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**New Millennium & de Anza Trails to Bark Park, Shuttle**

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**Leader:** Ron Obert

**Trailhead:** Exit the Ventura (101) freeway onto Las Virgenes Road. There is a Mobil gas station about 150 yards south of the freeway at 4830 Las Virgenes, and a little stub of a road beside the station leads to a large dirt parking lot. Another 100 yards leads up to a small parking area, and the actual trailhead. Either lot will work fine. There are no restrooms at the trailhead, but there is a MacDonal'd's about 150 yards further south on Las Virgenes. As always we start at 9:30.

**Hike:** We start at the West Trailhead and climb up the canyon to a bench and the first junction. The hike's two shorter versions turn right or south at the junction. (A map will be supplied on hike day.) A dirt road will be reached in .6 miles. A right turn on the road will result in the shortest hike – 3.5 miles. The key here is to not miss the small connector trail off of the road to the left, just prior to the start of the switchbacks that climb the ridge to the south. A left turn on the road will lead up to a signed junction after .2 miles. A right here will lead to a loop to the east, and then back to the same switchbacks up the southern ridge. This results in a 4.4 mile hike.

At the first junction the longer hike continues east and parallel to the freeway on the de Anza Trail. Depending on how you handle the decision discussed above, your hike will be either 6.0 or 6.8 miles. The key here is that after you first drop down to the small stream parallel to the freeway, go another 150 to 250 feet and then cross the overgrown stream bed. There's no perfect place, you just need to get to the other side, and then hike under the major power lines. At the East Trailhead a paved road starts, and 100 yards will get you to a paved stub that drops down to the creek. Come up out of the creek and turn right at the trail sign. Another .2 miles will get you to the out and back Tiger run, up to the water tanks. Sprinting to the tanks and back, will result in a 9.8 mile hike. The basic hike continues up toward the ridge and houses, and then follows the road west and the same mini-decision prior to switchbacks discussed above.

The junction that will drop you down to Bark Park is obvious and signed.

The elevation gains are modest. My estimates are that the shorter hikes will be 700 feet, and the longer hike 1200 feet. The full Tiger run will add 550 feet.

**Party:** At Bark Park.