

Search entries or author...

All



↓ Sort

+ View Split Screen



Due Feb 4

10 points

21 Replies (1)



First Map Discussion



Lets get to know each other through experimenting with basic modern Internet Mapping Technologies!

3D Google Map Mystery

1. Head to <https://maps.google.com/> (<https://maps.google.com/>) or Google Earth (the free desktop version also works).
2. Zoom, scroll, or use the search bar to find a **California location** that you have visited, or one that you would like to visit.
3. Switch the map to **satellite view** (in most cases, click the image in the lower lefthand corner), then switch to the **3D** view. You may need to click the globe in the lower right corner to enable the

2D/3D options.

4. You can click the arrows on the compass to rotate your view or experiment with how you can move the map depending on which mouse and keyboard buttons you hold down. Images may be most impressive with areas that have varied elevation (e.g. tall buildings, mountains, cliffs, trees, etc.).
5. Take a **screenshot**. **Crop** your screenshot to remove anything outside of your map.
6. **Upload** the image of your location to this discussion and **briefly provide us any vague details or hints** about your mystery location or share why you selected a particular view.
7. Don't tell us where it is! **We will guess**. Please try to guess at least two locations by the end of Week 2.

Technical Difficulties?

If you are not sure how to take a screenshot or crop images, it helps to google it and look for results based on your operating system and browser or available software. Each of us probably has a different configuration so it would be a bit time consuming for me to create tutorials on these basic functions. If you have questions, do feel free to post them to the [Technical Difficulties discussion](https://sbccd.instructure.com/courses/55466/discussion_topics/1023412) (https://sbccd.instructure.com/courses/55466/discussion_topics/1023412). Help others when you can!

Also, Canvas offers [support for students](https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Student-Guide/Student-Getting-Started-Resources/ta-p/579371) (<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Student-Guide/Student-Getting-Started-Resources/ta-p/579371>).

What you need to do (by the end of Week 2)

After uploading your own screenshot and providing information about it, you need to guess at least two other locations to complete your participation in this discussion. You get brownie points for figuring out any unfamiliar or difficult ones! Please provide more than "California" or "Looks like Cali."

Reply



Carlos Avila (<https://sbccd.instructure.com/courses/55385/users/76639>)

Feb 4 6:06pm



Hello, This is a busy place in Decemeber to off road. The desert turns into a city full of RVs. The body of water is from a lake that is polluted and you will not see anybody swimming.



Reply |  | 

Deleted by Carlos Avila

Deleted Feb 4 6:04pm



Sandra Ruiz (<https://sbccd.instructure.com/courses/55385/users/148814>)

Jan 24 12:27am | Last reply Jan 28 11:40am



Hello,

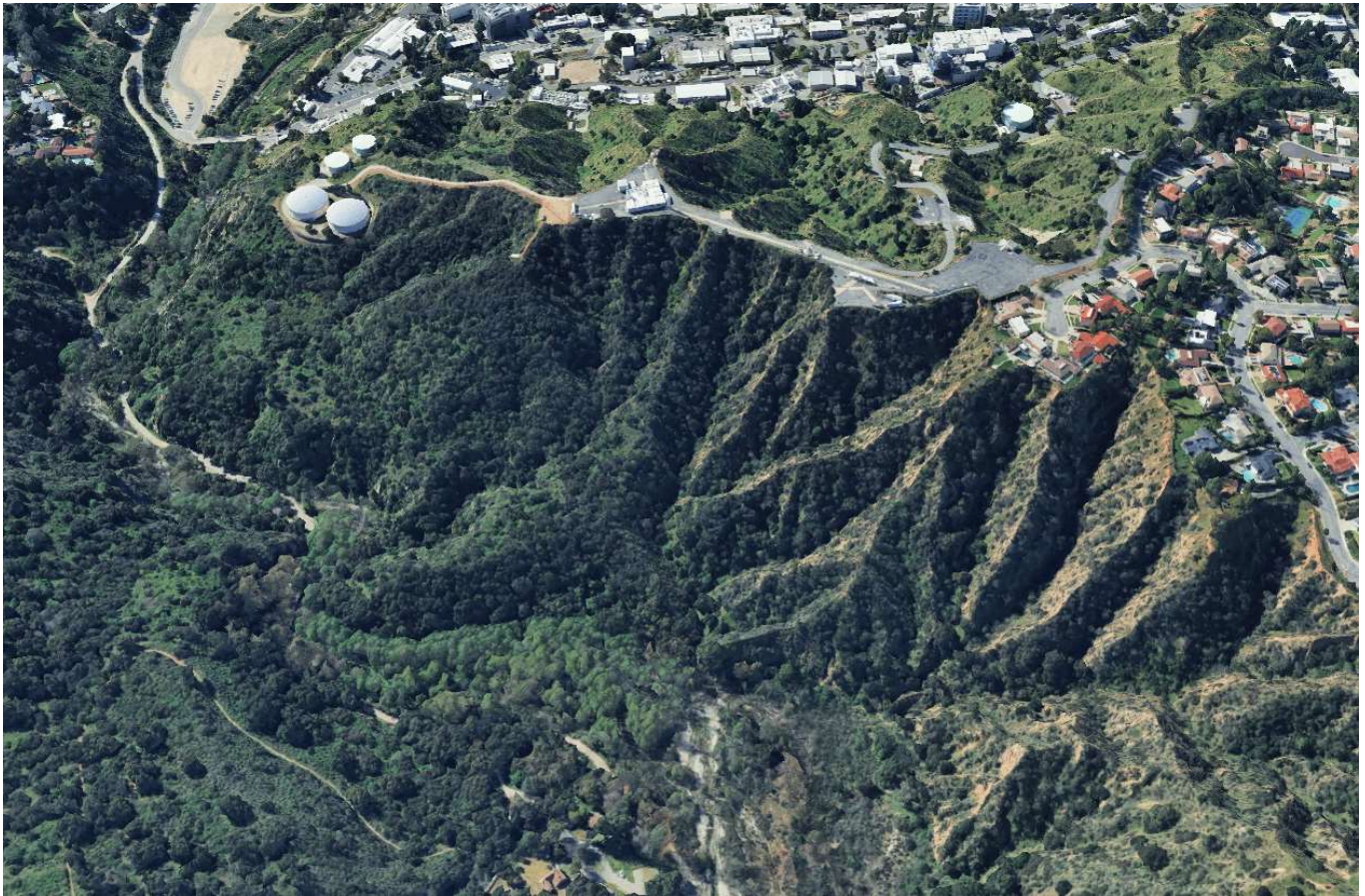
My name is Sandra (they/them). The image I am sharing below is one of my favorite places to visit that I often visited after getting out of work, and that I miss so much. We are currently going through a lot of fires where I live which have prevented me from visiting this place due to the toxic air quality and because it is currently located to the west side of a fire perimeter (helpful to see on the Watch Duty app if you have access to it). The structures towards the top of the image are (I think) well known government research facilities (clue).

I love bird watching, and this is a perfect place to see a great diversity of birds due to the many oak trees and Native vegetation. This past December I got to see a Great Horned Owl here for the first time! I also love that this area holds a lot of Native history and presence as it is located right above an ancestral village of the Tongva people, and it is still called by its Native name (clue).

This is my first time seeing this area on the google maps with the instructions provided above, and I am so impressed by how beautiful the ridges of the mountains look and the shades of green next to the more urban areas above. I also find it fascinating to see the different lines and

curves that give an idea to their function/purpose (e.g. the trails for hiking or bike riding and the wider paved roads in the suburban area).

Bottom of the image is North and top is South.



Reply | 1 |

> 5 Replies



Yasmin Enciso Cipres (<https://sbccd.instructure.com/courses/55385/users/110646>)

Jan 23 11:20pm | Last edited Jan 25 12:28am | Last reply Feb 4 6:07pm



Hello everyone,

I want to welcome you to the GIS class. I know this class will be both interesting and fun. The knowledge we gain will be productive and beneficial for us. Let's enjoy the journey!!!

A few years ago, my family and I discovered this place in the middle of nowhere. It was super fun because we were riding the quads, and voila! We found a place where we could rest, have fun, and eat before heading back to where we were camping.

Clues:

- Popular for motorcycle riders.

- The name of the restaurant is compound for 3 words, 1st word is the name of a Guns N' Roses's lead guitarist.

Guess where this place is...



Yasmin Vega

Reply |  1 | 

> 2 Replies



Pablo Gonzalez (<https://sbccd.instructure.com/courses/55385/users/19124>)

Jan 22 4:34pm | Last reply Feb 4 5:57pm





I recently visited this location with my family in northern CA. The image itself shows 2 reasonably known building areas, but unless you are very familiar with the area, it just looks like some random concrete mess by the ocean. Personally, I like the juxtaposition of concrete mess and small kelp forest in the ocean, along with the changes in color hues as one's eye traces the elevation changes in beachline towards deeper ocean. Steinbeck used this location as the setting for 2 of his novels.

Reply | 1 |

> 6 Replies (1)



Colin Morris-Moncada (<https://sbccd.instructure.com/courses/55385/users/150003>)

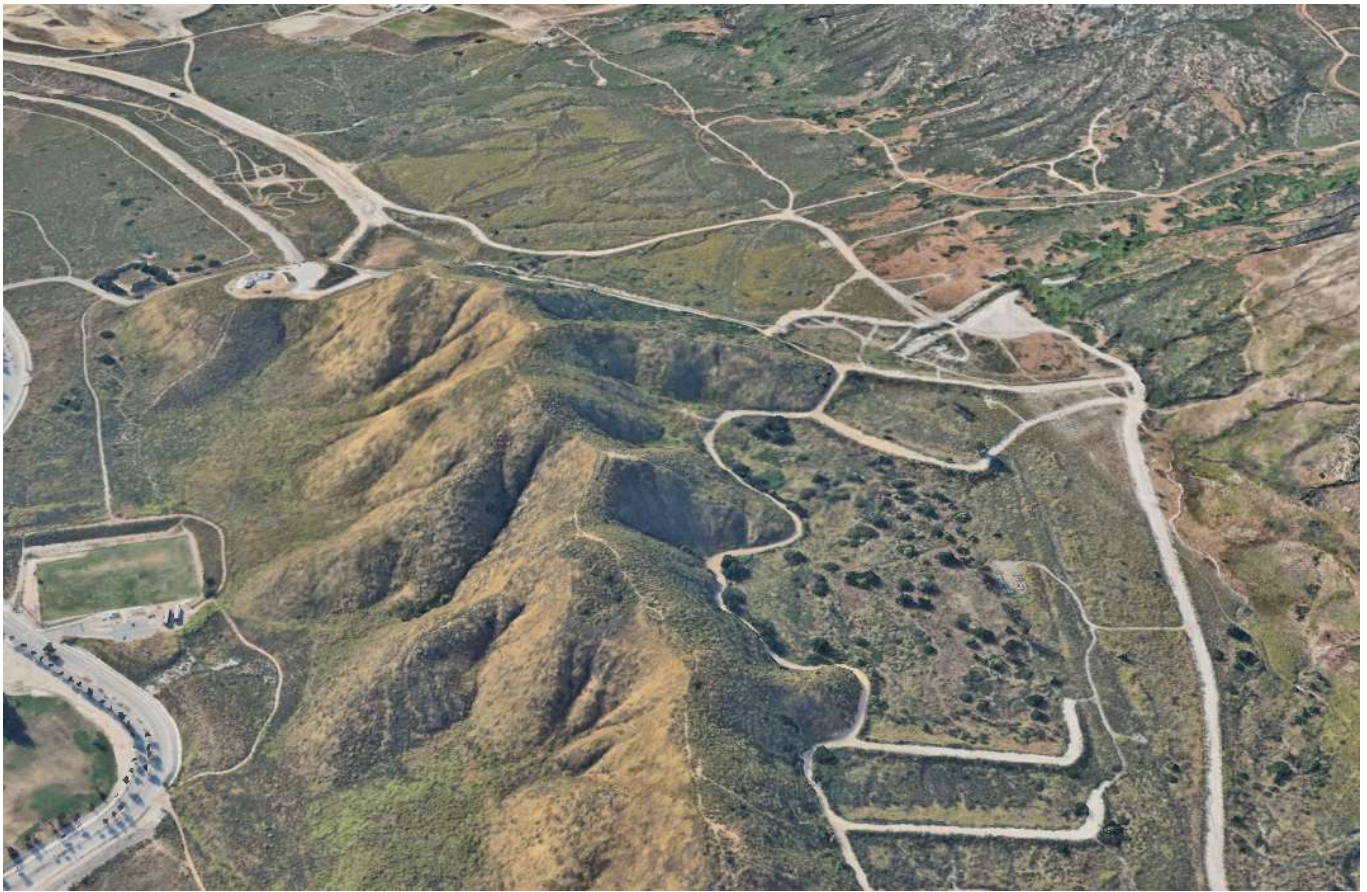
Jan 21 10:32pm | Last edited Jan 26 5:38pm | Last reply Jan 26 10:38pm

[View History](#)



I picked this image because it shows varying elevations and one can gain a better sense of the depth of the mountains when looking at this in the 3D view.

Hint: Area is located near the border of the San Bernardino National Forest and west of Arrowhead Springs.



Hint: Hub for public transportation in Southern California.



[Reply](#) | [👍](#) | [✉️](#)

[➤ 3 Replies](#)
