

Space Mountain (Greenmeadow Ave. to Angel Vista)



Highlights

- Drains and dries very quickly after a rain. It can generally be traveled the day after a rain without damaging the trail surface. After a heavy rain, better wait two days.
- Lots of switchback practice for mountain bikers.
- Views of the city to the north along the way, and of Dos Vientos and Hidden Valley at Angel Vista.

Description

This is an extremely popular trail so you can expect to see lots of other people on it, especially in the few days after it rains. This is one of the few trails nearby that drains and dries quickly, and possibly the only one. The trail starts as a fire road at the Greenmeadow trailhead, then becomes a singletrack trail that heads up the hill a half mile in. The next 1.5 miles climb with multiple switchbacks, the view improving as you go. From the top of the switchbacks, the trail follows a gentle contour along the north side of the ridge, giving some shade and a great view of Newbury Park. 2.9 miles from the start, the trail drops 250' over 0.4 miles to bypass a private road, then starts a climb that ends at Angel Vista. (This bypass was completed in the spring of 2021.) There is a bench and a picnic table at Angel Vista to relax and enjoy the view! To return, retrace your steps along the path you took to get up. Alternatively, you can go down the Rosewood Trail for a shuttle hike, or continue west along the Los Robles Trail to the Dragonback Hills, or all the way to the end at Potrero Road, a total distance of 6.3 miles one way.

Key Statistics

Popularity: Very popular with mountain bikers. Expect to see lots of people on this trail!

Parking: Free at the south end of Moorpark Road at the corner with Greenmeadow Ave.

Distance: 8.0 miles, out and back.

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: 1800', out and back; 1300' climbing and 500' descent going to Angel Vista.

Tread Surface: Firm but has long sections that are very rocky.

Hazards: Some mountain bikers are Inconsiderate and descend the hill recklessly

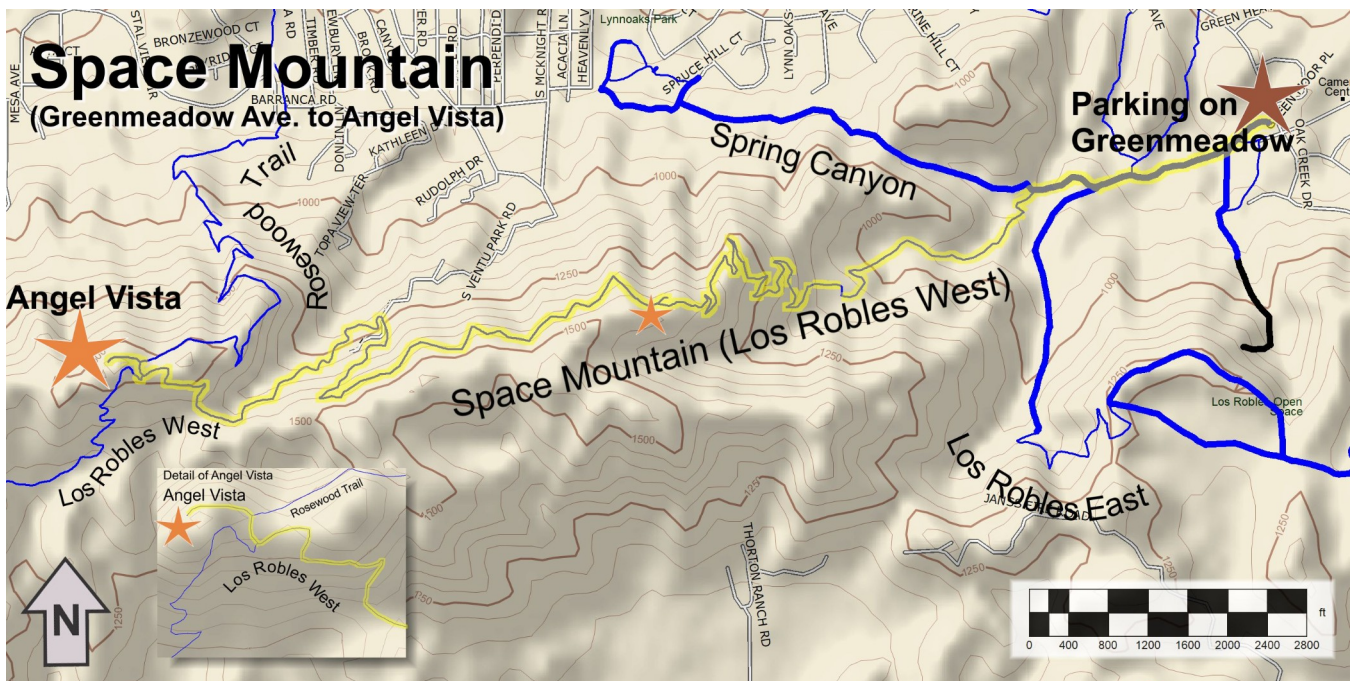
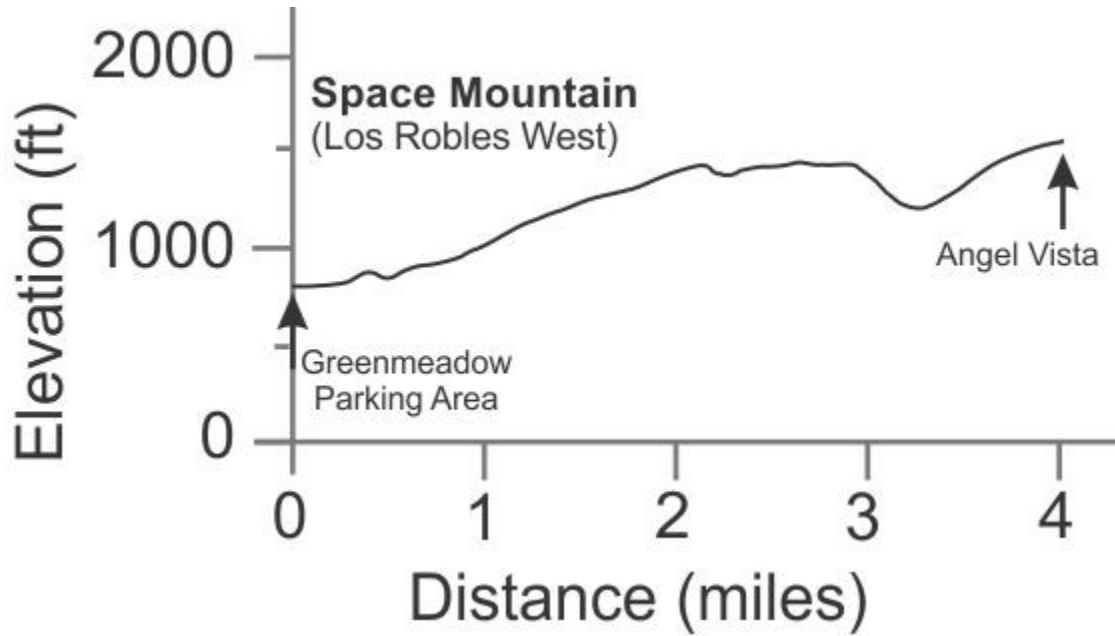
Facilities: Simple bike repair tools at the Greenmeadow parking lot. Bell boxes at the start and at the top of the switchbacks. Benches at the top of the switchbacks and at Angel Vista.

Connections: Oak Creek Canyon Loop, Los Robles East towards the Lily Tomlin Trail, Spring Canyon, Rosewood Trail, Los Robles West towards the Dragonback Hills and Potrero Road.

Driving Directions: From the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, turn south on Moorpark Road. Drive 0.5 miles to the parking area at the corner of Greenmeadow Ave.

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

Elevation Profile,



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Photos

The section with switchbacks



Contour section



Volunteers restoring the trail



Adding a drainage dip



Angel Vista

