

Oak Creek Canyon Loop



Highlights

- Easy loop hike less than a mile long
- Beautiful oak forest on the western leg
- The western leg is appropriate for baby carriages and wheelchairs
- The eastern leg is really fun to ride down on a mountain bike

Description

This route is an easy hike or ride of just under a mile with only 150' of elevation change. The western leg passes through a beautiful oak forest that is also known as the Whole Access Trail because it has a hardened dirt surface appropriate for strollers and wheel chairs. There are two parallel trails here; hikers use the one on the west side of the fence while mountain bikers and equestrians use the slightly more rugged one on the east side of the fence. Informational signs include braille and there is a guide cable for the blind.

The east leg passes mostly through chaparral and is very popular with mountain bikers who love to ride down this twisty rugged trail that has sudden changes in slope. It has the nicknames "The Whoops," "Mr. Toad's Wild Ride" or simply "Toad." **It is strongly recommended that hikers travel this loop in the clockwise direction so they will be facing oncoming mountain bikers on the east leg.** A very popular alternate route is to hike the west leg out-and-back.

For mountain bikers, this is a popular add-on after riding Space Mountain (Los Robles Trail West).

Key Statistics

Popularity: Very high likelihood of encountering other visitors. Mountain bikers take note!

Parking: Free at the trailhead for the west leg on Greenmeadow Avenue.

Distance: 0.84 miles

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: 150' each

Tread Surface: Singletrack trail; firm with some quite uneven sections on the east leg

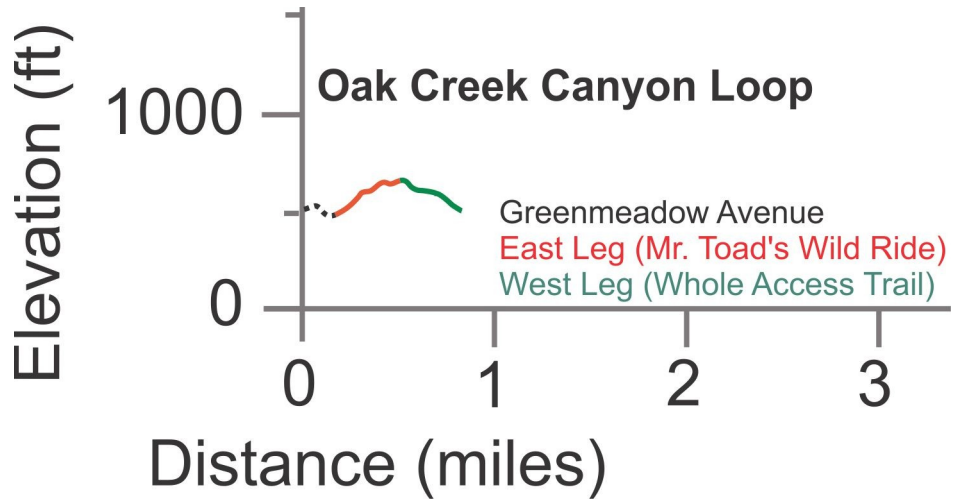
Hazards: Mountain bikers riding down the east leg, coming around blind corners

Facilities: Bathroom and water fountain at the west leg trailhead (green star on the map); benches and picnic tables (orange stars)

Connections: Los Robles (East) to the "Lily Tomlin Trail" and Los Robles East, Los Robles West (Space Mountain) and Spring Canyon to the west.

Driving Directions: From the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, exit at Moorpark Road and head south. Drive 0.6 miles and turn right at Greenmeadow. You'll get to the parking area after a further 0.4 miles. **Map:** <https://bit.ly/3j7WF1u>

Elevation Profile, starting and ending at the West leg trailhead.



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

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Photos

West leg (Whole Access Trail)



East leg (Mr. Toad's Wild Ride)

