



QUICK GUIDE TO TEMESCAL CANYON TRAIL

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



TOPANGA STATE PARK

Length: 1.93 miles

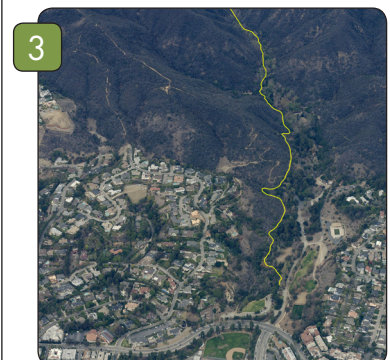
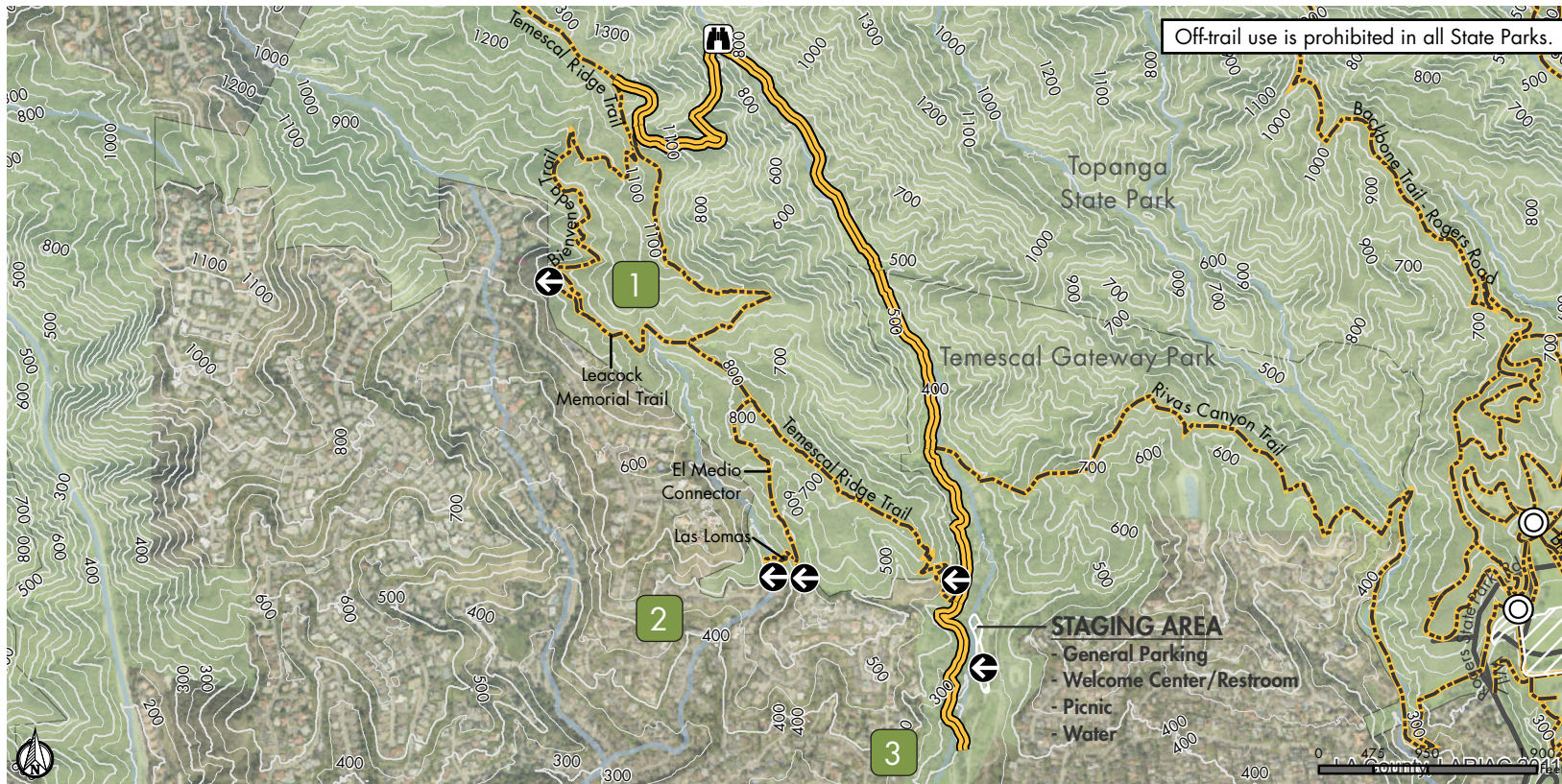
Elevation Gain: 974 feet



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DESCRIPTION: Hikers start at Temescal Gateway Park and can access the trail from Temescal Ridge Trail (1.5 miles) or a MRCA trail (0.5 miles) leading from the park. Connect all the trails to make a nice loop. The lower part of Temescal Canyon Trail and the MRCA segment lead through a wooded canyon floor. Look for a waterfall when crossing the bridge at the bottom of the canyon. The trail climbs up to a ridge closer to Temescal Ridge Trail.

DIRECTIONS: The trail can be accessed from Temescal Gateway Park via Temescal Ridge Trail or a MRCA trail. From the PCH, head inland on Temescal Canyon Rd for 1 mile. Continue past Sunset Blvd to enter the park. From the main parking lot, follow the park road. Keep left at the fork. Temescal Ridge Trail is on the left after 100ft. The MRCA trail is farther along on the left after the building.



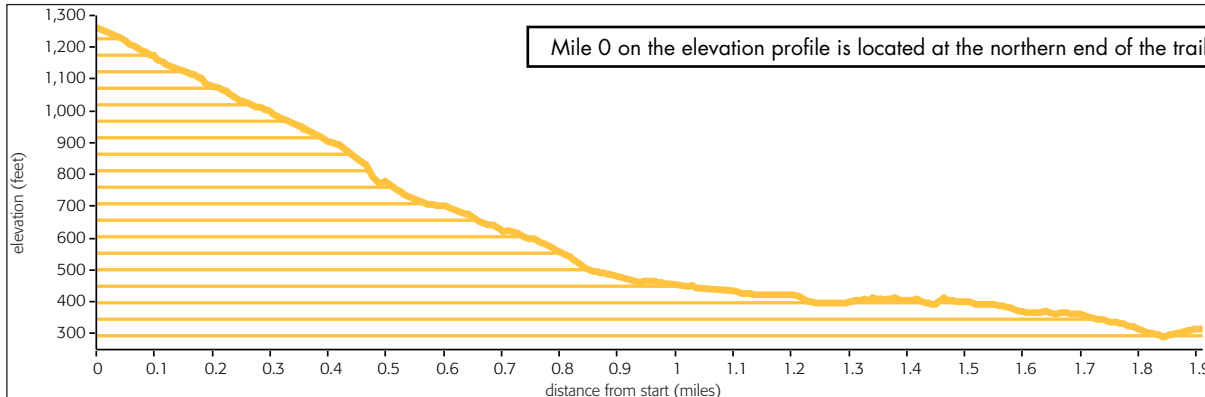
Access & Features

- Trail Access Point
- Trailhead
- Overlook

Trail Type

Trail Road (unpaved)

Public Parkland and Other Protected Open Space



QUICKGUIDE INFORMATION

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SAFETY FIRST



In case of **EMERGENCY** dial 911.

For non-emergencies on County trails call the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Parks Bureau Dispatch at (800) 834-0064.

HAZARDS ON THE TRAIL



Rattlesnakes occasionally sun themselves in the middle of the trail. If encountered, keep your distance and allow space for the snake to retreat.



Poison oak can be identified by groups of 3 leaves going up the branch. It's best avoided by staying on the trail and wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts to prevent contact with skin.



Ticks are most often found in shaded, grassy areas off the beaten path. Stick to established trails and wear long pants to avoid contact. Check for ticks frequently, especially the scalp, waist and other dark places where they can hide.

SHARE THE TRAIL



When trail conditions require a right of way for safe passage, **equestrian users have the primary right of way, hikers next and then mountain bikers**. When trail conditions allow and when there is width to safely pass, common courtesy should prevail for all users. Stand to one side of the trail and allow them to pass. When in a group, avoid blocking the trail. **Mountain bikers yield to all trail users**. Anticipate other trail users as you ride around corners. Mountain bikers traveling downhill must yield to all users, including other mountain bikers, headed uphill. In general, make each pass a safe and courteous one.

WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ Water for you and your animal(s)
- ✓ Trail map
- ✓ High energy snacks
- ✓ Waste bags for your dog
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Extra clothing
- ✓ Sunglasses/hat
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Insect repellent
- ✓ Trekking poles (optional)
- ✓ Flashlight (optional)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For information visit trails.lacounty.gov or any of our partners' websites at nps.gov, parks.ca.gov, smmc.ca.gov, lamountains.com, or rmc.ca.gov. Visitor Center for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, (805) 370-2300

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