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December 6, 2000 - LA TUNA CANYON TO VERDUGO PEAK - JIM DYER

The eleventh anniversary hike will be the north traverse to Verdugo peak. Ten years ago OTP hiked in La Tuna canyon, so this will be new country to most of us. There are possible variations to the loop hike from which you can tailor the route you wish to travel. The loop hike is the longest, 10.5 miles, and has an elevation gain of 2000 feet. There is one part of the trail, which has a 600-foot elevation gain in 0.6 miles, thus providing well needed cardio vascular exercise while hiking. The canyon is shaded and scenic.

Trail head. The starting point is located at a picnic area on left hand side of La Tuna Canyon Road 1.4 miles West of the La Tuna Canyon Road off ramp of the Foothill Freeway. There is another picnic before the trail head. The point we will meet at has a sign identifying it as La Tuna Canyon. There is road repair going on in the area, so car pools are encouraged due to reduced parking.

Meeting Time – 9:30 A.M.