**Planet of the Apes Postscript Notes for Film Locations**

Additional location photos were taken that were not in the movie itself:
- Behind-the-scenes shots
- Deleted scenes
- Promotional video scene
- Signage at Malibu Creek State Park

I was fortunate to witness John successfully locate sites as we hiked through Glen Canyon. Just the night before, we reviewed locations (not yet found) in the Rinzler *Making of PotA* book with his driver friend, Chris. The next day during the hike, I saw John have an uncanny sense of familiarity as he circuited and backtracked on terrain where there are NO trails … And *somehow*, he found two new locations: see Behind the Scenes #2 and #3.

Looking back at having walked through such remote landscapes, I have a deep appreciation for Franklin Schaffner’s vision and perseverance to have filmed *Planet of the Apes* as he did. Lugging heavy film equipment, lighting, generators, and Oak tree props with a large film crew - through areas sometimes accessible only via horses - must have been daunting. And yet, many of those scenes have durations of mere seconds!?! Like rare gems, they’re magnificent to behold.

**Observations and Tips**

As of this writing, six months after my Lake Powell boat trip, the water level is 53 feet higher. The distinctive Antelope Canyon surface features at the raft scene, the jutting “bird beak” rock on the lake, and my flag plant site on Padres Butte are underwater again. And Landon’s flag plant site is now 63 feet underwater!

When 20th Century Fox owned the land that is now Malibu Creek State Park, it was commonly called “Fox Ranch”. Interestingly, there is an exit called Fox Ranch Road in Arizona. It is approximately halfway between the cities of Page and Phoenix on Interstate 17.
Tips for FREE parking when visiting location sites:

- Check out a “California State Library Parks Pass” using a valid library card for Malibu Creek State Park, otherwise it’s $12.
- VERY limited parking on Cliffside Drive at the top of Point Dume, otherwise $8 at the beach.

Sources of reference photos -

pages 1: “John Chambers’ Slides” on Hunter’s Planet of the Apes Archive website

Pages 2-4: The Making of Planet of the Apes by J.W. Rinzler

Pages 5-9: “Mark Talbot-Butler’s Ginormous Stills Collection” on Hunter’s Planet of the Apes Archive website

Page 10: “CBS Planet of the Apes TV Series Promo” on YouTube

Page 11: Google Earth
More Film Location Photos by Lori

Behind the Scenes #1
Photos framed in RED indicate sites discovered by John O’Callaghan, author of *Location! Location! Location!*

Behind the Scenes #2
Behind the Scenes #3
Behind the Scenes #5
Behind the Scenes #6
Behind the Scenes #7
A Deleted Scene #2
Did a bit of sleuthing on this one:

If I remember correctly, John said that the face of this canyon is where the silhouettes of the sub-humans were filmed, which became part of the TV series promo video hosted by executive producer, Herbert Hirschman. When the sun is in the correct position, the column-shaped rock mass and people standing on the cliff edge could cast the shadows shown on the canyon.

The red rectangle at the arrow tip surrounds my best guess for a canyon feature match, but a big chunk of rock on the lower right corner appears to have fallen off, which is a plausible occurrence. I superimposed a transparent shadow outlined in blue for reference. Photos included here are for interest only, and are not conclusive.

Could not get a hold of John to confirm. John, if you see this, I’d love to chat about it!
Two signs, located on a trail that traverses between the Cornfield and the parking lot, show *Planet of the Apes* film locations.

A third sign located at the Ape City site is shown separately in the *Beneath* Film Location montage and notes.
This sign also serves as a popular pit stop for birds.

This water warning should instead be posted AT the rock pool!

Every time I’ve visited, there are people doing the ANSA dip ... with swimwear.
The World’s Stage

Close your eyes. Use your imagination. Listen carefully. Can you hear a director yelling, "CUT"? Perhaps you hear the echoes of helicopters bringing in the "wounded" for medical treatment or the thunder of apes riding horses across the plains.

Since the earliest days of Hollywood, this place has been the backdrop for movie magic. As early as 1919, the rolling hills and grasslands before you have stood in for locations around the world, including New England, South Korea, the British Isles, the Wild West, and post-apocalyptic Earth.

A temporary cornfield was created on the field in front of you for the famous chase scene in the 1968 film, Planet of the Apes. The Ape Village (seen right) was constructed at the park’s Century Lake.