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*** Come Celebrate Grant Trettel's 80th Birthday ***

Will Rogers State Park to Temescal Gateway Park & Return March 4, 2009

Our hike will begin at 9:30AM at the Will Rogers State Park picnic area. There are bathrooms at both parks. You will have a choice of a 2, 5 or 7-mile hike. For the hike we will assemble near the picnic area where we park the cars. We follow the road toward the entrance kiosk and just past the restrooms, we turn right and notice the paved path with a curbing off to the left, which begins the Rivas Canyon Trail to Temescal Gateway Park, a 5-mile round trip. (For those that wish to only do the 2-mile hike we'll continue up and across a small bridge towards Inspiration Point on the Loop Trail). There are very few trail markers along the Rivas Canyon Trail. At the bottom of the canyon, cross the road and continue the hike on the "restricted" dirt trail. Later, turn left at the sign that says "SMMNRA Hiking Trail and Unsafe for Horses" (It's quite safe for humans). Stay on the main trail. When we reach the high-viewpoint we will have our cookie break. Continue on until you reach Temescal Gateway Park. Near the Camp Store you will find picnic tables where you can have your lunch break. Retrace your steps back to the small bridge I referred to earlier. At that point those who want to add two miles to the hike can take the Inspiration Point Loop Trail. For those wishing to only hike 5-miles, return to the picnic area.

Grant Trettel's 80th Birthday Celebration We will begin about 12:30 pm at the WRSP picnic area. All family and friends are welcome

Trailhead Directions

<u>From the Valley</u>: Take Topanga Canyon to PCH, go south and turn left on Sunset. Go approximately 4 miles (and after Chautauqua Street) turn left on Will Rogers State Park Road.

From the 405: Take Sunset Blvd. going west and then turn right into Will Rogers State Park Road.

If coming <u>North on PCH</u>, after going thru the tunnel, the second light will be Chautauqua. Turn right <u>UP</u> the hill. At the top of the hill turn right onto Sunset and watch for Will Rogers State Park Road and turn left.

Enter Will Rogers State Park (parking fee is \$7 for seniors). If you support the "California State Park Foundation", you can use one of your passes. Park at the far end near the picnic area.

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