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## Hauser Wilderness Additions Pine Valley Creek Wild & Scenic River

*(potential wilderness)*

*San Diego County*

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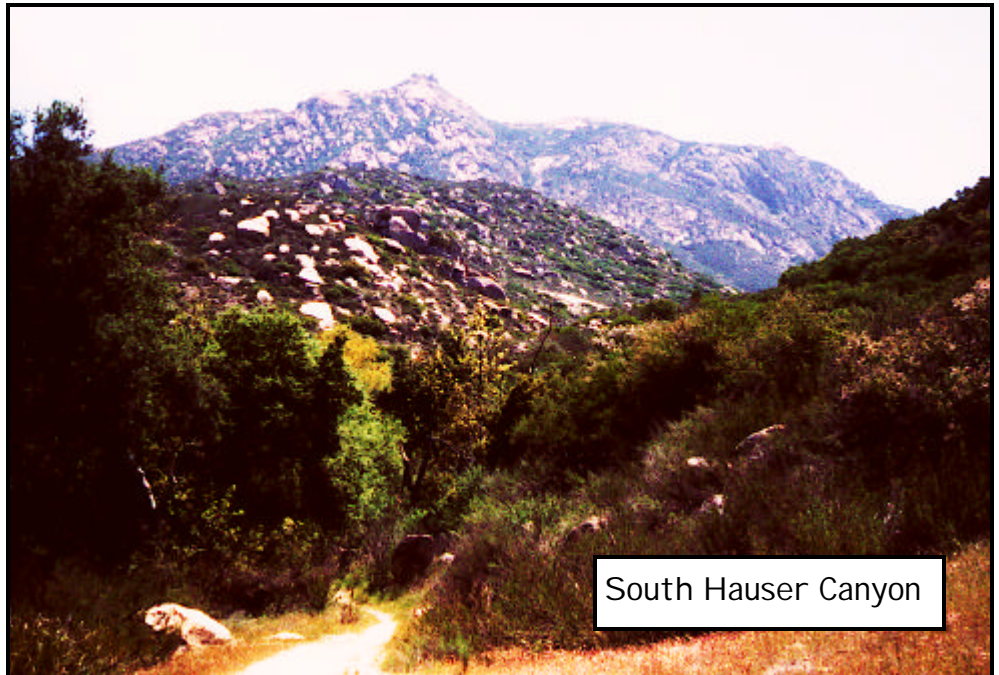
*\*Watershed protection for Cottonwood & Hauser Creeks: drinking water supply stored in Barrett Reservoir*

*\*Pine Valley Creek Wild & Scenic River: drinking water supply and animal species protection.*

*\*Pacific Crest Trail*

*\*Bureau of Land Management & Cleveland National Forest 7,700 acres—approx.*

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South Hauser Canyon

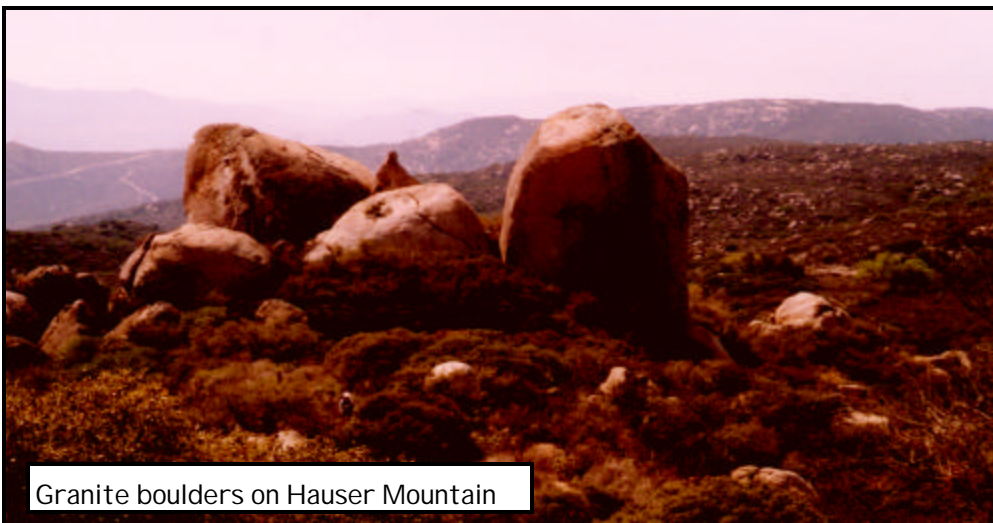
The Hauser Wilderness Additions and Pine Valley Creek Wild & Scenic River occupy a remote area of moderate elevation just north of the International Border, including 3,800-foot Hauser Mountain and the beautiful, tree-lined Hauser, Cottonwood, and Pine Valley Creeks.

The area provides a vital corridor for wildlife along the Peninsular Ranges, connecting Mexico and Otay Mountain with the Laguna Mountains to the

north.

This area offers a scenic wilderness backdrop for the initial 20 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT) and invaluable watershed protection for Barrett Lake, an important link in San Diego's water supply.

The Hauser Additions include South Hauser Canyon, a 10-mile-long, steep-walled drainage just south of the existing Hauser Wilderness and Hauser Mountain (BLM Wilderness Study Area), a



Granite boulders on Hauser Mountain



Creek provides high-quality riparian habitat for the largest arroyo toad and southwestern pond turtle populations and a significant population of least Bell's vireos.

**Access:**  
PCT: north from the international border (one mile south of Campo) or south from Lake Morena County Park.

From the south: South Boundary Road from Potrero or hiking trails along Highway 94 leading to Hauser Mountain.

broad plateau with a sweeping view over hundreds of square miles and deep into Mexico.

South Hauser Canyon itself is a delightful haven of glistening rock slabs, lush plant life, quiet pools and plunging waterfalls, all shaded by towering oaks and completes the southern protection of Hauser Canyon. This area should have been designated in 1984 as part of the existing Hauser Wilderness.

In Hauser Mountain the steep slopes exhibit a rare, low-elevation variety of chaparral and coastal sage scrub, including *Hamizonia floribunda*, one of six sensitive plant species found in Hauser Mountain..

The Pacific Crest Trail traverses through Hauser Mtn. roughly from south to north providing excellent recreation. With Wilderness

designation travelers on a PCT odyssey will be provided with natural, historical, recreational and scenic values.

The Pine Valley Creek potential Wild & Scenic River is one of the longest free-flowing low-elevation streams in SoCal's National Forests. Pine Valley

