

Hike #415

FRIENDSHIP PARK TO PORTUGUESE BEND HIKE

4-8-98

Hike leader: Bill Nakano

Trail head: Friendship Park, 9th St. / Miraleste St. entrance parking lot

Start time: 9 : 30 AM

Distance : 7 miles, moderate

Elevation : 800 feet to sea level and back up

View : excellent view of the South Shores of Palos Verdes Peninsula

Directions : Go to the southern end of Harbor Fwy (110) to Gaffey St.

South (left) on Gaffey to 9th St.

West (right) on 9th to Western Ave

Cross Western and turn left in half a block

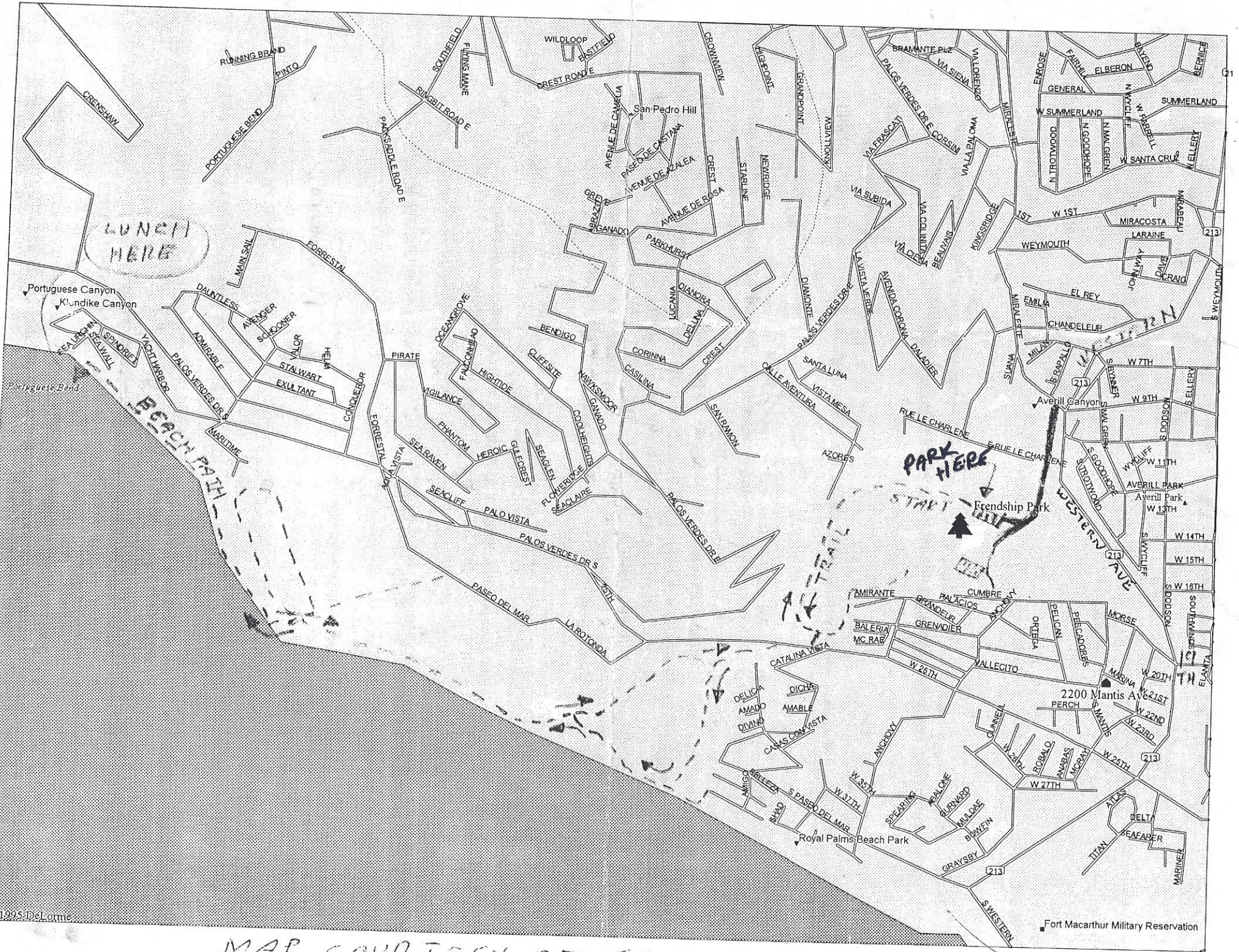
(9th St. turns into Miraleste)

Enter park and park in a lot on the first right turn

The trails are unmarked since they traverse private properties. So we need to stick together - even though it would be difficult to get lost. (We could hike by dead reckoning of the Friendship Park hill.) I have marked up a map with dotted lines showing the approximate route we will be taking. The trail goes down the park hill to the cliffs along the coast. We will be going down to the beach the last mile to the Portuguese Bend private beach. We will have lunch there either on the sand or on the picnic tables depending on the reception we receive from the residents there. The return trip is essentially tracing back the morning trails with a minor by - pass in the middle. There is a big change since the last trip. They are building a golf course and housing along the cliff but the trail along the cliff is still there even though it has been narrowed considerably.

The hike this time of the year should be very pleasant with cool ocean breeze and sunshine to warm us up. (might as well be optimistic?) There are toilets at the park and beach site and bushes along the cliffs.

Refreshments will be served at the Friendship Park picnic tables over looking the beautiful San Pedro hills, its harbors and lands beyond.



LUNCH
HERE

PARK
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START

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TRAIL