



Meet at Hellhole Canyon Preserve parking lot, [19324 Santee Lane, Valley Center](#), at 8 sharp.

This is an advanced hike; participants should be physically fit and have recent experience walking longer than two hours. The hike includes steep, sustained uphill and downhill sections. The total distance is about eight miles; hikers should plan to hike for four hours or more at a moderate pace. The hike is on established trails, some narrow.

Wear long pants, footwear you can count on, and sun protection; bring water.

The hike starts at the Hellhole Canyon Preserve parking lot, descends steeply to Hell Creek, and then begins a long ascent on the Paradise and Rodriguez Mountain trails.

Hikers will be rewarded at the top with a ridge walk straddling Pauma Valley and Valley Center.

*[Directions to the meeting place: take Woods Valley Road for 3.9 miles. Continue onto Paradise Mountain Rd for 3.3 miles. Turn right onto Los Hermanos Ranch Rd/Paradise Mtn Rd and immediately turn left onto Kiavo Rd.*

*Take Kiavo Rd. for .5 miles to Santee Lane and make a left to the preserve entrance.]*

Heavy rain during 24 hours before hike or steady rain one hour in advance of start time cancels hike. Notice will be