

Conejo Canyons - Hill Canyon, Peninsula, Plateau Rim Trails Loop



Highlights

- This is a moderate hike of 5.8 miles with 700' of climbing.
- You will see all the geographic areas of the region - the grasslands of the Western Plateau, verdant Hawk Canyon and more distant volcanic cliffs and mountains
- Lots of fun on a mountain bike
- The **Hill Canyon Trail** and **Peninsula Loop Trail** are segments of the 2025 Conejo Open Space Challenge (<https://cosf.org/challenge>; colored pink on the map below)

Description

This is a moderate 5.8 mile route of 5.8 miles with about 700' of climbing with a real diversity of landscape you'll travel through and see in the distance.

This is a really fun route for mountain bikers, but it's a little short. To add some more distance, try adding in a loop that includes Volcanic (recommended direction: clockwise to go down Volcanic) and/or the Outlaw Loop (recommended direction: counterclockwise).

Key Statistics

Distance: 5.8miles

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: About 700'

Parking: Free on Hill Canyon Road

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

Hazards: There is poison oak along the southern third of the Hawk Canyon Trail. If you opt to add Volcanic, it has lots of loose walnut-sized rocks and cactus at the edge of the trail; the Outlaw loop has a steep cliff next to a short section of the trail and many short, steep areas

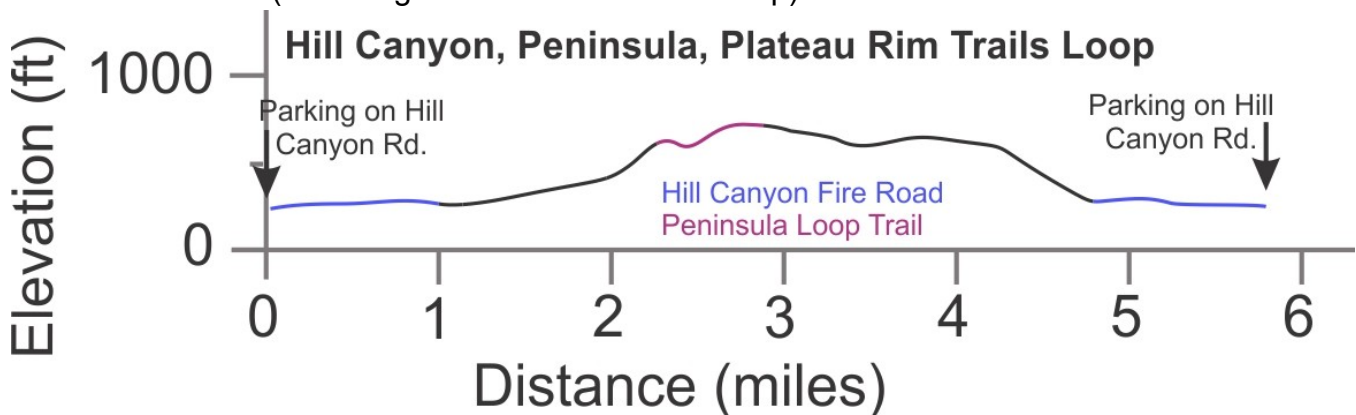
Facilities: Restrooms at the nearby Santa Rosa Valley County Park.

Connections: To all the other trails in the Conejo Canyons area directly or by way of the Western Plateau Fire Road. Trails in Wildwood Park are also accessible from the Conejo Canyons Vehicle Bridge (not shown on the map below)

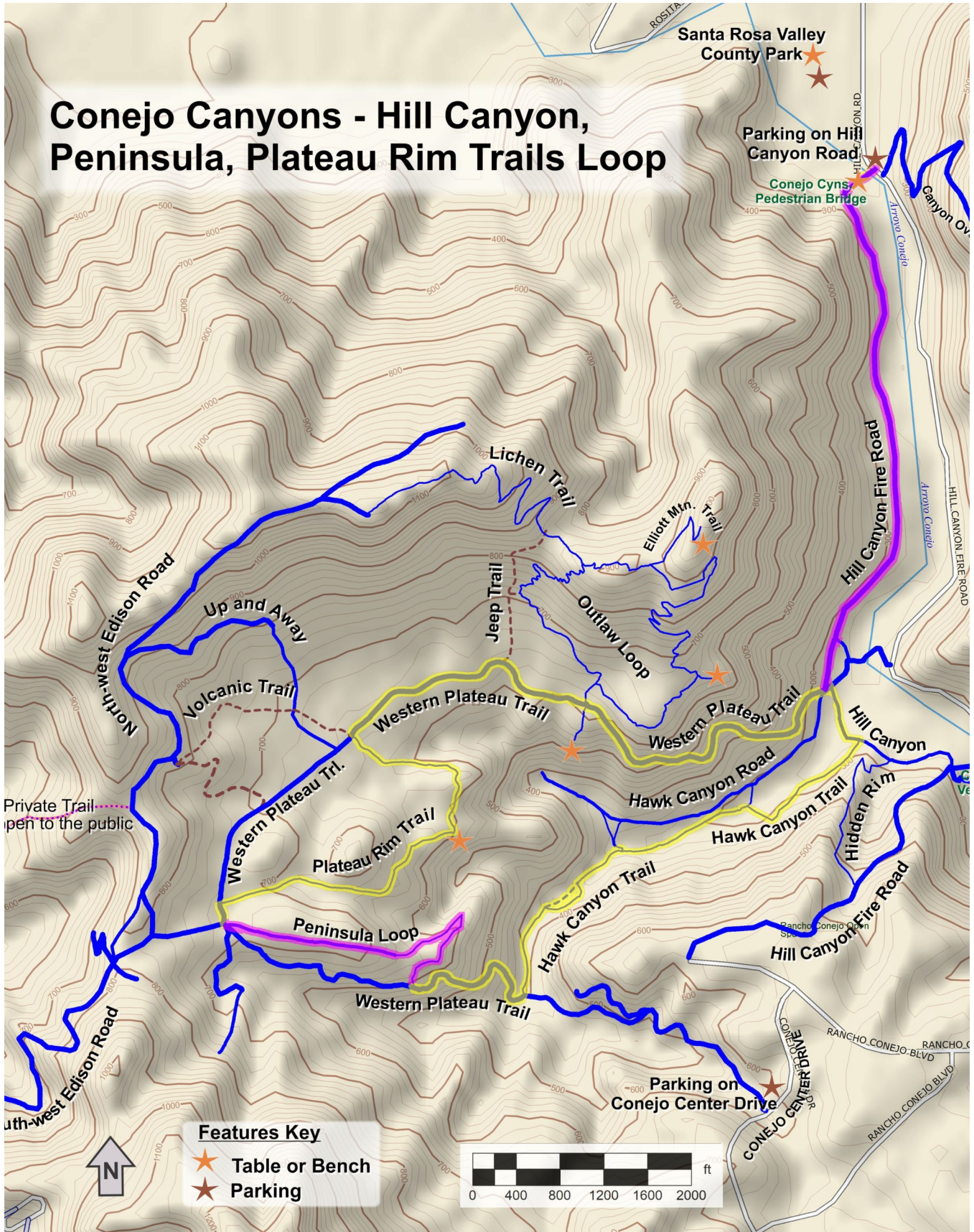
Directions: From Newbury Park and points west – From the 101 freeway, take exit 52 onto Santa Rosa Road in Camarillo. Drive 5 miles before turning right onto Hill Canyon Rd. The parking is 0.6 miles in, on the left. From Thousand Oaks and points east – Head north on the 23 freeway, taking exit 15 onto 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: <https://bit.ly/yyTU4r>

Elevation Profile (Traveling clockwise around the loop)



Route Map (2025 Conejo Open Space Challenge trails are highlighted in pink)



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

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Photos

Hill Canyon Fire Road



Hawk Canyon Trail



Peninsula Loop



Western Plateau Trail

