

O'MELVENY PARK

Date: April 24, 2013

Leader: Anna Decker

DIRECTIONS: Take the 405 to 118 west, exit Balboa Blvd. Travel north (a right coming from the east and a left from the west). Go over the crest of Balboa one block past Orozco with traffic light and take a left (west) on Sessnon. Travel 0.8 miles past the main entrance to the "O'Melveny Park East" parking lot. Turn right on Neon Ave to the end and park on street.

HIKE: Starts at the gate, proceed up fire road. At approximately 1½ miles pass through opening between two fences (wrought iron on left around Gas Co property and chain link on the right) Notice on the right is the trail from O'Melveny Park East. Take the fire road to the left to the "Three Trees" a nice shady area for cookie break. Continue on fire road for another mile to a beautiful grove of trees, a great place for lunch. Return same way or take the trail to O'Melveny Park East, which adds about a mile.

NOTES: Did not make it to Mission Peak, according to other hikers, I missed a narrow trail that spurred off to the left, up a series of switchbacks to the water tank and monument. Rabbits can continue on fire road or travel past Mission Peak and go as far as they want. Rabbits may also want to explore the Gas Co property. Although signs said "private property", both lower and upper gates were left open.

BASIC HIKE: to grove approx. 4 ½ miles RT, 1200 ft elevation gain. To Mission Peak, 5 miles RT, 1400 ft gain.

RESTROOMS: are only available at approximately 100 yds from the O'Melveny Park East parking lot which will be across the street from our refreshment area.

REFRESHMENTS: will be served on the green belt across the street from the main entrance of the O'Melveny Park East parking lot. We will drive down to the corner of Meadowlark and Sessnon. There is plenty of parking on either street.