

Tapia Park to Corral Canyon and on to Malibu Lake Via Backbone Trail



Alternate

OTP Hike # 501 - 1/19/2000 - 9:30 AM - Dick Battin

Planned Hike

	Transect Time	Alternate
Distance Total Elevation Gain/Loss Hiking Time Start End	10 miles 2000/1000 Ft. 5 hrs.(including lunch) Tapia Park Mailbu lake	6 miles 1400/1400 3 1/2 hrs Tapia Pk. Tapia Pk.

Directions: From PCH turn north on Malibu Canyon road and continue to parking lot on the left just before the bridge and Tapia Park entrance. \$4.00 parking fee for senior visitors. There may be envelopes there, otherwise you must go to the Tapia park entrance and do the electronic thing if it still vorks after Y2K!!

The Hike: This is not too difficult for anyone. The hardest part is the 1500 foot gain during the first 2 1/2 miles but it is not too steep and that part is required for either the planned or alternate hike. The planned hike will continue along the Backbone Trail along the ridge whereas the alternate will turn out to Mesa Peak to an overview. If we have a clear day like our scouting hike you can see San Clemente island along with Catalina and Santa Barbara islands. If you continue with the planned hike the rock and shell formations and caves are all evidence of a bygone era of history. As we turn off and continue on the Bulldog road we will see the conplete San Fernando Valley and ridge of mountains along the San Gabriels. Very early we will see Malibu Lake and wonder why we will not be there in one half hour. You will have the option of turning off to the old MASH site with a 4 mile longer loop hike to Tapia or turning with me to a much more pleasant planned 1 mile hike to the car shuttle at Malibu Lake.

My thanks to Vicky and Rich in scouting this hike and actually enjoying the two times we took the wrong path!!

