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Hike for April 6, 2005

Leader: Bob De Wolf

Powder Canyon Loop

Long loop: 7 miles, 1600 ft gain. Short loop: 5 miles, 1000 ft gain.

This hike is a loop through the western portion of the Puente Hills that lies between the 60 freeway and Whittier. This land includes part of Schabarum Regional Park and land managed by the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority. A portion of this hike follows the Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail. For more information see: www.habitatauthority.org

Trailhead: Proceed East out of LA on the 60 freeway. Take the Fullerton Road exit South 2.25 miles to Pathfinder Road. At 0.1 miles past Pathfinder turn right on Fullerton road (small street). After about .2 miles the curb ends near the trailhead. Park along the curb. No restroom at the trailhead.

Restroom: At Pathfinder Road (see above), turn left (east) and continue for 0.2 miles to Pathfinder Park on the right. After turning into the park turn left at the first road. The restroom is about 0.1 miles.

Refreshments: At the trailhead.

The long hike is a broad loop, mostly on dirt roads, that provides views to the north and south of the Puente hills. If the visibility is good it is an excellent place to view the San Gabriel Mountains. The short hikers will take a shortcut through the middle of the long hike loop.

Both groups will have lunch at picnic tables in Schabarum Regional Park.

At a mid-March scouting there is still some storm damage and muddy spots. Long pants are recommended as a defense against ticks and thistles. Mosquito repellent is a good idea as they will likely be in the area.