

On August 13, 1997 Mike Gessner will lead the

Grizzly Flat Traverse

Several times in the past we have done both ends of this hike as separate hikes. This time we will use a 12.6 mile car shuttle and do the whole hike.

This will be an easy hike. The total elevation gain will be about 1200 feet and the elevation loss will be about 2250 feet. We will hike about 2.75 miles to Grizzly Flat gaining 1015 feet elevation and losing 1235 feet elevation. We will stop at Grizzly Flat for lunch. After lunch we will take an easy stroll of about 1.75 miles to Big Tujunga Canyon. We will gain a total of about 180 feet elevation and lose about 1010 feet elevation.

The first part will be on a fire road in high dry country so there will be no poison oak. The last part will be on a good trail down to and across Big Tujunga creek. You probably will get your feet wet crossing the creek. There may also be some poison oak. We will have our refreshments under some big shade trees in Big Tujunga Canyon.

We will meet at the Grizzly Flat trailhead on Angeles Crest Highway. From the 210 freeway in La Canada drive north 6.2 miles to mileage paddle 30.64. Park so that you don't block the fire road. I will drive to the end of the hike at Vogel Flat and leave my vehicle with the refreshments. I will arrange a ride from Big Tujunga Canyon to the start. After the festivities I will take the drivers back to their cars.

We will start the hike at 9:30 AM so it would be advisable to arrive at the trailhead by 9:15 AM so there will be time to adjust your equipment and mingle