

## Garapito Trail

**LEADER:** LeRoy Ichida. Being my first hike as leader, I selected a place close to my house. Many thanks to Ron Obert who did the research and got the map for the hike. He also let me "steal" his hike. Now he has to find another hike for January.

**HIKE:** The hike will originate from Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park, which is really the north end of Topanga State Park. From the park, walk along Mulholland Dr. a few hundred feet to the entrance of Fire Road 30. Be careful, Mullholland is a dirt road in this area (I mistakenly thought it was Fire Road 30, so immediately started my pre-hike by getting lost). Anyway, when you reach Mullholland, go left a short way until you reach the entrance of Fire Road 30. There is a locked gate across it, but a big "30" on the right gate post so you'll know the start of Fire Road 30. Walk 0.5 mile along Fire Road 30 and the sign "Garapito Canyon Trail 2.5 mi." will be on the right. FR 30 starts out descending, and then starts ascending. The sign is at this change of elevation, so look for the sign at this point. It is not all that big (a biker had to point it out to me).

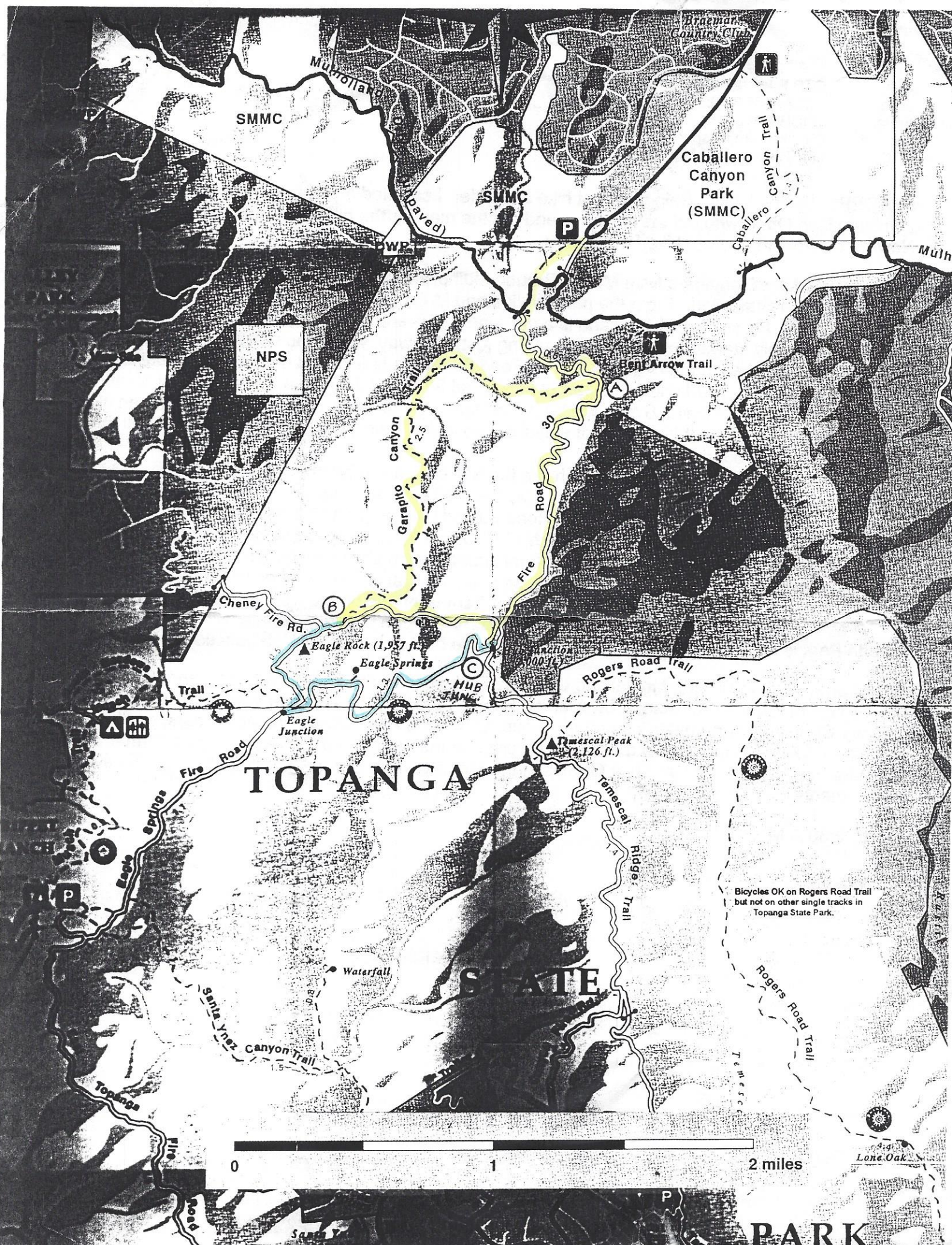
Garapito is a very pleasant trail, much like the Musch Trail on Norm's hike of 11/22/06. It is shaded, and the overgrowth has been recently cut back. The trail ends at another fire road. Go left at this "T" for 0.8 mi. to Hub Junction to get back to Fire Road 30 and back to the trail head (take a left on to FR 30). However, Eagle Rock is just to the right of this "T", so it might be a good place for lunch.

Total distance on my pedometer was 7.0 mi., but the map shows an option that adds 1.8 mi. to the hike for the rabbits. At the "T", go to the right so you pass Eagle Rock and go to Eagle Junction. At Eagle Junction, take a left to the path that passes Eagle Springs on the way to Hub Junction.

Maps will be passed out on the day of the hike. Also, I don't have much elevation information. Marvin Braude Park is at 1,760 ft. and the highest point of the hike seems to be Hub Junction at 2,000 ft.

**Directions:** Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park is at 3600 Reseda Blvd. Tarzana, CA 91365. From FWY 101, get off at Reseda Blvd. and go south for 3.2 mi. You'll pass Ventura Blvd., Braemar Country Club, and some gated-community houses. Reseda Blvd. dead ends at the park, so it's hard to get lost. Parking is curb side and costs \$3.00 close to the turnaround, but you can park further down the street for free. There are two Andy Gumps at the turn around and potable water where we'll have refreshments.

**Start:** 9:30 A.M.



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Bicycles OK on Rogers Road Trail but not on other single tracks in Topanga State Park.

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