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Palos Verses Peninsula

Date: 10/10/12

Distance: 2-8 miles RT depending on hike chosen.

Elevation gain: 1000 ft.

Leader: John Morton

Directions to Trailhead:

Go south on Harbor Fwy (110). Exit (left) Gaffey. Continue south to 25th. Turn (right) on 25th. Go approximately 3.4 miles to Forrestal Drive. (CAUTION! Speed Check Patrolled). Turn (right) on Forrestal to Ladera Linda Community Center. Go through parking lot and following road to "Additional Parking" area. NOTE: You will be passing Ladera Linda Community Center where the bathrooms are located.

Alternate: Go south on Hawthorne Blvd. to Palos Verdes Drive South. Turn (Left) on PV Drive South. Pass Portuguese Bend and turn (Left) on Forrestal Drive. See above for additional parking instructions.

The Hike:

EASY: (Approx. 5.0 miles). Continue through parking lot, up first set of stairs. Take driveway to left of second set of stairs. Cross Intrepid Drive. Start hike at (1) Purple Sage trailhead, (2) Conqueror Trail. Take path to left to avoid steep part (also slippery loose gravel). Take stone bridge and stay on lower path. (3) Klondike Canyon Trail, (4) Panorama Trail, (5) Veer to right on Sandbox Trail, (6) Peppertree Trail (7), Toyon Trail, (8) Turn (Right) Burma Road Trail, and return.

MODERATE: (Approx. 6.0 miles). Follow above from (6) Peppertree Trail, (7) Garden Trail past water tank (not well traveled), (8) Veer to left on Water Tank Trail, (9) Vanderlip Trail, (10) Kubota Trail, (11) Turn right Water Tank Trail to (12) Turn (Right) Burma Road Trail and return.

DIFFICULT: (Adds 2.0 miles to above). From reserve entrance on Forrestal Dr.: (1) Pirate (.26 mile), (2) Mariposa (.45), (3) Flying Mane (.42), (4) Canyon View (.15), (5) Vista (.22). This is a nice spot for a break to enjoy the view. Back track down Vista (.22), then (6) Dauntless (.12), and (7) Conqueror (.11), to (8) Purple Sage trailhead. Continue with either hike above.