

Ocean Trails Reserve & Deane Dana Friendship Park

Date: February 19th

Leader: John Leete

On a clear day we will see panoramic views of the L. A. harbor, the south coast, migrating whales, Catalina, and of course Dave Lillback's house.

Directions to the trailhead: South on the 110 freeway (Why don't we call them parkways?), Pacific Coast Highway exit, west to Western Ave, south to 25th, which becomes PV Drive South, west 1.3 miles, then left on La Rotonda Dr. Parking is at the end of La Rotonda. Restrooms are available.

Hike: The planned hike is 5 ½ miles with about 900 ft gain. Maps will be available. We start downhill to the ocean, then take the El Portal Trail (three left-hand forks – go left at the fork with four rocks) which forms a 1 mile semicircle up to P V Drive South. We hike beside P V Drive South and cross at P V Drive East to go up the Marymount Trail, and then follow P V Drive East uphill to Calle Aventura, which leads into the Deane Dana Friendship Park. Restrooms are available in the park. A circuit of the park on Fowler Trail leads to a downhill trail back to P V Drive South. Entrance back into the Ocean Trails Reserve is blocked by storm drain construction, but there is a path that we can take beside the perimeter fence. Return to the trailhead via the Catalina Trail.

Safety: It is legal to walk on either side of a road without a sidewalk; however I think that it is safer to walk on the left-hand side such that you are facing oncoming traffic. In my gated community up north, one can be cited for walking with traffic. There will be both bicycle and automobile traffic when we hike along P V Drive East. Please stay out of their way.

Other options: We have hiked Ocean Trails many times. From the trail head to the Trump club house is about 1 mile. Long hikers can then walk down the Sunset Trail to the ocean and along the beach to the Portuguese Bend Club and back.

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