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**HIKE:** 3 Ponderosa Lane, Rolling Hills Estates, to Redondo Beach Veterans' Park via RAT Beach

**DATE:** June 27, 2012

**LEADER:** Jan Gardner

**DISTANCE:** 10 miles

**GAIN:** 400 feet

**DIRECTIONS:** From the 405 Freeway exit onto Hawthorne Blvd. south (right) approx. 5 miles to Palos Verdes Drive North (stoplight); turn northwest (right) for ½ mile (past Silver Spur stop sign) and turn east (right) at the start of the center divider to 3 Ponderosa Lane (second house on left).

From the 110 freeway exit Pacific Coast Highway west (right) approximately 5 miles to Hawthorne Blvd. (stoplight); turn south (left) approximately 1 mile to Palos Verdes Drive North (stoplight) and proceed as above.

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**DISTANCE:** Approximately 10 miles with 500 feet gain

From 3 Ponderosa Lane turn R-west ½ block to PV Dr N; turn R-north for about ½ mile to Via Valmonte; cross to follow walking trail in center island for approximately 1 mile where it ends: cross eastbound PV Dr. N and walk at edge of pavement past Malaga Cove Plaza to Via Corta; turn R and cross PV Dr W toward the ocean; follow the sidewalk along Via Almar to Via Arroyo; turn R 1 block to Paseo del Mar; turn R and proceed to end of parking lot where there is a ramp down to RAT Beach. Walk north as far as you want; paved path and rest rooms begin at Torrance Beach. Continue north to Veterans Park or lunch wherever you feel is a halfway point.

To return retrace the same route or for a slightly shorter route follow the sidewalk on Esplanade to PV Blvd crossing **CAREFULLY** to the east side and walk 1 block south to Via Anita; follow Via Anita east to Via Alameda; turn R-South and cross the westbound lane of PV Dr N to the center island; proceed as before to Ponderosa Lane.

Enter backyard by west gate (between #1 & #3) to find ice chests, food, tables & chairs on back patio. Restrooms will be available before departure and on return of Jan or Jim.

**SHORTER HIKES:** A) Walk to Malaga Cove for approximately 4 miles and 100 feet gain. B) Walk to RAT Beach for approx 5 miles and 200 feet gain.