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San Rafael Hills Sunrise Stroll Saturday, 14 October 2000

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There is an old saying about looking for excitement in your own back yard. This hike is in JPL's own back yard, the San Rafael Hills. The San Rafael Hills are a mix of open space and residential land use. Our hike will take us through the 524 acres burned in the The Glendale-La Canada Fire 21-23 December 1999. Our early morning hike will provide an opportunity to see how things are returning to normal.

Description:

For this easy hike, we will be walking along the San Rafael Hills western ridgeline. Although it will be dark when we start our hike, we will proceed south arriving at the southern end of the trail at sunrise. If the weather is clear we should have sunrise views of downtown LA, Catalina, and Santa Barbara Island. We will then head north to the Cerro Negro lookout tower with views west into the Crescenta Valley and east into the San Gabriel Valley. The round trip is 3 miles and fairly level.

When and Where:

Meet at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, 14 October 2000 at the trailhead. To get to the trailhead, take the Mountain exit off of 2 between 134 and 210. Turn uphill (east) and proceed up Camino San Rafael 1.7 miles to the large power pole. Do not park blocking the fire road access. The alternate route is to take Chevy Chase from La Canada to Emerald Isle. Turn right on Emerald Isle. Proceed on Emerald Isle until it ends at Camino San Rafael. Turn left and proceed 0.2 miles to the trailhead.

If you have any questions, please call the trip leader.