



MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

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Garland Hikes: Redwood Canyon - Terrace

Distance
4.0 miles

Approx Hiking Time*
1 hour 40 minutes

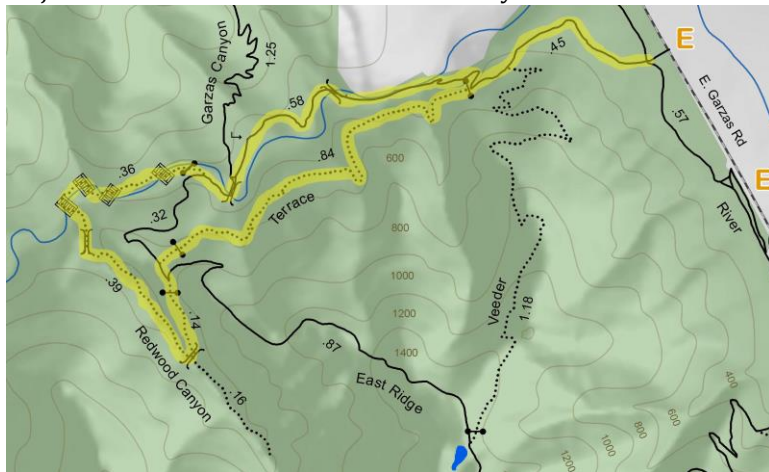
Elevation Gain
655 ft

This hike takes you along Garzas Creek, crossing the Creek six times, then up through the beautiful redwood forest of Redwood Canyon. The elevation gain is gradual for the most part. The hike can only be completed when the seasonal footbridges are in, generally from sometime in April to sometime in November. The hike is particularly enjoyable in the Spring, when the water in the Creek is bubbling and splashing and the wildflowers are in abundance.

Access to this hike, and other hikes in the Garzas Canyon section of the Park, is from East Garzas Road. After turning left on East Garzas from Boronda, park either along the wooden fence on the right or just a bit further up along the side of the road near the Garland Park sign, also on the right. This hike starts from the large sign with the Park map not too far off the road.

Directions:

- Begin the hike by following the trail signs for the **Garzas Canyon Trail**, up the hill. You will pass the Veeder Trail on the left. A bit after that, you will crest the hill and start down. That was probably the steepest climb you'll have on this hike! You will quickly come to a bench and the Terrace Trail – you will end up back here as you complete the loop. For now, follow the trail sign downhill to the right, toward Garzas Creek. A little ways after the Schultz Bench the trail levels off as it begins to follow Garzas Creek.
- Shortly you will come to the first bridge. There is good access to the Creek next to this bridge. Follow the trail until it meets the Garzas Canyon Trail. Follow the sign to **East Ridge/Redwood Canyon**, to the left.
- You will come to where the trail meets the East Ridge Trail. Follow the sign to the **Redwood Canyon Trail**, to the right. The two bridges you have crossed so far are permanent, but now you will come to the first seasonal footbridge. As you continue on the trail, you will cross three more seasonal footbridges. After the fourth seasonal footbridge, the trail starts uphill and quickly enters the redwood forest. Follow the trails as it makes its way up Redwood Canyon. In time you will come to the Dummer Bench. Cross over the bridge to the left and follow the signs for the **East Ridge Trail**, up the hill.
- You will pass through a stile/wooden gate and reach the **East Ridge Trail**. Turn left, downhill. In just a few yards you will come to the junction with the **Terrace Trail**. You may want to sit on the "Listen" Bench to rest a bit and take in the views, including the Piñon Peak lookout tower.
- Continue the hike to the right, down the **Terrace Trail**. When you come to a series of steps, you are almost back to the **Garzas Canyon Trail**. When you reach the Garzas Canyon Trail, bear right, up the hill, and then back down the hill to return to your starting point.



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- ✓ There is water at the Visitor Center and La Mesa, but nowhere else on the trails. Remember to bring plenty of water on your hike.
- ✓ There are restrooms at the Visitor Center and the Ranger Station, but nowhere else in the park.
- ✓ There are trash cans at a number of locations on the lower trails, but no trash cans higher up. Please pack out *everything* you pack in.
- ✓ On some trails you may encounter horses. Equestrians have the right of way in those situations
- ✓ If you are hiking with a dog, be aware your dog can be off leash but must be under your control.
- ✓ Take time to look at the flowers, listen to the birds, enjoy the views and generally take in the pleasure of being out in Nature. But *please* don't pick the flowers!

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