

Lake Eleanor Open Space



Highlights

- Easy hike or intermediate ride along a ridge with great views in every direction
- Abundance of wildflowers in the spring
- This is one of the segments of the 2025 Conejo Open Space Challenge, <https://cosf.org/challenge>

Description

The Lake Eleanor Open Space encompasses a 250-300 foot-high ridge between Lake Eleanor and the Las Virgenes Reservoir. As such, there is a great view all along the trail, and many places have views in all directions. Side trails go straight up the ridge to local hilltops where the views are even better, as is the opportunity for more exercise! There are three access points from neighborhood streets; the main one is on Highgate Road and directions to it are listed below.

Key Statistics

Popularity: Not crowded but popular with people who live nearby

Parking: Free on the street at trailheads

Distance: 2.6 miles, out and back from the Highgate Road trailhead.

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: about 450' each.

Tread Surface: Singletrack trail. Many sections have loose rocks on the surface.

Hazards: No shade.

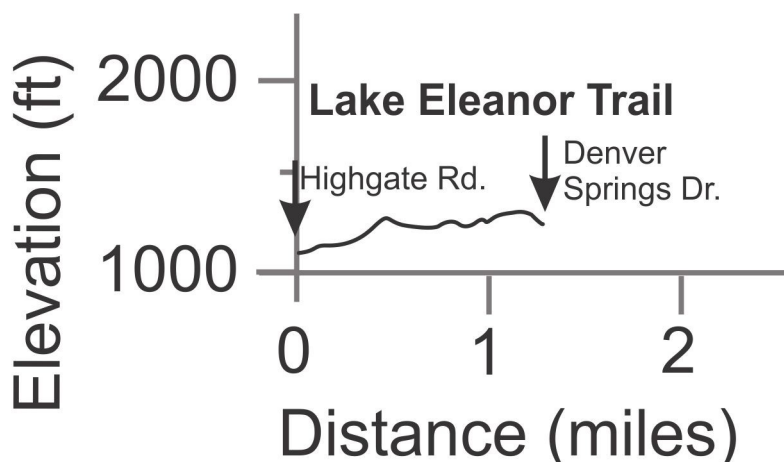
Facilities: None.

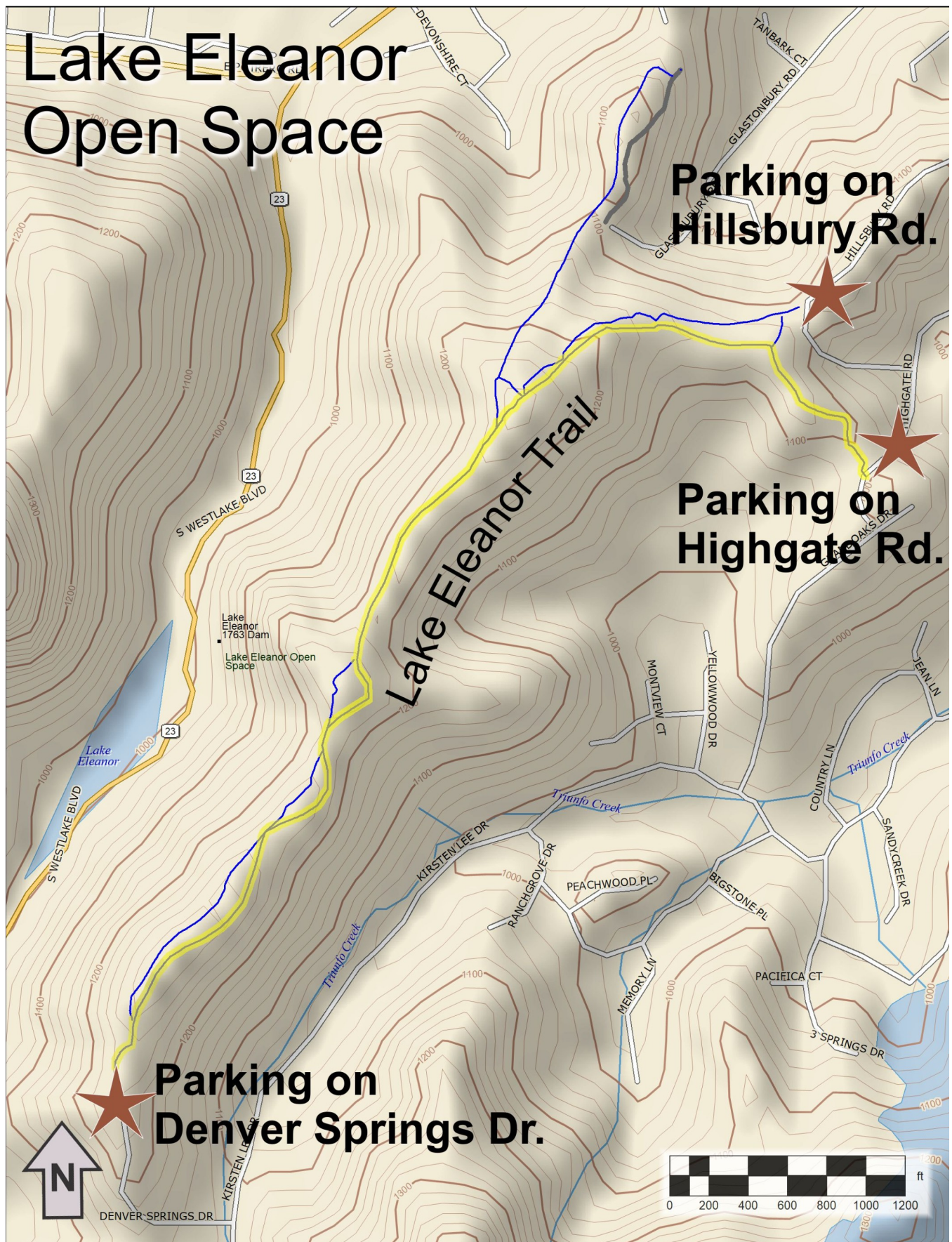
Connections: None to other open space areas.

Driving Directions: From the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, exit at Westlake Blvd. and turn south. Drive 1 mile and turn left onto Triunfo Canyon Rd. Continue 0.6 miles then turn right onto Highgate Road. Drive 0.5 miles to the end and park on the street.

Map: <https://bit.ly/3I58Hda>

Elevation Profile, starting at the northeast end on Highgate Road and ending at Denver Springs Drive.





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

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Photos

Highgate Road trailhead



Looking northwest



Lake Eleanor and the Sentinel



Las Virgenes Reservoir



Choices, choices!



Some parts are rocky



Mountains to the south



Lots of grassy meadows

