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PARAMOUNT RANCH

February 22, 2012

Hike leader: Vicky Ritter

Distance: 9.5 miles

Elevation gain: 1000 feet

Directions to trail head:

From the Ventura Freeway turn south onto Kanan Road and drive $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and turn left to Cornell Road (Sideway Rd) and drive $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles south.

Paramount Ranch is on the right side.

Paramount Ranch has something for all hikers. There are many shaded trails and places to explore. The map to be handed out will show the trails scouted and the many options.

The hike explores all major trails in Paramount Ranch. It begins at the Western Town and goes west on the Coyote Loop Trail then proceeds up to Hacienda Trail to Witches Wood and turn north to the Backdrop Trail. In .7 mile there is a pile of rocks, which is the junction with the Paramount Ridge Trail. The trail is hard to find at the beginning but go north and you'll find it. The Paramount Ridge Trail goes northwest for 2.7 miles the elevation gain is 750 ft. Near the end of the trail you see the trail junctions with the other loops. The trail goes south and you proceed left on a road, a little further you will go right up a hill and immediately meet a gate which you can cross on the side. The trail will go down and circle around to the Coyote Canyon Trail. The rest of the hike goes on the trails numbered on the map to be handed out.

More modest hikers could skip the Paramount Ridge Trail or one of the loops or trails.

We will have refreshments near the entrance.