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Mt. Hollywood Trail:

3/30/11

Hike Leader: Michael Kamimura

Trailhead: Take the Hollywood Freeway/101 and exit in Hollywood at Sunset Blvd. Take Sunset east to Western Avenue. Turn north and continue on Western till it turns right and becomes Los Feliz Blvd. Turn left at the first traffic light (Ferndell Drive) and head north. Park close to the Ferndell Nature Museum. There are restrooms across the parking area and we will have our post hike refreshments here. At this writing, I have yet to "prehike" this area but I will make every effort to get this done and "approved" before the day of this hike.

The Hike: The hike starts at the bottom entrance to the park. From the parking area, cross the street and go north (basically on a fire road). About 1/2 mile or so there will be a split. Stay to the right and in a short time you will come to the road that goes to the observatory. Cross this road going up a hill into a shady area called the Captains Roost. Most of the hike will be on a fire road and it meanders gently going up the mountain untill you get up to the summit. Here the view of the city below is spectacular and you might want to take group picture with the "Hollywood "sign is in the background. You can continue this loop and return back to the parking area for treats. The entire loop is said to be about 6 miles, sorry, you "rabbits". If you really want to challenge yourselves, they're something like 274 trails that could prove interesting to explore. This info comes from a paper written by Peter Doggett (May 2003).