

Hike #550

Palos Verdes Peninsula Hike
Horse trails from Ernie Howlett Park to George F. Canyon

January 31, 2001

Hike leader: Anneliese Grohs
Start time: 9:30am
Distance: 8 to 8.5 miles
Elevation: ups and downs, short steep stretches
Terrain: horse trails and some nice canyons
View: on clear days great views over the city

Directions to Ernie Howlett Park: From 405 Fwy South take Hawthorne Blvd exit and drive south to Pacific Coast Highway, continue across three more traffic lights and turn right into Ernie Howlett Park to the parking lot. If you come to Palos Verdes Drive North you have come too far.

We will hike parallel to PVDr. North on horse trails to the reservoir in the corner of PVDr. North and PVDr. East. On the west side of that intersection is a Nature Center and the beginning of the George F. Canyon with a marked Nature Trail. At the center we will have a chance to use the restrooms.

I talked to Mary Mitchell, who promised to come and have it open for us, usually they are only open on weekends. This will give you a chance to look around the Nature Center and pick up some nice little nature gift or a T-shirt for your grandchildren. (There are also restroom facilities at Ernie Howlett Park).

We will hike the mile long trail to the end on a hill, where we will have lunch with a view.

Return down the trail and take a left to cut across over horse trails to PVDr N. and the Ernie Howlett Park.

For those who don't feel up to walking back from the canyon to the park, Ron Forbes has again offered to leave his van at the Nature Center parking lot so it can be driven back to Ernie Howlett Park.

Refreshments will be at the Howlett Park and I hope to see many of you.