

**TOWSLEY CANYON  
IN SANTA CLARITA WOODLANDS PARK**

**CANYON VIEW TRAIL -- TOWSLEY VIEW TRAIL**

**March 24, 2010**

**HIKE LEADER: Joel Feinblatt**

**The Principle Hike:**

We will depart from the free (1<sup>st</sup>) parking lot at 9:30 A.M. by way of the Towsley Canyon Road to the Towsley View Loop Trail, then Wiley Canyon and return to the Ed Davis Park picnic area via Canyon View Loop Trail or Towsley Canyon Road. The post-hike refreshments will be shared in the adjacent Ed Davis Park picnic area (near the ranger station & fire department). Approximately 7 Miles. Elevation gain approximately 1100 feet. Note: toilets only at trail head in Ed Davis Park at the picnic area. (1/2 mile in from the parking lot)

**Options:**

- 1) For those desiring a longer hike, after descending through a series of switchbacks (Look for trail marker # 12) explore the southern end of Towsley Canyon toward the base of Oat Mountain. Be sure to turn back No Later Than 12:00 P.M.
- 2) For those desiring a shorter hike, take the Canyon View Loop Trail only. Approximately 2 Miles. Elevation gains approximately 400 feet. About midway there is a side trail to a viewpoint. Adds 3/4 mile and about 400 feet elevation. The side trail is steep in areas. Footing is not good the further up you go. Good stopping point with a view at the flat area with a big boulder.
- 3) You can go up Wiley Canyon to the viewpoint & return either by Towsley Canyon or the longer Canyon View Loop Trail.
- 4) Drive in to the upper parking lot Pay \$5 at the Iron Ranger in the 2<sup>nd</sup> parking lot before driving in. You must display the parking stub so that you won't be cited. That will save you the walk in on the road the 1<sup>st</sup> time. & the walk out after the refreshments.

**Refreshments:**

We will have refreshments at the nice picnic area near the ranger station and fire department

**Getting There:**

Go north out of the San Fernando Valley on the I-5. Exit at Calgrove. Turn west under the freeway and turn left to proceed to the park entrance about 1/2 mile on the right. Look for sign "Ed Davis Park". Free in parking area at entrance to park. Parking above this area will cost \$5.00 (city property)