

PACIFIC ELECTRIC

Bring cross-trainers for this hike through the urban trail along the former Pacific Electric right-of-way in Central Long Beach. It connects nearly a dozen schools and parks into a massive multi-use greenbelt.



DISTANCE 2.75 MILES

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Start out northeast towards ① **LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE, PACIFIC COAST CAMPUS**. This is one of two campuses in the local city college system and a reflection of modern architecture, with historic Streamline Moderne and Art Deco structures complemented by a building recent expansion. On the north side of campus is the dual-purpose **CHITTICK FIELD**, a large recreation space that also serves as a stormwater retention facility. Continuing east on 20th Street into the City of Signal Hill, pass **JESSIE ELWIN NELSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**, one of the newest campuses in the Long Beach Unified School District. Hiking up Cherry Avenue, you will reach ② **SIGNAL HILL CITY HALL AND PARK**, a rolling civic center and community library. Double back through the park until reaching the ③ **PACIFIC ELECTRIC GREENBELT**, a linear park being developed along a former rail right-of-way that crosses through Long Beach. This passenger rail system linked Long Beach to the region until the 1960's, when the last cars were retired. With a short interruption, the trail goes two-thirds of a mile northwest until it reaches Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Two blocks south is the ④ **PACIFIC WIND ARTS**, an art studio and sculpture garden occupying the former M. Hara Nursery. Walk east on Rhea Street to ⑤ **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK AND PEACE GARDEN**, one of the most active open spaces in Long Beach with playing fields, a playground and pool. Just south of the park is the quaint **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**, which almost seems more suited to a New England village than to a vast metropolitan area with millions of residents. Upon reaching Orange Avenue take a left turn to finish this urban trek.



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