

Dear OTP Hikers:

The hike for 2/08/06 will be Trail Canyon to Tom Lucas Trail Camp.

The trail is in good condition. You will encounter some minor boulder hopping. Some of the trail surface is hard packed earth, there are some parts with scattered small rocks to step on, there are many stream crossings all with plenty of large smooth stable stepping rocks for dry crossings. Even I crossed them with no mishap. Sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

There is no restroom at the trailhead so you may want to stop on Foothill Blvd before entering Mt. Gleason Ave (see below).

There are no tables nor benches at the trailhead so you may want to bring portable camp chairs for yourselves to better relax after the hike.

There are several alternatives to hike. The first portion of the trail goes to the "Falls" which is approx 1 1/2 miles (45-60 minutes) with 620 ft elevation gain. Our more energetic souls can ascend to Tom Lucas Camp, which is another approx 1 1/2 miles with 1200 ft elevation gain. Much of the hike is among stands of Sycamore/Alder/Oaks making for a picturesque atmosphere. The return by the same trail will be 3 miles or 6 miles total.

Directions:

From the west take the I-210 Freeway (eastbound) to the Sunland Blvd exit. At the bottom of the ramp turn left and proceed 1.5 miles to Mt. Gleason Ave (Foothill bears right at this point). Turn left (north) onto MT. Gleason Ave.

From the east take the I-210 Freeway (westbound) to the Lowell Ave exit. You will be west bound on Honolulu Ave. Turn right (north) on Tujunga Canyon Blvd. At Foothill turn left (west), continue to Mt. Gleason Ave. and turn right (north).

Proceed on Mt. Gleason Ave. for 1.4 miles through 5/6 stop signs and some "S" curves until it ends in a "T" at Big Tujunga Canyon Road. There is a brand new condo/apt complex on your right at this "T" intersection

NOW SET YOUR ODOMETER to zero, turn right on Big Tujunga Canyon Road and proceed 3.4 miles to mileage marker "2.05". Turn left into a dirt road, which rises sharply and gets a bit narrow. Have NO fear for it is passable for passenger sedans. There is a fork in the road, bear right to "Trail Canyon". Honest!! Proceed to the parking area/trailhead. This dirt road is only 1/2-mile total length. WELCOME