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Carbon Canyon Creek Nature Trail

*The surprise treat of this walk:
A grove of coastal redwoods.*

THE DETAILS

2.4 miles, very easy. Dogs allowed. Parking \$3 weekdays, \$5 weekends. Take the Lambert Road exit from the 57 Freeway. Turn right, and head east 2.5 miles to Carbon Canyon Regional Park, **4442 Carbon Canyon Road**. After paying the park entrance fee, turn left on the main park road, following it to the parking lot at the end, where the trailhead is clearly marked.

Located on part of the old Olinda oil boom town, the trail leads across the creek and past another relic of the past—a grove of Monterey pines left over from an early Christmas-tree farm. Continue along the base of a dam to a grove of about 250 coastal redwood trees, many miles from their southernmost natural habitat.

The county planted these trees around 1975, as part of the park's opening. With the help of an in-ground watering system that keeps the soil forever damp, they're growing. It doesn't look like Muir Woods, but these majestic trees have reached about 100 feet.

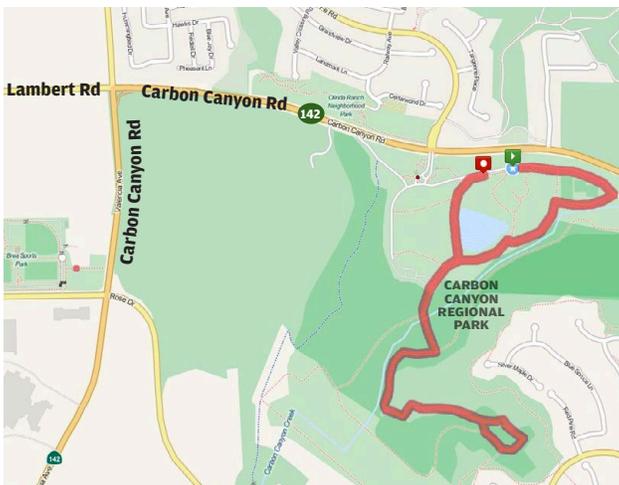
On the return trip, when you reach the stairs, go through the main, grassy part of the park to loop back. Pleasant picnic areas and playgrounds abound. Bring a lunch and maybe fishing gear to take advantage of the newly restored and stocked 4-acre lake.



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SANTA ANA

Floral Park

*This is a gracious, urban stroll
through a special neighborhood.*



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HISTORICAL AREA

THE DETAILS

2.3 miles, but you can make it shorter or longer. Easy. From the 5 Freeway, take the Main Street exit south (turn right if you're coming from the north and left if you're coming from the south). Just past the freeway, turn right on Santa Clara Avenue, left on Broadway, then right on 19th Street through the stone entryway marked Floral Park. Drive 0.1 mile and park on 19th Street and Victoria Drive. Start at 19th Street and Victoria Drive, **406 W. 19th Street**.

We seek out nature walks for their beauty, serenity, and visual interest. And this historical Santa Ana neighborhood offers the same qualities. Floral Park has wide, tree-lined streets and charming cottages next to imposing yet gracious mansions from multiple eras and in various styles.

You can find a street map online and many ways to enter and explore the neighborhood. This route is particularly scenic and will take you past the more iconic houses.

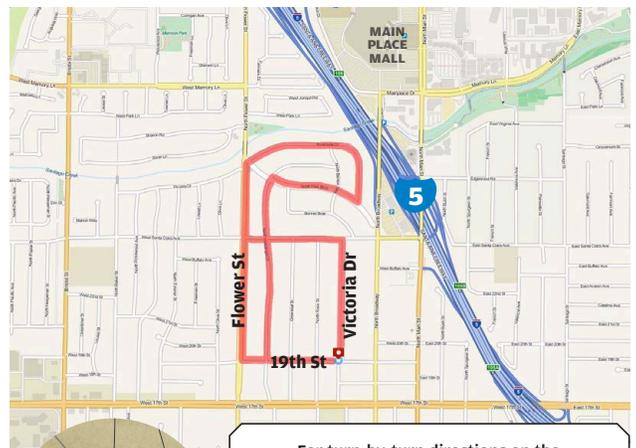
Walk a few blocks west on 19th Street and turn right on North Flower Street, continuing for a half-mile; then turn right on Riverside Drive and walk 0.4 miles to North Park Boulevard, again making a right. Three blocks later, turn left on Heliotrope Drive and 0.3 mile later you'll arrive back at 19th. You've walked 1.5 miles so far. Now turn right onto 19th, and right on Flower, but instead of going all the way to Riverside, turn right on Santa Clara

for four blocks, and right on Victoria, which will lead you back to your car at 19th.

The neighborhood also offers an annual home and garden tour in April. The 2015 tour is scheduled for April 25 and 26. Check the neighborhood association website: floralpark.com

POST-WALK EATS

▶ A civilized walk calls for a civilized lunch. It's a short drive to Tangata at the Bowers Museum, a splurge, but in a special setting. 2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana, 714-550-0906, bowers.org



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