

## **Palos Verdes Peninsula OTP Hike January 31, 1996, 9:30 AM**

This will be a six mile loop hike from Del Cerro Park in an area you have never visited. We start down the usual Crenshaw trail and after winding down below Eagle's Nest we drop down further, eventually turning toward the fenced Vanderlip Estate. Our trail skirts the estate giving a good view of the Vanderlip Temple and the gardens behind the fence. We may see a few peacocks along this part of the trail, if not we'll hear some for sure. We then drop down into Altamira Canyon for a short distance and then bushwack along the hillside where the trail had been washed out two years ago. We head west for our lunch spot where we can view the former Marineland site and, of course, Catalina. We return by an upper trail that takes us through Vanderlip Canyon and back across Altamira Canyon above where we crossed it going. From here we go up the Rattlesnake trail. Near the top of the trail, before it reaches Crenshaw, we have the option of climbing the 273 stairs which are visible from the Del Cerro Parking lot. The stairs seem to end up in private property, however, there is a way to skirt the fence after getting to the top. We then hike a short distance to the park and refreshments.

### **Trailhead Directions**

From the 405 Freeway take Crenshaw Boulevard South until it deadends at Del Cerro Park. Turn right into the parking lot.

Pat Forbess' Hike