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Solstice Canyon

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Directions:

For the south bay folks, go north on I-405 to the I-10 (west) then take Pacific Coast Hwy (North). Pass Pepperdine University campuses for about 1/2 mile until you get to Corral Canyon Road. The intersection has a street light. Turn right and go perhaps 150 yards. or so and make a left into the park and continue to the parking area by the amphitheater. Donations are accepted there. Bathrooms are available about 50 yards away.

The hike:

There are 5 trails listed at the information board.

(1) Dry Canyon Trail is an easy 1.2 mile hike.

(2) TRW Loop Trail is an easy 1.5 mile hike with oak trees, woodpeckers, peregrine-falcons and red-tailed hawks have been spotted per the information board. Southern Pacific rattle snakes have also been in this region.

(3) Solstice Canyon Trail is a 2.1 mile trail. Look for the Keller House on the right that was destroyed by fire and fenced in to keep people out!! At the end of this trail you'll reach the "Tropical Terrace" which was once adorned with lots of different flowering plants but was recently destroyed by the fires. The Fred and Florence Roberts home (ruins) is also located here. The home was designed by architect, Paul R Williams. Built in 1950 and burnt down in 1982. From this area there are rocks placed across the creek to make the crossing easy for the Rising Sun Trail.

(4) The Rising Sun Trail is 3 miles, easy to moderate climb and offers a breathtaking view of the canyon below and the ocean. I highly recommend this trail to everyone

(5) And finally the Sostomo Trail/Deer Valley Loop. It is 7 miles and rated as moderate by the parks people. Perhaps it'll will be a good trail for me to take in the future.

The amphitheater had no tables or benches so bringing a few of your own folding chairs might be beneficial to you. Refreshments will be served here.