

THE BIG WALK - MAY 2008 VERSION

The route was revised and corrected following the May 10, 2008 walk. Several mistakes were fixed. Changes were added between S10 and S11 to reflect the open bathrooms (weekends only) at the Silverlake Rec Center; between S18 and S19 to divert the route toward a crazy looking house discovered by Ying; and after S47 to make the route more efficient at the end. The mileage column has been corrected by adding Google Pedometer measurements to the newly added/modified segments and adjusting the old segments accordingly. Both the old and the new measurements remain.

The GPS mileage recorded on the May 10 walk was 17.43, reflecting the re-routing for the addition of the Elevado St. stairs (SN6) in 2007. The actual mileage is probably over 18, since the GPS doesn't accurately record vertical distance. The total number of staircases on the route is now 52.						
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Reading the chart: stair numbers are marked with "S." Stairs added after the original chart was made are marked "SN", as in "Stair New". Stair climbing direction is indicated by the letter between the streets at either end of the stair in column b, ie, "Vendome **U** Descanso," **U** meaning "up." The "notes" column contains important info for actually finding the stairs and turns on the chart. If you feel like you're lost, check the notes - you'll likely figure stuff out. The "stairs" column indicates the number of steps on the individual staircase. The "stairs total" column indicates the running tabulation of stairs, with the first number giving the total climbed, and the second the total descended.

Still to do:

- *Photograph and geotag the stairs via Flickr and GPS
- *Do a full and accurate revise of the altitude gained and lost.

Direction/Location	Detail	Notes	Stairs	Stairs Total	Mileage	Mileage	Orientation
Start	W. side Vendome Street, S. of Sunset Blvd.	At foot of Music Box Steps			0		S OF SUNSET
S1	Vendome U Descanso	Music Box Steps	133	133	2184 ft		
L Descanso St.		Follow curved street					
S2	Decanso D Larrisa	3365 Descanso/3200 Larissa	-137	133/-137	0.18		
Continue to Sunset Blvd.							
Cross Sunset Blvd.							N OF SUNSET, W OF RESERVOIR
L. on Sunset Blvd.					0.27		
Bear R. onto Griffith Pk. Bl.		Just past Video Market store (on right)			0.65		
R on Edgecliff					0.69		
L on Effie					0.84		
R. on Lucille					0.88		
Bear L., continuing on Lucille		Tricky - make sure you're on Lucille!			0.94		
S3	Lucille U Landa	Junction: Landa Lucille, 1 of 2, Stairs extend Landa St.	92	225/-137	1.06		
S4	Landa U Landa	2 of 2, good view of Verdugo Mtns, halfway up on left	155	380/-137	1.08		
L on Maltman	Top of Stairs traverses driveway				1.15		
L on Micheltorena					1.29		
VIEW: 1938 Micheltorena		Griffith Park Observatory, Hollywood Sign					
Continue N on Micheltorena		Intersection: Rock St.			1.53		
L on Fernwood	Full 180 degree turn				1.61		
Continue on Fernwood	at Panorama Terrace	Tricky			1.75		
S5	Fernwood D Meadow Valley Terrace	at 3328 Fernwood	-93	380/-230	1.92		
Bear Left on Meadow Valley Terrace	Intersection is MVT/Drury Lane	Tricky, make sure you're on MVT			2.05		
L Silverado Dr.					2.12		
R Griffith Park Bl					2.16		
R Tracy Street	Stop Sign; bet. 2424/2428 GPB	Up incline/sidewalk/Stairs extend Tracy St.			2.42		
S6	Tracy U Meadow Valley Terr		23	403/-230	2.48		
R Meadow Valley Terrace					2.5		
L Scotland St.					2.61		
Bear L onto Panorama Terrace					2.69		
S7	Panorama U Lanterman Terr		52	457/-230	2.76		
L on Micheltorena					2.93		
Bear R onto Angus		Continue uphill, around curve. WATCH FOR CARS!			3.06		
At Stop Sign, continue downhill on Angus					3.18		
Sharp L down Angus		Left turn, street name remains same			3.21		
R on W Silverlake Bl					3.32		
Continue on W Silverlake		Sharp right, street name remains same.			3.36		

S8	W Silverlake U Kenilworth	2201/2171 W Silverlake	73	540/-230	3.84		
R on Kenilworth					3.86		
S9	Kenilworth U Moreno	Stairs are an extension of Tesla St.	110	650/-230	4.22		
L on Moreno					4.24		
Junction, Moreno/Micheltorena	H-shaped intersection	quick R then quick L - dropping down onto Micheltorena			4.41		
Continue L on Micheltorena	Intersection is Micheltorna/Ferwood	BACKTRACKING			4.61		
Bear L onto Rock		Becomes Redcliff St			4.71		
L on Landa	Five-way Intersection	Descending			4.91		
VIEW: Downtown LA		On right, at bottom of Landa					
Continue up Landa	To Cul de Sac	Climbing					
S10	Landa D Landa		-84	650/-314	5.07		
VIEW: Silverlake Reservoir		At Top of Stairs					
VIEW: San Gabriel Mountains		At Landing, to left					
R on Redesdale					5.12		
VIEW: Intersection, Windsor and Redesdale		Minaret House, up and right. You'll be there in five hours.					
Stop Sign/Continue on Redsdale					5.26		
Bear left onto W Silverlake		Continue downhill, around curve			5.28		
Continue on W. Silverlake		BATHROOMS at SILVERLAKE REC CENTER (weekends)					
REST: 7-11, Silverlake Blvd.		At intersection of Silverlake and W. Silverlake			5.6		
Cross Silverlake Blvd. at 7/11					5.6		
Continue R onto Silverlake Blvd.					5.62		
Quick Left after row of stores							
S11	Silverlake U Occidental	Two staircases here, go up the first you pass	32	682/-314	5.67		
R on Occidental					5.68		
S12	Occidental U Easterly	Left onto Stairs	75	767/-314	5.77		
S13	Easterly U Silverwood	Cross at 1549 Easterly	103	870/-314	5.8		
R Silverwood Terrace					5.83		
L Berkeley					5.85		
R on Angelus							
Continue straight on Angelus							
Cross Berkeley							
Cul de Sac							
S14	D to Scott						
R down Alley/Scott Pl.					0.06	6.25	
R on Occidental	Occidental U Easterly	At 1483 Occidental					
Cross Easterly (Cul de Sac)							
S15	Easterly U Silverwood	Top is at 1913 Silverwood					
L on Silverwood							
R on Berkely					0.32	6.65	
L Mohawk		Continue on Mohawk to Cul de Sac			6.18	6.9	
S16	Mohawk D Effie		-154	870/-468	6.21	6.93	
R on Glendale					6.35	7.07	
REST: AM/PM MINIMART, Glendale Bl.					6.59	7.31	
Cross Glendale St. at AM/PM minimart							
Slight Right on Glendale							
L on Berkeley					6.7	7.42	
Jog Right on Lakeshore							
Continue L on Berkeley							
R on Lemoyne					6.89	7.61	
L on Grafton					6.92	7.64	
S17	Lucretia U Grafton	at 1644 Grafton (marker at stair says 1500N)	64	934/-468			
Continue on Lucretia		Look immediately to RIGHT for next stairway					
S18	Lucretia D Delta		-25	934/-493	6.96	7.68	
Continue to Echo Park Ave.							
REST: Change Coffee House							
L Echo Park Ave.					7.06	7.78	
R Avalon (Cul de Sac)					7.4	8.12	
S19	Avalon U Lucretia		192	1126/-493			

L Lucretia		uphill to intersection of Avon/Morton			7.5	8.22
L on Avon		Around curve, Hollywood Sign to W				
Avon curves into Duane						
Continue on Duane						
L on Park		Elysian Park to your right			7.61	8.33
L on Ewing					7.65	8.37
VIEW: Ugliest House in Echo Park		A hilltop monstrosity, in the distance.				
R on Avon					7.72	8.44
Follow Curve						
S20	Baxter U Park	The Baxter St. Stairs are the longest in the walk	231	1357/-493	7.79	8.51
L on Park Drive					7.98	8.7
Intersection Park Drive/Avon Terrace	Continue straight, about 20 feet, on Park					
R into Elysian Park	Duck right onto little dirt trail	Between "Dogs on Leash" and "Private Property" sign			8.12	8.84
L on dirt trail into Elysian ark	Phone Pole is marked "327F"					
Continue bearing left at mini-garden						
VIEW: LA Rail yards, river, 5 Fwy	Detour Right at mini-garden for view, benches	Really nice example of LA's density				
Continue back on trail, still bearing left						
Note water tank on right (landmark)					8.31	9.03
Trail descends						
Go left, leaving trail, about 15 feet	Just before "Dogs on Leash" sign	Don't go downhill too far!			8.45	9.17
Exit park in front of 2323 Vista Gordo St.						
THIS SECTION REVISED FOR VIEW OF FANTASTIC HOUSE ON VISTA GORDO: YING'S THING						
R on Vista Gordo	Cool house is opposite 2353 Vist Gordo					
R at Cerro Gordo/Vista Gordo intersection	Make a full 180 degree turn here, downhill					
Continue downhill on Cerro Gordo					8.58	9.35
Intersection Avon/Cerro Gordo	Cross Avon				8.65	9.42
Continue uphill on Cerro Gordo						
Right on Valentine St.					8.67	9.44
S21	Valentin U Curran	at 2403 Valentine	130	1487/-493	8.75	9.52
Descend Curran St.						
L Echo Park Ave.					8.9	9.67
R on Cerro Gordo	Steeply uphill				8.96	9.73
L on Lemoyne					9.22	9.99
L on Donaldson	Asphalt Path - Donaldson stencilled on pole	TRICKY - don't miss! (at 2200 Lemoyne)			9.33	10.1
S22	Donaldson D Vestal	Stairs start at bottom of Asphalt Path	-25	1487/-518	9.35	10.12
Continue on Donaldson						
Cross Echo Park Ave						
Donaldson ends at Cul de Sac						
S23	Donaldson U Princeton		143	1630/-518	9.56	10.33
R on Princeton						
R on Baxter	In front of Baxter St. School					
VIEW: BAXTER STREET STAIR		To your left			9.84	10.61
Cross Echo Park Ave		Continue on Baxter				
S24	Baxter U Preston	at 1633 Baxter	39	1669/-518	9.96	10.73
Continue S on Preston						
S25	Preston D Fargo	at 2041 Preston	-28	1169/-546		
R on Echo Park Ave					10.06	10.83
R on Ewing					10.13	10.9
Cross Preston						
S26	Preston U Ewing/Vestal	Narrow stairs between "End" sign and hydrant	25	1194/-546	10.22	10.99
Slight L at top of stairs into parking area						
Continue through Parking area to street	Intersection: Ewing/Vestal				10.28	11.05
L on Vestal		To end, intersection w/Avalon				
S27	Avalon U Lemoyne		125	1299/-546	10.41	11.18
R on Lemoyne (at bottom)					10.61	11.38
L on Ewing (looks like a driveway)	becomes driveway, then dirt descent	OPPOSITE 1958 EWING!!!!				
Cross Lake Shore					10.69	11.46
Continue on Ewing to Cul de Sac						

S28	Ewing U Alvarado		109	1408/-546	10.71	11.48	
R on Alvarado							
Continuing on Alvarado to just past Baxter							
R Cerro Gordo					10.85	11.62	
Continue uphill, to Top							
L Lemoyne	at Lemoyne Sign	ENTERING FELLOWSHIP PARK - please be quiet!			11.12	11.89	
S29	FELLOWSHIP STAIRS SERIES		30	1438/-546			
S29 continues			-17	1438/-563			
S29 continues	Through gate - remember to close						
S29 continues			-115	1483/-678	11.22	11.99	
R Fellowship Park Way	Follow Curve Around						
L onto Landa	Downhill				11.31	12.08	
R Whitmore					11.33	12.1	
L Landa					11.34	12.11	
S30	Landa U Walcott		148	1631/-678			
L Walcott					11.41	12.18	
S31	Walcott D Peru		-124	1631/-802	11.46	12.23	
R Whitmore					11.51	12.28	
L Alessandro					11.62	12.39	
L Loma Vista	To Cul de Sac						
S32	Loma Vista U Lake Shore	Concret steps, then follow dirt trail to wooden staircase	182	1813/-802			
R Lake Shore							
S33	Lake Shore D Oak Glen	EASY TO MISS! Across from 2224 Lake Shore	-57	1813/-869	11.76	12.53	
Continue to Allesandro							
L on Alessandro					11.86	12.63	
L on Cove Ave							
S34	Cove U Alvarado	At top of Cul de Sac	198	2011/-869	11.93	12.7	
R on Alvarado							
R on Baxter		Descend street (STEEP!)			12.07	12.84	
R on Alessandro					12.14	12.91	
L on Oak Glen		Cross 2 Fwy			12.17	12.94	
R on Alessandro Way					12.19	12.96	W OF 2 FWY (leaving Echo Park)
L on Earl St.					12.32	13.09	
Continue R on Earl St.							
S35	Bancroft U Earl	At Earl/Bancroft sign	219	2240/-869	12.47	13.24	
Continue descending Earl St.							
L Glendale Bl.					12.55	13.32	
L Loma Vista					12.58	13.35	
S36	THE MOTHER STAIRS!!!	Only straight desending/ascending stairs on route	183/-166	2363/-1035	12.92	13.69	
R on Allesandro Way							
R on Fair Oaks Place	Very next right turn after Allesandro	TRICKY - NO STREET SIGN!			12.96	13.73	
Curve Left on Fair Oaks Place							
R on Fair Oak View Terrace					13.01	13.78	
S37	Fair Oak View Terr U Edendale St	At Cul de Sac	148	2511/-1035	13.06	13.83	
R at top of stairs, then descend Edendale St.							
Cross Glendale Blvd		CAREFUL - NO CROSSWALK, FAST CARS!					
L on Glendale Blvd.					13.16	13.93	
Cross Apex Street		At Cove St. sign					
S38	Glendale U Apex	Tiny staircase just beyond intersection Glendale/Apex	19	2540/-1035	13.19	13.96	
Continue uphill on Cove St.		to Cul de Sac					
VIEW: Silverlake Reservoir		Reservoir from E.; Landa View (stair 10) directly across			13.27	14.04	
S39	Cove D Silverlake Bl.		-164	2550/-1199			
L on Silverlake Blvd.					13.42	14.19	
L on Easterly							
S40	Easterly U Fanning	Opposite 1809 Easterly					
R on Fanning						15.08	
Continue down Effie @first intersection							
R on Easterly (poorly marked, @ srop sign)							

L on Occidental (poorly marked, @ stop sign)							
S41	Occidental d Silverlake	SECOND set of steps from Ox. to SL 30 feet S. of S11 at 1606 Oxy					
R, Cross on Silverlake Blvd. to 7/11		Same 7/11 as earlier				14.4	15.29
REST: SILVERLAKE 7/1							
L on Effie		Uphill, to right of 7/11					
R on Westerly						14.44	15.33
S42	Westerly U Redesdale	Swan Steps 1 (continuation of Swan St.)	78	2328/-1199			W OF SILVERLAKE RESERVOIR
S43	Redesdale U Rotary	Swan Steps 2	110	2448/-1199			
S44	Rotary U Webster	Swan Steps 3	100	2548/-1199	14.54	15.43	
L on Webster		No Sign					
L on Dillon						14.63	15.52
R on Effie PLACE		This is not Effie Street, which you'll use on the rest of the route!!!				14.71	15.6
L on Cicero						14.73	15.62
WELCOME TO THE MAZE! Street names morph and twist here. THANKS TO ANDREW AND YING for clearing up the directions.							
S45	Cicero D Redcliff	At Cul de Sac	-90	2548/-1289	14.8	15.69	
L on Redcliff							
Bear L to Redesdale (first intersection)		The next four turns are confusing if you navigate by street signs.					
L on Rotary (next intersection)		Rely on counting intersections instead.					
Bear R on Rotary(next intersection)							
R on Rotary (next intersection)		Don't go straight!!!					
S46 (on your right)	ROTARY d EFFIE/REDESDALE	Longest single staircase this side of Silverlake Bl.					
Continue down on Effie							16.059
R on Westerly							
R on Elevado							16.119
Continue bearing L along Elevado							
S47	On left, ELEVADO d HAMILTON						
R on Hamilton Way						14.86	16.519
YOU HAVE LEFT THE MAZE!							
Bear R on Murray Drive		Uphill					
S48	Murray D Hamilton		-83	2549/-1372	15	16.68	
L on Hamilton Way		No Sign					
S49	Hamilton D Sunset	At Intersection of Hamilton and Murray Drive.	-90	2549/-1462	15.15	16.73	
R on Sunset							
Cross Sunset at Micheltoarena						15.26	16.84
S50	Sunset U Larissa	Micheltoarena Stairs 1 (just to left of crosswalk, up path)	109	2558/-1462	15.29	16.87	S OF SUNSET
S51	Larissa U Micheltoarena	Micheltoarena Stairs 2 (cross Larissa)	96	2664/-1462	15.32	16.9	
Continue on Micheltoarena							
L on Descanso						15.42	17
R on Robinson						15.5	17.08
S52	Robinson D Dillon	Between 832 and 836 Robinson	-66	2664/-1528	15.65	17.23	
L on Dillon						15.69	17.27
L on Vendome						15.81	17.39
FINISH AT MUSIC BOX STAIRS						16.2	17.78
	App. 18 miles (17.47 via GPS)						