

Hike #485

## MISSION EL CAMINO NOT-SO-REAL

(Sub-title: Zuma West)

“Corny” Carlin Hike for THURSDAY, September 23, 1999.

**Start Time:** Ten O'clock AM (10:00 AM).

**Length of Hike:** Variable depending upon your cleverness and perseverance – 2 miles minimum.

**Altitude Gain and Loss:** Zero, total, relative, whatever.

**Shoes:** I would suggest comfortable walking shoes as opposed to hiking boots.

**Poison Oak:** Absolutely NONE.

**The Hike:** We will split up into competing teams, each with their own distinctive flag, and then embark on our adventure to explore the Mission El Camino Not-so-real, personally experiencing the mission way of life for perhaps the very first time. You ~~have~~ may have traveled El Camino Real (US 101) to reach the trailhead, so that upon entering the mission, you become a missionary, and the ringing of the bells and other ways of mission life will be revealed to you at that time.

The objective is to wander the various trails of the mission and its surrounding grounds in such a manner as to reach the Mission Gate, the end of the trail. Along the paths, each team must collect up to 12 “icons” which will document their presence in those areas of the mission. The winning team must finish the hike with the maximum number of icons in the minimum amount of time. Entry and exit times will be officially recorded for each team. A penalty of 3 minutes per icon will be deducted from a team’s total time for those teams finishing without all 12 icons.

**The trailhead:** Drive west (or north per the highway signs) on the Ventura Freeway (US 101) exit south on Las Posas Road. Drive to the intersection of Las Posas and Hueneme Roads. Park in the parking lot under the power tower in the north-east quadrant of that intersection. The intersection can also be reached from PCH – check your maps.

This is a reserved event, and an admission fee of \$8/adult, \$5/child(4-12). If there are 20 of us, the fee drops to \$7/per adult.

REMEMBER, TWO CHANGES: 1) Hike is on **THURSDAY**, instead of WEDNESDAY, and 2) Start time is **10:00 AM** instead of 9:30 AM.