

Aug. 13 at UCLA - leader Irene Adam

New hike----new hike plan

Hike time 9:30 A.M.----but we won't all meet together at that time! Instead we will ALL have lunch together on the lawn outside the Fowler Museum at noon. We seldom eat together any more.

The change is necessitated by our great privilege in the morning to be admitted to the UCLA Hannah Carter Japanese Garden, which opens at 10 A.M. and is off campus at 10619 Bellagio Road in Bel-Air.

We can't drive or park in the area and all of us cannot be admitted at the same time. (This is a place where dignitaries visit so I was lucky to get reservations for us.)

We will all park in Parking Structure #6 on the 4th floor only. Access this structure from Westwood Blvd. Go to the main kiosk and tell the attendant that you want to park in #6 as a day visitor walking around campus. (The lady in charge of the Japanese Garden said not to mention it).

I will be there early and request that the 1st 15 people proceed swiftly on their own to Bellagio Road and wait outside the garden for it to open at 10. I will then lead the remainder of the group on a moderately paced walk. (Sorry, but I haven't had a chance to find the distance to the garden because I kept looking for it on campus.) At structure #6 I will hand out an itinerary for the 1st group to follow after they conclude their garden visit and before we all meet for lunch.

After lunch we are again lucky. This year the Fowler Museum is having a celebration and it is the only year it has ever been or will be open free to the public. It is a small museum with only 4 rooms but the exhibits are special. Presently one room has a temporary exhibit of Mexican Tree of Life ceramics.

Another room is the only permanent gallery containing silver. The works include a pitcher by Paul Revere and pieces by Faberge. There is also a restroom for everyone.

A professor told me that we are free to use restrooms in any building open for classes but we won't go into the resident buildings. There are also outhouses for workers throughout the campus that I have found to be clean.

In the afternoon we will head for the 7 1/2 acre botanical garden, which has both Mediterranean and aquatic plants in abundance. There is a tiny amphitheater at the Nest. Get to The Nest one of the many alternate meandering paths. May we please have an afternoon cookie break there as another change in normal plans. It doesn't seem appropriate to have cookies in Bel-air. By this time we should have gone around the circumference of the campus and Wolfgang suggesting walking a bit through Westwood Village.

There is another UCLA museum there, the Hammer. I will have a schedule of the exhibits if anyone is interested, but I fear that I will be tired of museums and gardens by that time and maybe just enjoy the charming balcony outside Ralphs on Le Conte Ave. where there are picnic tables and people sit and read their newspapers. It is above street level and very attractive.

We will have after hike refreshments on the 4th floor of parking structure #6 unless someone can suggest an alternative. That is the only part of the hike that I regret.

There will be some, but minimal elevation gain and the minimum mileage will be around 6 miles although it is possible to hike a maximum of 30 miles just inside the campus.

I am also trying to get a guide for the Sculpture Garden but have not yet been able to do so. I will hand out final instructions at lot #6. Bring \$7 for parking. It is not possible to park any place in the vicinity so don't try. All off campus parking is restricted.

Apologies for this sheet being so long. It could be in a course Hiking 101.