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Elysian Park Hike January 11, 2011

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Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Directions: From Interstate 5, take the Stadium way exit and drive south about one half mile to Elysian Park Drive, and proceed to the parking area at the end of the road. From Interstate 110, take the Academy Road exit, proceed NW past the Dodger parking lot and Police Academy to Stadium Way. Turn right, then left at Elysian Park Drive, then to the parking area. There are restrooms near the parking area.

The Hike: Proceed North from the parking area along a trail to the Marion Harlow Gardens, up Palm Hill, and follow a trail around to some view points at the North end of the park. Continue down the trail to Stadium Way (be careful crossing as there are no signals) and continue along the trail that is above the Interstate 5 freeway. After about .75 miles from Stadium Way, you have an option to climb up to Grand View Dr., or to stay on the trail. Grand View stays above Elysian Reservoir. One trail continues around above the freeway. From the Grand View Dr. you can continue down another trail to Park Row Dr. which continues to a bridge over the 110 freeway, then on to Buena Vista Point. The ambitious can continue down the hill to the Portola Trail Historic Monument, and return to Buena Vista Point. On the return you can loop past the Police Academy and visit their gardens, then return along Stadium way.

There is only a moderate elevation gain or loss along this loop. After hike snacks at the tables near the parking area. A map will be available.