

Many Paths, Many Peoples

This popular loop trail leads up Temescal Canyon's creek-side ramp to a spring-fed waterfall.

The variety in the terrain helped indigenous families develop happy trading relationships, historically. For example, Lion's Head became a trading post where Temescal's beach dwellers could swap shell beads for acorns collected in the Topanga settlements.

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