

### Gene's Corriganville Hike for Jan 19, 2005:

**Directions:** Turn off the 118 Freeway at Kuehner Dr and go south on Kuehner. Make a left on Smith Road (last stoplight before the road curves to the left across the RR bridge into The Old Pass Road) and to the end into the Corriganville Park parking lot. An alternate route for those Westbound on the 118 is to get off at the Rocky Peak exit then take the Old Pass Road West downhill and turn right onto Smith Road at the bottom of the hill.

**Hike:** Starting at 9:30 from the parking lot go by the portable toilet and across the bridge following the Loop Trail arrow initially north for a quarter mile or so then NE and around a rock formation and then east toward the wildlife corridor along an eastbound trail. Along the way on the right is a group meeting area with seats and picnic tables. On the left are trees planted by the Simi Trailblazers hiking group, many of the small ones to replace the ones burned in the fire. Follow the Wildlife/Stagecoach sign. A bit further is a covered group picnic area (Camp Rotary) with water fountain and at least two useable clean toilets. Head east up the hill on the switchbacks and at the stagecoach trail sign turn left northeast to the wildlife corridor and under the 118 freeway. Continue on up the trail to the intersection of the Rocky Peak trail.

**Longer Hike:** Those wishing a longer hike can turn left and hike up the Rocky Peak Trail to the Rocky Peak overlook (possible lunch stop). Return down Rocky Peak fireroad to the Rocky Peak turnoff bridge over the 118 freeway to join the shorter hike route.

**Shorter Hike:** Turn right downhill at the Rocky Peak fireroad. About 1/8 mile downhill is a bench suitable for a cookie break (approx. 1:20 from Corriganville parking lot with a few short rest stops along the way). Continue downhill and cross the Rocky Peak turnoff bridge across the 118 Freeway. Turn right along the Old Pass Road for about 1/8 mile and just before a slightly wider place in the road and just before Lilac Lane turn right onto a trail (not marked) and follow the trail down hill to the intersection with the turnoff to the wildlife corridor passed on the way up, thus completing the loop, then downhill past the Camp Rotary group picnic area. Bear to the left west parallel to and just north of the RR tracks through a nice oak tree shaded trail leading back to the parking lot for refreshments.

Estimated time and distance for the standard hike is 2:40 hours and 3 ½ miles with approximately 700 feet gain. The longer hike is estimated to be 7 miles with 1100 feet gain.