

Hill and Hawk Canyons



Highlights

- Easy hike with gentle grades
- Beautiful oak canopy along the Hawk Canyon Trail
- Good ride for beginner mountain bikers

Description

Cross the bridge for a 1-mile stroll along the Hill Canyon Fire Road on a very gentle uphill grade, then turn into Hawk Canyon and continue to the crossing of the usually dry stream. From there, continue south until you reach the Western Plateau Edison Road. Turn back the way you came, except stay on the trail on the east side of the streambed through the old oak trees.

Key Statistics

Popularity: Easy access from Camarillo and the Santa Rosa Valley

Parking: Free parking in a gravel lot at the side of the road

Distance: 3.9 miles

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: 300'

Tread Surface: Firm dirt fire roads and single-track trails

Hazards: Poison oak at the south end of the Hawk Canyon Trail

Facilities: Benches marked by orange stars on the map are off the route

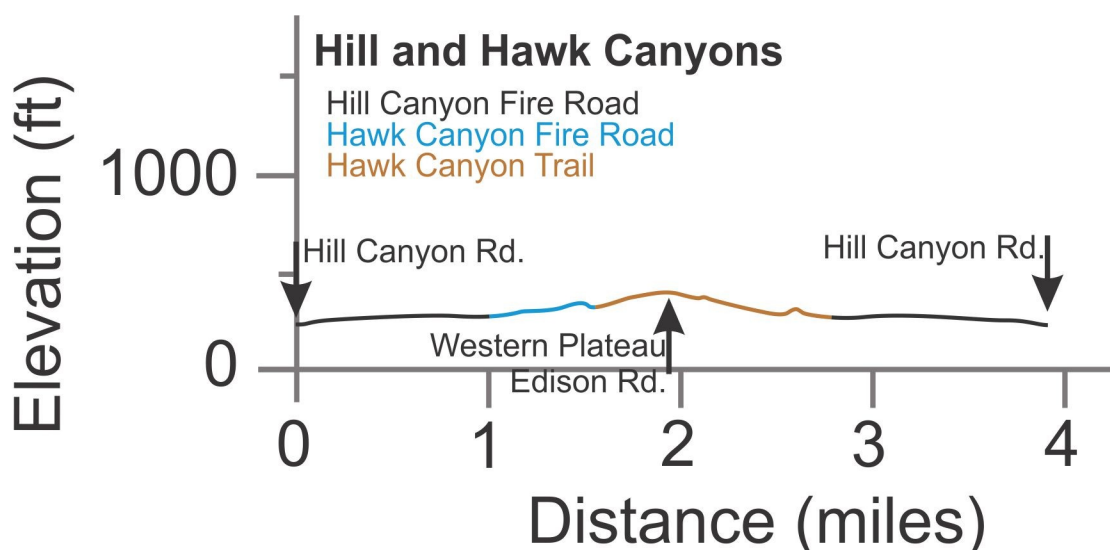


Connections: Western Plateau FR and other Western Plateau trails, Canyon Overlook Trail to Wildwood

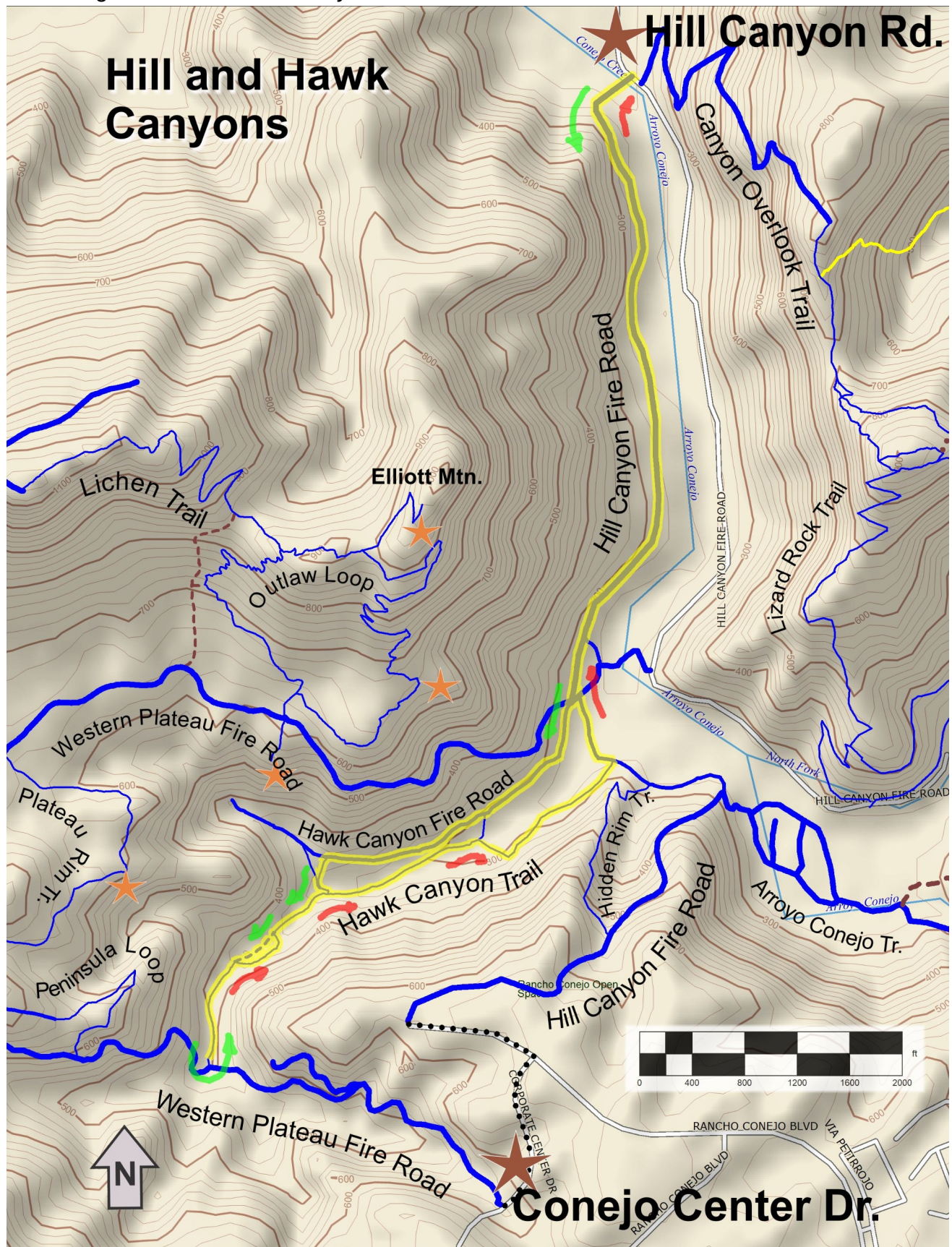
Driving Directions: *From Newbury Park and points west* – From the 101 freeway, take exit 52 onto Santa Rosa Road in Camarillo. Drive 5 miles before turning right onto Hill Canyon Rd. The parking is 0.6 miles in, on the left. *From Thousand Oaks and points east* – Head north on the 23 freeway, taking exit 15 onto Avenida De Los Arboles and head west. After 1.3 miles, turn right onto Moorpark Rd, drive 2.6 miles, then continue straight onto Santa Rosa Road. Drive another 3.7 miles then turn left onto Hill Canyon Road. The parking is 0.6 miles in, on the left.

Map: <http://bit.ly/yyTU4r>

Elevation Profile



Follow the green arrows on the way out and the red arrows back.



Map courtesy of <https://www.venturacountytrails.org>

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Photos

Hill Canyon Fire Road



Hawk Canyon Fire Road



About to cross over to the Hawk Canyon Trail



Hawk Canyon Trail



Repairing the Hawk Canyon Trail after the flood in 2019

