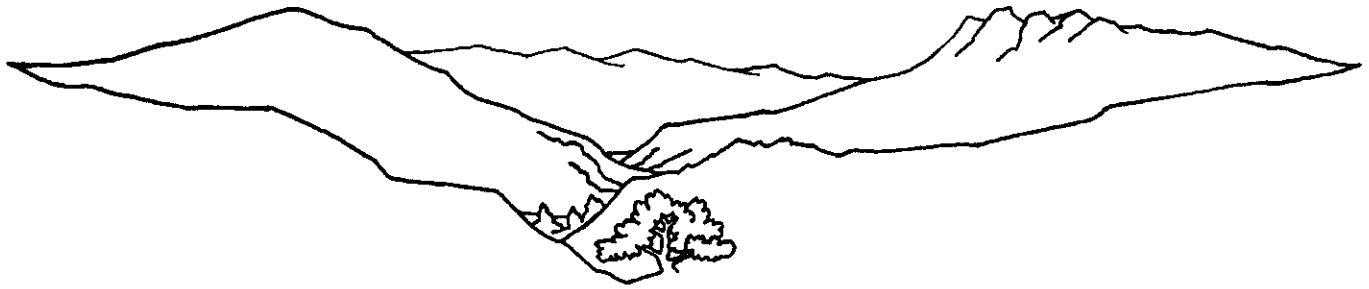


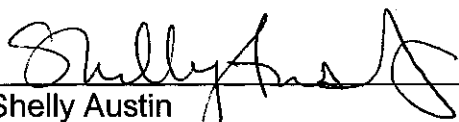
# CONEJO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AGENCY



**TO:** COSCA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** COSCA Staff  
**DATE:** January 14, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** 2009 CRPD Open Space Appreciation Hikes

Attached for the Board's information is the schedule of Open Space Appreciation Hikes for 2009. These hikes are sponsored by the Conejo Recreation and Park District and are free to the public. They provide monthly opportunities to explore COSCA's open space trail system and are led by experienced hikers, one of whom is a COSTAC member.

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## CONEJO RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT 2009 OPEN SPACE APPRECIATION HIKES

Free hikes on the third Saturday of each month.

No pre-registration required. Meet at the trailhead. For more info call CRPD at 805-495-2163. Bring 1-2 quarts of water and a snack. Sunscreen, lug-soled shoes, light-color clothing recommended. No pets. No open-toe shoes. Hikers under 18 must be with responsible adult. Rain or fire cancels.

### **Sunset Hills/Woodridge Loop Sat Jan 17, 2009 9:00am-noon Age 12+**

Moderate 5½ mile round trip with an elevation gain/loss of about 1000 ft.

Hike through Sunset Hills, and Woodridge Open Space with views of the nearby urban area, Bard Reservoir, Simi Valley, northern Thousand Oaks, Tierra Rejada Valley, and (on a clear day) the Pacific Ocean.

From the 23 Freeway, east on Sunset Hills, then north on Erbes Rd 0.7 mile to trailhead on the right. Park in the dirt lot.

### **Oakbrook Vista thru Hidden Meadow to Falling Star Ave Sat Feb 21, 2009 9:00am-11:30am Age 12+**

Moderate 5 mile round trip hike. Elev gain/loss about 800 ft.

Up to the ridge overlooking the Chumash Museum and Lang Ranch Open Space, then through Hidden Meadows into North Ranch Open Space. Very nice views of the entire area. Return on same trails.

From Avenida de los Arboles, drive south on Westlake Blvd, then left on Lang Ranch Parkway 0.2 miles.

Park on the right (south) side of Lang Ranch Parkway.

### **Lake Eleanor Open Space Flower Walk Sat Mar 21, 2009 9:00am-10:30am Age 10+**

Easy 3 mile round trip. Elevation gain/loss about 500 ft.

In the Westlake area, this 1¼ mile-long trail boasts lake views and beautiful spring wildflower displays.

A short side-trail leads to a nice spot for a snack-break, with vistas of Thousand Oaks and the Santa Monica Mtns.

From Westlake Bl, drive southeast on Triunfo about 0.6 miles,

then right (southwest) on Highgate about 0.5 miles to end. Park on street at end of Highgate.

### **Wildwood Park - Moonridge/Lynnmere/Indian Creek Trails Sat Apr 18, 2009 9:00am-noon Age 14+**

Moderately Strenuous 6 mile loop. Elev gain/loss about 1500 ft.

Moonridge Trail into Wildwood Canyon, then up to the Lynnmere Trail loop at the south and west end of Wildwood Park.

Return by way of Indian Creek Trail.

Drive to west end of Avenida de Los Arboles. Park in lot at Arboles & Big Sky

### **Triunfo Park, Los Robles Trail, White Horse Canyon Loop Sat May 16, 2009 9:00am-11:30am Age 12+**

Moderate 5 mile round trip. Elev gain/loss about 900 ft.

Great switch-back trail from Triunfo Park up to Los Robles trail.

Loop around White Horse Canyon Trail to ridge, then back down Triunfo Trail.

From Hampshire Rd drive west on Triunfo, then right on Tamarack to second parking lot.

### **Lang Ranch – Autumn Ridge to Rancho Simi Open Space Sat June 20, 2009 9:00am-noon Age 12+**

Moderate 5 ½ mile loop. Elev gain/loss about 1000 ft.

Hike some of the trails at the northern edge of scenic Lang Ranch and Woodridge Open Space, and into Rancho Simi Open Space.

Trailhead is at the north end of Westlake Bl. Park on the street at Westlake and Autumn Ridge Dr.

### **Wildwood Park – Indian Creek, Paradise Falls, Arroyo Conejo Creek Sat July 18, 2009 8:00am-10:00am Age 10+**

Easy 4 mile loop. Elev gain/loss about 500 ft.

We will walk down Indian Creek into Wildwood Canyon, then continue to Paradise Falls.

After a brief snack break at the falls, we'll follow Arroyo Conejo Creek up to Wildflower Park, then return to the Wildwood parking lot.

Drive to west end of Avenida de Los Arboles. Park in lot at Arboles & Big Sky

**Los Padres Trail to Los Robles Trail Sat Aug 15, 2009 8:00am-10:30am Age 10+**

Moderate 4½ mile hike. Elev gain/loss about 750 ft.

*Los Padres Trail leads through a beautiful oak grove, then to Los Robles Trail.*

*Head west on Los Robles Trail through the meadow and over the hill to the picnic table for a snack break.*

*Reversing direction back over the hill to the Scenic Overlook Trail, then returning to Los Padres trailhead.*

*From 101, south on Moorpark Rd 0.3 miles. Left on Los Padres Dr 50 yds. Trailhead is on the right. Park on street.*

**Wildwood Park – Lizard Rock/Paradise Falls Sat Sep 19, 2009 8:00am-10:30am Age 10+**

Moderate 4½ mile loop. Elev gain/loss about 750 ft.

Moonridge and Stagecoach Bluff Trails to Lizard Rock, then down (past the water treatment plant) to the stream.

We will stop for a break at the campground where restrooms and water fountain are available.

Not far upstream is Paradise Falls, with steps leading down to the pool beneath the falls.

Continuing upstream, we'll hike out by way of Indian Creek Trail.

Drive to west end of Avenida de Los Arboles. Park in lot at Arboles & Big Sky

**Arroyo Conejo to Lynnmere Loop Trail Sat Oct 17, 2009 9:00am-12:30pm Age 14+**

Moderately Strenuous 7 mile loop. Elev gain/loss about 1700 ft.

A pleasant trail follows Arroyo Conejo from Newbury Park to the Lynnmere Trail loop above Wildwood Park. Nice views of the Barranca, Hill Canyon, Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, and Wildwood Park.

From 101, drive ¼ mile north on Ventu Park Rd. Turn right at Rancho Conejo Playfields.

Trailhead is at the east end of the parking lot.

**Newbury Park - Dos Vientos Loop Sat Nov 21, 2009 9:00am-11:30am Age 12+**

Moderate 5 mile loop. Elev gain/loss about 800 ft.

*Explore some of the trails in the Dos Vientos area of the southwestern Conejo Valley.*

*Views of nearby Dos Vientos residential area, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, the surrounding mountains and open space, a secluded lake, and the Pacific coast.*

*Park at Dos Vientos Community Center. Access parking lot from Borchard Rd.*

*Meet at south end of lot nearest Borchard / Las Brisas intersection*

**Lang Ranch to Simi Peak Sat Dec 19, 2009 9:00am-1:00pm Age 14+**

Strenuous 8 mile round trip hike. Elev gain/loss about 1700 ft.

A combination of fire/utility roads and well maintained trails. From Simi Peak,

(the highest point in the area) on a clear day you can see the Simi Valley, Conejo Valley,

San Fernando Valley, Oxnard Plains, snow covered distant mountains, Pacific Ocean, and Channel Islands.

From Avenida de los Arboles, drive south on Westlake Bl, then left (east) on Lang Ranch Parkway 0.8 mi.

Trailhead is on right, just before the street makes a sharp left turn.

*Italics = Not previously offered in Open Space Appreciation Hike Series.*