

OBSERVATORY PARK Walking Route



The 2.5 mile Observatory Park loop is marked with green pavement markers. It will take you past McGarvey park (1) and Observatory park (2). The route is mostly residential and has good sidewalks approximately 95% of the time. McGarvey park is only a few blocks into the walk. With its traditional landscaping, this one-acre park will be most appreciated by adults. McGarvey park's benches and shade provide a quiet place for relaxation. Observatory park is at the halfway point in the loop and provides another place to sit in the shade. In 1899 an observatory was established in this location (one of six at this latitude around the globe) to study how the earth “wobbles” on its axis. The original observatory is still there as well as the caretaker's house. Notice the wonderful (and large!) Valley Oak on the site as well as the landscaped labyrinth. As you walk, you will have occasional

views of Ukiah's undeveloped western hills to the west and the Mayacamas Mountains to the east. The play of light off these hills in the morning and evening, and the changing colors of the trees in the fall, provide a beautiful backdrop for the City of Ukiah. Combine this route with one of the other Ukiah Walks routes and you will have enough exercise to meet an adult's daily needs.

