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Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons Park.

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Distance: 3 to 10 mi. RT

Elevation gain: 500 feet

Leader: Carol Hartung

Directions to Trailhead: Go west on the Ventura (Hwy 101) Freeway from the San Diego (405) Freeway, past Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon Road. Exit at Chesebro Road, and go right on Palo Comado Canyon Road for a few hundred yards. At the stop sign, turn right on Chesebro Road and follow the narrow road (be alert for hidden oncoming traffic) for one mile to the entrance to the park. Turn right into the park and follow the park road for three tenths of a mile to the parking lot at the end the road (don't park at the entrance lot). Toilets are available at the parking lot.

The Hike: There are many options on this hike. Rabbits may want to follow the Modello Trail to the Palo Comado Canyon Trail, then turn right on the Sheep Corral Trail to Shepherd's Flat, and return via the Cheeseboro Canyon Trail (this loop is about 10 miles). Turtles may want to hike up the Cheeseboro Canyon Trail for 1.6 miles (to a picnic area) or 3.3 miles (to Sulphur Springs) or 4.6 miles (to Shepherds Flat) and turn around any time they want. See the attached map for all the trails in the area. Also attached is a picture of the end-of-hike picnic area.

Note: The name of the park is spelled Cheeseboro, but the road leading to it is spelled Chesebro. Go figure.