

Southern California HAUS Invitation: Join us for a Walk in Topanga State Park!

The Southern California Chapter of Heidelberg Alumni US invites you to join other local alumni of the Ruperto Carola Universitaet Heidelberg for a hike in Topanga State Park on **Sunday, October 24, 2010 at 10 a.m.**

Located in the cliffs and canyons of the Santa Monica Mountains, Topanga State Park features 36 miles of trails through open grassland, live oaks and spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. The park is located entirely within the Los Angeles city limits and is considered the world's largest wildland within the boundaries of a major city. The park offers excellent recreational opportunities for hikers as well as mountain bikers (restricted to fire roads) and equestrians.

Meeting Place: Topanga State Park Main Parking Lot

We plan to walk about 2 miles south into the park along the East Topanga Fire Road and 2 miles back, for a total of approx. 4 miles. This hike requires moderate level walking (some uphill-downhill, but nothing too steep). Bring hats, sunscreen and water. There are restrooms and a water fountain at the parking lot. Good walking shoes are required, hiking boots are optional. Children are welcome!

Directions:

From Pacific Coast Highway, travel north on Topanga Canyon Boulevard, pass the post office at the center of "town," then turn right on Entrada Road.

Keep to the left at every opportunity until you reach the park's main parking lot (about one mile). From the Ventura Freeway (101), exit at Topanga Canyon Boulevard, drive south over the crest of the mountains and proceed three miles to Entrada Road and turn left."

Parking:

Plenty of parking is available in the Park's official parking lot in Topanga off Entrada Road (also called Trippet Ranch) for \$10 per vehicle. There is also usually street parking available along Entrada Road before you make the final left turn toward the park.

NOTE: RSVP's are required, as we need to know what size group we have. Please **RSVP to Martina Ebert, Regional Chair of the Southern California Chapter of HAUS at mebert10@gmail.com or call at (909) 213-2243.**

In case of inclement weather, the hike will be cancelled. If in doubt, please check with Martina at (909) 213-2243 before driving out to Topanga.

official website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=629

map: http://www.parks.ca.gov/lat_long_map/default.asp?lvl_id=268

another relevant website: <http://www.caopenspace.org/topanga.html>

