

THE CHEESEBORO/PALO COMADO CANYONS TRILOGY... THE FINAL CHAPTER

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Early this year we did an ascent of Simi Peak and enjoyed a hike through China Flat. More recently Bob Bernard led us on a hike through Cheesboro Canyon. This hike will cover Palo Comado Canyon generally located between between the previous two hikes. With this hike we will have covered all but one mile of the Palo Comado/Cheesboro Canyons.

THE HIKE:

This venture will consist of two hikes:

#1. This hike is for the athletic and venturous and will be another assault on Simi Peak but this time through Palo Camado Canyon and China Flat returning to the corral for lunch. This will be about an 8 mile round trip with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. (Purely a guess.)

#2. This hike will be a flower sniffer, bird watcher walk up the Palo Camado Canyon to the corral where these hikers will meet the forward party for lunch. This canyon is a bird watchers delight! Although, we may be a little late for the "peak" for wild flowers there are still plenty of them blooming so as to cause "smoke to rise" from the pages of the field books. This will be about 6 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 800 feet. (Again, purely a guess.)

The hike through Palo Comado Canyon is on an old ranch road which we will use going and returning. This part will be common to both groups. Both hikes will depart from trail head at 9:30 AM.

Bring field glasses! There is absolutely NO POISON OAK along this trail. There may be some along the stream bed but it wasn't obvious from where the trail crosses it.

GETTING THERE:

Take Kanan Road North from the 101 "Ventura" Freeway, (Kanan Road is 4 miles West of Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon Road,) for about 2.1 miles to Sunny Crest. (If you are using the auto club's "Simi and Conejo Valleys" map this street is mislabeled as Oak Hills. In either case Sunny Crest is one block past the four way stop intersection of Kanan Road with Smoke Tree.)

Turn right on Sunny Crest and follow to the top of the hill where it bends to the left. Continue for two blocks (streets are on the left only). The trail head will be on your right about 100 yards past the second street, Oak Spring Drive, which is the entrance to a tract with the name "Ridgefield" on a wall facing you on the far corner. Park along the street near the trail head..

If Sunny Crest suddenly becomes Double Tree, you've gone too far.

If you don't receive this before Wednesday, give me, Shady John, a call at
you verbal instructions to the starting gate.

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