

OTP Hike

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This hike in the Verdugo Mountains is on fire roads, so the wet weather shouldn't create a problem for us.

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**THE BEAUDRY LOOP
6¼ Miles Round Trip**

Description: This loop trip in the eastern Verdugos is an excellent conditioning hike. From the trailhead near the Oakmont Country Club in Verdugo City, you'll climb by fire road up one ridge then down another. In between you'll coast along the ridge road enjoying the views. The going is not easy: you'll gain then lose 1,200 feet and there's little shade.

Driving: From the Glendale Freeway (CAL 2) in Glendale exit at Mountain Street. Turn west and follow Mountain to Verdugo Road. Turn right on Verdugo then bear left onto Cañada Boulevard. Turn left onto Santa Maria Avenue but bear right almost immediately and continue onto Country Club Lane. Turn left onto Beaudry Boulevard and follow it to Beaudry Terrace. The trailhead is located at the intersection of Beaudry Terrace and Beaudry Boulevard.

Directions: Walk up the fire road alongside a debris reservoir. Where the road crosses Deer Creek, there's a trickle of a stream even in summer and a cool little waterfall in the wetter months. In ½ mile the road forks into Beaudry South and Beaudry North. Bear left onto the south road and undertake a moderate climb above Glendale that carries you up to a firebreak and onto the ridge road along the crest in 2 tiring miles. You'll want to stop for a breather here, and there's a little-used heliport that's perfect just beyond the transmission station.

Continue hiking west along the ridge gaining some easy altitude along the way. It's a pleasant coast with even nicer views as you hike ½ mile towards six colorful transmission towers and another ½ mile to the junction with the Beaudry North Road.

Turn right here and descend moderately. The La Crescenta Valley lies nestled below and the massive San Gabriels loom above. Hike on down the road 2¾ miles to the Beaudry South junction and bear left the final ½ mile back to the car.

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