HIKE: 3 Ponderosa Lane, Rolling Hills Estates to Redondo Veterans Park

DATE: August 30, 2006 LEADER: Jan Gardner DISTANCE: 8 miles GAIN: 500 feet

DIRECTIONS: From 405 Freeway, take Hawthorne Blvd exit south (right) approx. 5 miles to Palos Verdes Drive North, (stoplight). Turn west (right) for 1/2 mile (through Silver Spur stop sign) and turn north (right) at the start of the center divider to 3 Ponderosa Lane, (second house on left).

From 110 Freeway, exit Pacific Coast Highway west (right) approximately 0.5 miles to Hawthorne Blvd, (stoplight). Turn south (left) approximately 1 mile to Palos Verdes Drive North and follow subsequent directions above.

HIKE: We will meet at the Gardner residence and take various trails and streets to the Torrance Beach paved walkway to Veterans Park for lunch and a slightly varied route back to Ponderosa Lane for refreshments. Route will maximize shade except for the beach portions. Detailed description and maps will be provided on site 8/30 and shorter versions can be easily formulated by turning back before the park.

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From 3 Ponderosa turn R-west ½ block to PV Dr. North; turn R-north1/2 block to Via Campesina; turn R-east ½ block to Via Pima; follow to end and turn L-west onto Via Opata; walk about 1 block to dirt trail R-north across open field and between houses to Via Alcance; continue north and bear L-east at the junction with Via Cardelina; at end turn R-north on to Via las Vegas; proceed to dirt trail and turn L-west continuing to its end on PV Blvd.

Turn R-north ½ block and <u>CAREFULLY</u> cross PV Blvd (no crosswalk) to Paseo de la Playa; at Miramar Park veer L-west to Esplanade and the paved path on Torrance Beach. Continue north to Redondo Veterans Park for lunch.

To return retrace to the east side of PV Blvd and walk 1 block south to Via Anita and look for dirt path paralleling PV Blvd south then curving east onto Via Anita at Via Capay; continue east to Via Alameda and turn R-south across the west lane of PV Dr. North to the center island then walk L-east 1 block before turning R-south to cross east lane of PV Dr. North onto dirt path running L-east behind the houses and joining a wide trail which crosses several streets before ending at Via Campesina; turn L-north 1 block using crosswalks to cross both lanes of PV Dr. North; turn R-east ½ block the L-west onto Ponderosa Lane.

SHORTER HIKES: A) Skip northern portion into Torrance & Redondo Beach turning L-south before crossing PV Blvd. = approximately <u>4</u> miles and 100 feet gain. B) Walk to Miramar Park in Torrance = approximately <u>6</u> miles and 500 feet gain.

Enter backyard by west gate (low gate between #1 & #3) to find ice chests, drinks, food, tables & chairs on back patio. Restrooms will be available before departure and on return of Jan or Jim.

