles long and gains 550 feet in a series of uphill climbs interspersed with level stretches. The route stays well up on the ridge as it makes a left hand sweep from a west to south heading. Nearing Calabasas Peak you will lose some altitude, then make a left turn and gain 200 feet going around a shoulder to the right and up a grade with the peak on the right. When the roadcut dwindles, cut back to the right and walk along the trail that goes up a bulldozed area to the peak. A break in the chaparral near the top indicates where the trail goes through. A steep, but short, climb puts you on top. At 2163' Calabasas Peak overlooks everything close by. Only the east-west backbone to the south, dominated by Saddle Peak, is higher. The view one mile west is of Stokes Canyon and Stokes Ridge. Beyond is Malibu Creek State Park distinguished by the volcanic Goat Buttes. Climb this at night to see the lights of the Thousand Oaks area and the Ventura Freeway.

Return on the same road you came; cross Old Topanga Canyon Blvd. and continue east. Pass the ridge by which you came up to the road, continuing about 1/2 mile, reaching a 4-road intersection. Stay left going uphill, reaching another road fork after leveling out on the ridge. Turn left and start the final downhill stretch of about 2/3 mile to the trailhead.



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Because of new home construction and general contractor muck-around, a new trail head must be improvised.

From Pacific Coast Hwy., take Topanga Canyon thru to Mullholland Hwy. Turn left (west) approx. 2 miles to Eddingham. Turn left (only choice) and go uphill to third street, and turn right (only choice) onto Adamsville. Continue on Adamsville to next possible right turn which will be Ganelon Dr., a short stubby dead-end street. Park.