

Hike #1085

May 30 -- 1085 -- Scharbarum Regional Park, Powder Canyon Hike — Tom Kaczmarek

Joan of Arc burned at the stake in Rouen France, at age 19. 1431

Directions to Scharbarum Regional Park

Equestrian Area Parking Lot

Powder Canyon Hike

From The Valley or Torrance:

- Take your preferred route to the 60 Freeway (Pomona) and travel east.
- 6 miles past the 60/605 interchange you will exit at Azusa Ave (exit #18)

- Turn right (south) onto Azusa Ave.
- Drive 0.3 miles and turn left (east) onto Colima
- Drive another 0.1 mile and turn right into the park entrance.

From the Fullerton area:

You have at least two options:

1. Take 57 Freeway north to 60 Freeway west & exit at Azusa. Drive south on Azusa to Colima; left on Colima; right turn into park entrance.
2. Harbor Blvd north to Colima; Left on Colima, legal U-turn at Azusa and right turn into park entrance.

Once At Park Entrance

- Drive straight past the guard booth (do not turn right)
- Follow the main park road. At 0.5 mile you will pass a Hummingbird area (on your left)
- In another 0.1 mile (0.6 miles from the booth) you will come to a fork in the road; take the road on the Left.
- In another 0.2 mile you will arrive at the equestrian area. Park your vehicle. On your right you will see tables (for our after-hike refreshments) and some of the finest fillies this side of Kentucky. On your left you will see separate restrooms.

Note: There is a \$6 per car charge to enter the park. I have been assured by several locals that the fee is only imposed on weekends. I drove into the park on a Tuesday in late-April and drove right past the un-staffed booth.

Powder Canyon Hike

Options maps, suitable for framing, will be provided 3 mile hike with 200' gain/loss- (an out and back route)

- hike south on Powder Canyon trail to Fullerton Road
- from Fullerton Road, retrace your steps.
- For a more rigorous hike, return by hooking up with the Black Walnut trail. Black Walnut is pretty much all up-hill until it connects w/ the Powder Canyon trail after 1 mile.

6 or 7 mile hike w/ 1000 elevation gain/loss- (a loop route)

- hike west on Schabarum trail to Buena Vista trail to Purple Sage trail to Powder Canyon trail to Nogales trail to Black Walnut trail which re-connects after 1 mile with Powder Canyon which will return you to the equestrian area.
- to add an extra mile, making for a 7 miler, while on the Schabarum trail, do not take the Buena Vista trail cut-off, but continue westward. After 0.6 miles Schabarum will connect with the Purple Sage trail. Then it's Purple Sage to Powder Canyon to Nogales to Black Walnut to Powder Canyon which will return you to the equestrian area.

10 mile Rabbit's dream

- Do the 7 mile hike. Then do an out and back on the Schabarum Extension trail. I questioned several locals who told me that the extension trail does not reconnect with any of the above mentioned trail.