

Las Virgenes

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DIRECTIONS:

From the 101 freeway, exit at Las Virgenes and go north (right) to the end of the street. Park along the street. There are no restrooms but there is a McDonald's if you go left and over the freeway.

THE HIKE(S):

There are several options as shown on the attachment.

Loop A: As shown, Loop A leaves the trail head and climbs to Leskey Meadow. To stay on the trail basically go right at every opportunity until you reach Leskey Meadow where there are several structures-then go left to the Victory trail head where there is a restroom. From Victory go down (west). Proceed on the main trail until you reach a brown barrel (not the first, there are others) but at this point you can only go left or right. If you choose to go right, (as shown) the loop will be about 8.4 miles. If you go left(less) the distance is about 6.4 miles.

Another macho option for Loop A is to proceed north from Victory and do the Dick Battin Hike (#994). I don't know the distance but it is probably 10+ miles.

Loop B: Continue up Las Virgenes Canyon then up hill until you reach Cheesboro Canyon Ridge Road. Turn left and stay on the road until you reach the trail that comes from Cheesbro Canyon, go left through the gate and follow the road until there is a trail to the left that returns to Las Virgenes Canyon. This loop is moderately strenuous and is about 9.4 miles. Both Rich and Ralph gave it a "thumbs up".

There is another possible option. Rather than taking the ridge road you could continue across the road to the Cheesboro Canyon trail. Go down the trail until you see the aforementioned gate. This option would probably be longer but with less elevation gain.