

Aug 17 -- East Las Virgenes Canyon Trail -- Larry Nava

Gold discovered at Bonanza Creek, Klondike region of the Yukon. 1896

East Las Virgenes Canyon Trail

From

Victory Trailhead

Trailhead Directions:

For those in the Valley area, take Victory Blvd. westbound to the trailhead.

For those traveling from the south, take the northbound Ventura (101) Fwy., exit Valley Circle Blvd. Turn right (North) go approx. 2 miles to Victory Blvd. Turn left and go approx. 1 mile to the trailhead.

Parking fee is \$3.00 per vehicle

Restroom facility consists of one Andy Gump

This trailhead just opened on July 2, 2005

The Hike:

The good news - this is a fairly short hike (about 5 mi.) and less than 800 ft. altitude loss/gain. The bad news - the shade is minimal and the heat is hot.

Take the East Las Virgenes Canyon trail (unmarked) in a westerly direction. At a junction approx. ¼ mi., continue on the trail to the right. At approx. 1 mi. there is another junction. Take the left trail which will lead up to Laskey Mesa. There is a movie crew building a set for Mission Impossible III at Laskey Mesa, but the ranger on duty assured me that the Mary Wiesbrock loop trail around the mesa will remain open to us. For any thespians in waiting this might be your big break. Anyway, follow the trail in an easterly direction until you reach the crew camp then bear to the left (north). This trail continues to the first junction of the hike. Turn right to the trailhead.

Note:

Hopefully everyone will return by 12:00 and have their lunch at the trailhead picnic tables as Tom Frye is to join us there at that time. Refreshments and such as well as some **shade** will be served.

Please pray to your weather deities for cooler days.