

1152

### **Las Virgenes Preserve (Ahmanson Ranch) Northern Trails.**

Leader: Ralph Shoukry

Distance: 6 miles RT

Elevation gain: 800 ft.

**Directions to Trailhead:** For those in the Valley area, take Victory Blvd. westbound to the trailhead.

For those traveling from the south, take the northbound Ventura (101) Fwy., exit Valley Circle Blvd. Turn right (north) and go approximately 2 miles to Victory Blvd. Turn left and go approximately 1 mile to the trailhead.

Parking fee is \$3.00 per vehicle. Restroom facility consists of one Andy Gump.

**The Hike:** In the past we have hiked west and south. This time we will hike north towards Bell canyon and west to make a counter clockwise loop. We climb up in elevation and have beautiful views of the valley, Bell canyon and the surrounding mountains.

About half of the trail is not shown on maps but can be seen on Google Earth type displays. There are many trails and one has to follow the right one to make the loop. A set of GPS waypoints is listed below for guidance for those with GPS devices. It is recommended that hikers follow those so equipped.

Refreshments will be at the trailhead.

On Line Information:

<http://www.cityofcalabasas.com/pdf/ahmanson-hiking.pdf>

[Google Earth - Las Virgenes Preserve](#)

GPS Data:

RT = 6.4 mi.

Elevation gain = 670 ft.

Waypoints:

1. Victory Blvd. Trailhead = N34 11.124 W118 40.113
3. Trail Junction - bear left up steep slope = N34 11.644 W118 40.474
4. Albertson Rd. Junction - bear left = N34 11.910 W118 41.279
5. Conservancy Rd. Junction - turn left = N34 11.737 W118 41.974
6. Road Junction - make sharp left turn = N34 10.740 W118 41.783

2017-07-10