

## PLACERITA CANYON

### HIKE

The hike for Tuesday, December 19, 1989 will be in Placerita Canyon. The first discovery of gold in California occurred in Placerita Canyon in 1842. The ensuing gold rush produced hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of gold for the Mexicans living in the area. They had the good sense to not let the information get out to the rest of the world. The "Oak of the Golden Dream" under which the discovery was reputed to have been made still stands near the park visitors center.

Take 405 north to 5. Continue north on 5 to 14. Take 14 north to Placerita Canyon Road. Turn right (east) on Placerita Canyon Road and follow it 2 miles to Placerita Canyon State Park. Park in the large parking lot. We will meet at the visitor's center so that we can start hiking at 9:30 AM. I expect to leave from Torrance at 8:00 AM.

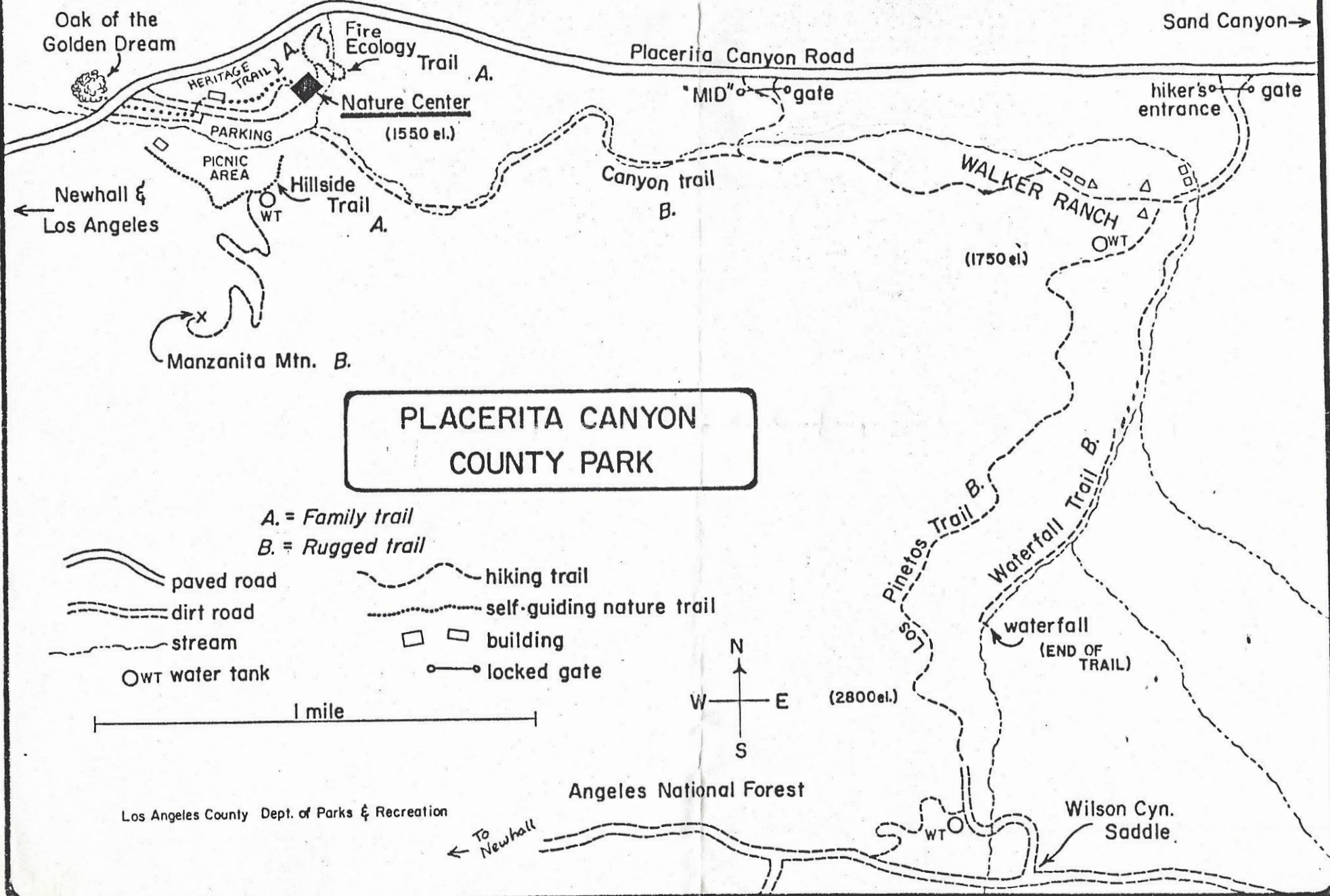
The hike is approximately 8 miles round trip with a 1600 foot elevation gain and loss. The hike is classified as "Moderate". If we don't set a too fast pace, it will feel about like the Sycamore Canyon hike.

Bring your lunch, clothing to suit the anticipated weather, cameras and binoculars.

There will be no water available after we leave the visitors center so bring water, at least 2 quarts per person.

In the event of rain, snow or hurricane the trip will be scrubbed and rescheduled.

HIKERS PLEASE NOTE: Placerita Canyon is a rugged wilderness area. Not all trails are suitable for young or inexperienced hikers. Exercise caution on all Park trails.



**PLACERITA CANYON  
COUNTY PARK**

A. = Family trail  
B. = Rugged trail

- paved road
- dirt road
- stream
- OWT water tank
- hiking trail
- self-guiding nature trail
- building
- locked gate

1 mile

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