

Hidden Falls Loop Hike Pre-Hike: “The Sequel” Re-Pre-Hiked on 04/03/14

The Good: All of the trails are in very good condition. There is enough moisture to eliminate those pesky and slippery BB sized granules and virtually no mud. The traditionally muddy trail close to the irrigation canal has a fresh layer of gravel – problem solved!

Only two places with standing water (see photos). Not to worry, the water will most likely be gone by the 8th. If not, we are confident that the always accomodating Ed Murach will prone his body across the trail for us to walk on.

As of two days ago, at least one Ranger will be in the park 14 hours every day of the week.

There is a sign on Creekside Trail (see photo) warning of a narrow trail with steep slopes. The sign must have been placed there in an abundance of caution. The trail in that area is so well engineered and maintained it resembles a poppy flower lined freeway. Only way you can get hurt is if you are sleepwalking.

The grasses are green and lush, the wildflowers are popping, and the coyotes and turkeys put on a great show. The creek is full and singing its melodies loudly throughout the canyon.

The Bad: Nothing really. It will be 80 degrees during our climb out but that will be under full canopy. Eighty degrees and gulping fresh air certainly can't be a bad thing.

The Ugly: Nothing really. Even horsey land mines play an important role in our ecosystem.