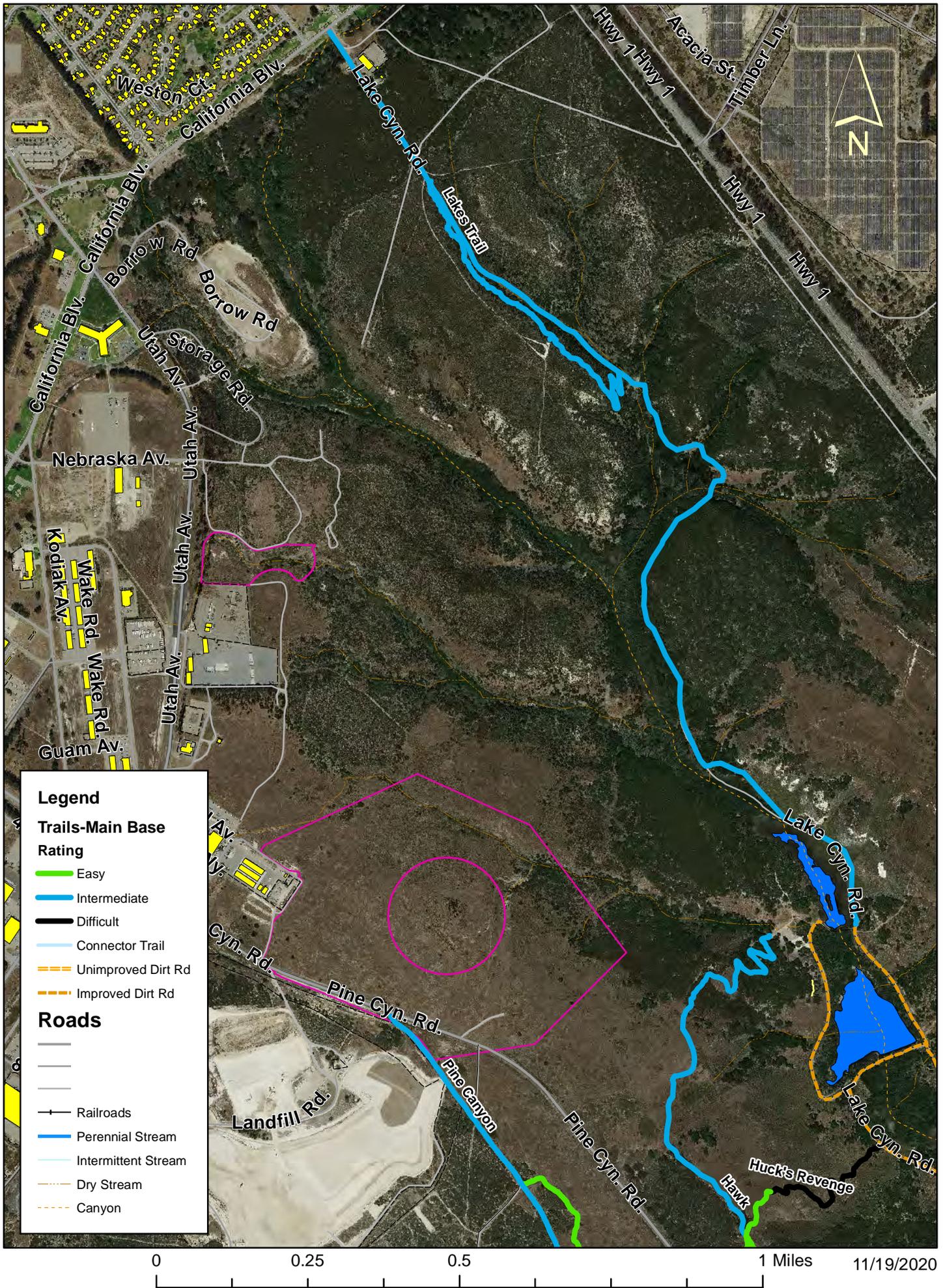
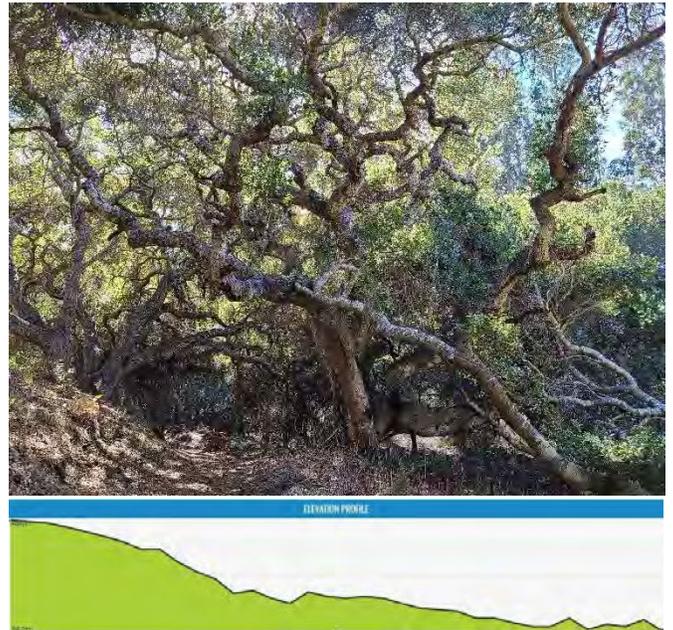


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Lakes Trail: This trail truly feels like wandering through an enchanted forest. Offering the best trail exploration of Coastal Live Oak groves on base, this almost 2 mile trail travels from the Santa Maria Gate down the valley to the lakes. Start at the North end after parking a drop-car by the lakes if you want to travel downhill and don't want to make it a 4 mile out and back trail. Unique nature tips: Keep your eyes peeled for horned lizards sunning themselves on the trail, or predator paw prints in the mud/sand. Directions: Start either at the end of lake Canyon road by the Santa Maria Gate, or by the campground at the other end of Lake Canyon Road off of Pine Canyon Road. Both trailheads have a wide gravel road leading up to them, and start behind concrete Jersey barriers with a trailhead sign reading "No unauthorized motor vehicles beyond this point... Lake Canyon Trail." Elevation: about 240 ft. elevation loss down into the valley, with a few uphill points along the trail.



Hawk: This new trail will connect the campground at the end of Lake Canyon Rd to Pine Canyon Rd. What's unique about this trail amongst other local trails is that it offers 180 views up and down the valley while still beautifully showcasing the landscape it winds through. Expected to be 1.2 miles long with about 225 ft. elevation difference between the ridge and the valley.

Huck's Revenge: This short steep narrow trail twists playfully down to Lake Canyon. Only half a mile long but with 250 feet of elevation, this little trail is best navigated by mountain bikers who have the quick reflexes needed for downhill riding. The trail is narrow and sharp, but well maintained without significant ditches, leading to a smooth fast ride. Hikers beware of these speed demons! Directions: Look for the wooden trailhead sign between the two lakes



Cody Connector to Cody to Pine Canyon Loop: Looking for a remote ride/run with a bit of elevation? This 4.5 mile loop, if followed clockwise, has gradual elevation change through fields and low growth before steeply dropping down into the beautiful Pine Canyon. The canyon winds along a streambed (often dry) before climbing a long gradual push up a gravel road back to the start. There are a few off-shoot trails and a variety of trail widths, but the main trail is easy enough to follow, and has good trail maintenance. Trail Notes: if you are following clockwise, keep Right for the first few trail splits until you come to a white sign that reads "SENSITIVE resource area all vehicles stay on road and trail." Turn Left at that sign along the obvious road to continue on the trail. Directions to trailhead: Follow Washington/Pine Canyon Road South towards the Lompoc Gate. After passing the Utah intersection, turn Right at the first un-gated gravel road, at the end of a long chain-link fence. Drive under the power lines and park along the gravel road at the first Y with a right turn. The narrow dirt trail starts on the Left (NE) by three old white signs that say "Road 4," "Bravo 9" and "Road One A" respectively. The trail will end by coming back up the gravel road straight ahead. Elevation: 426 ft total elevation change

Improved/Unimproved Dirt Roads: Explore with caution, following all posted warnings, and never venture off-trail (on any trail or road on base). You will discover many hidden gems on base, and a very wide degree of road maintenance, often with little or no cell service. Keep your eyes (and cameras) scanning for big cats!

Please keep in mind: Always stay on trail/road due to UXOs, restricted access areas, wildlife, and fragile biomes. Please keep your dogs on leash for these reasons as well. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife, especially predators- bobcats and coyotes are very common; mountain lions are more elusive but have been spotted. Never approach or attempt to interact with any wildlife, especially if it approaches you. Please follow all posted signs. Practice all 7 principles of Leave No Trace