

Gary C Worrell

From: Gary C Worrell [gcw@igx.net]
Sent: 13 January, 2008 11:24
To: gcw@igx.net
Subject: Postcard
Attachments: HollywoodlandSatelliteImage.jpg; HollywoodSign.jpg; LosAngelesFromHollywoodHills.jpg; LASKyline01.jpg

Well it's a new year of travel. I've added a bunch more members to the Postcard List. If you're one of them, Welcome. It must be approaching 200 members by now.

Hello from Long Beach California, where the dirt just falls from the sky.

I had a free afternoon yesterday, and my colleague (Dave) & I decided to do a road trip.

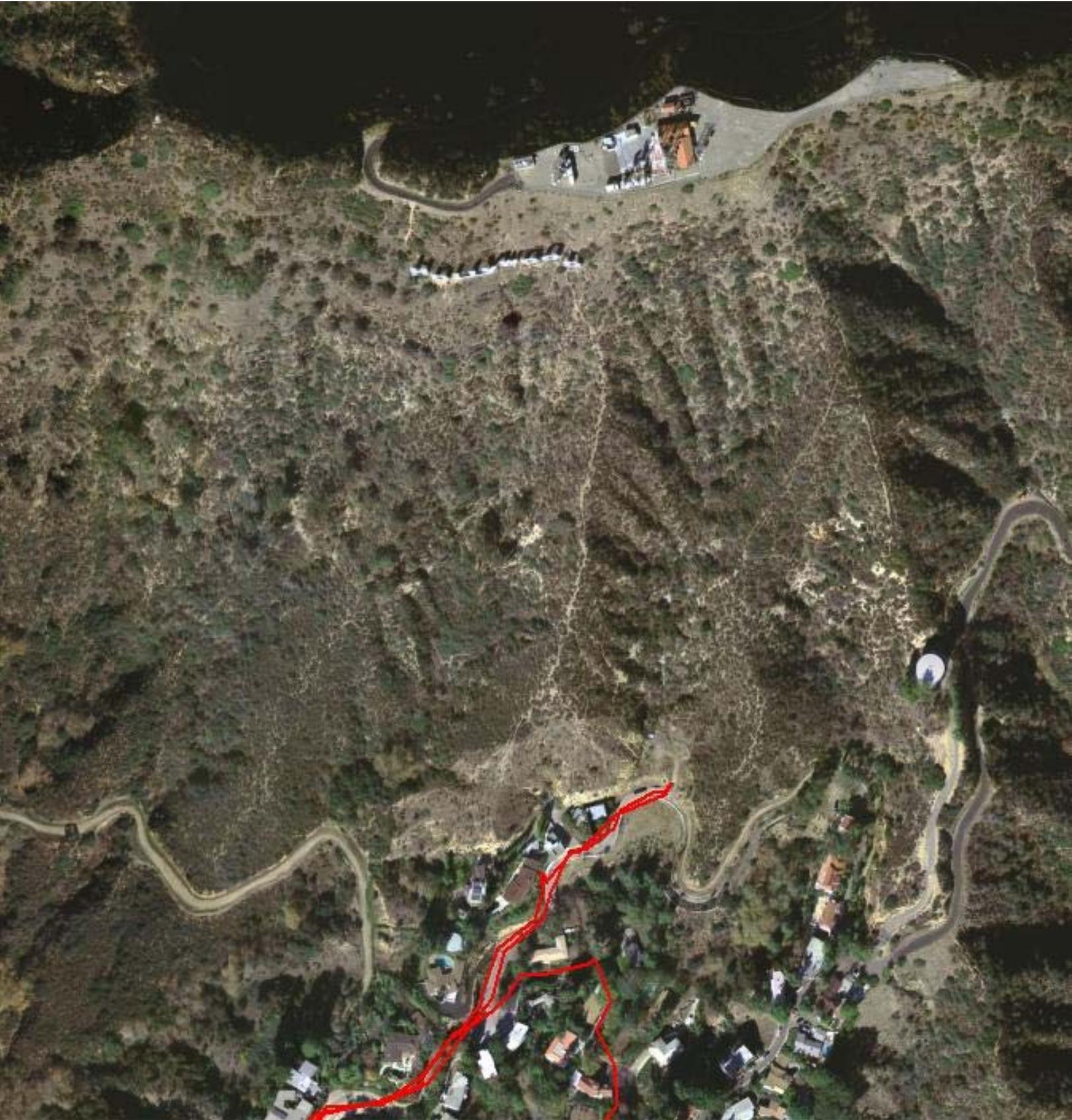
Sometime or another on TV or in the movies you've probably seen the view overlooking Los Angeles from high above on a hill. I had always liked that view, and I understood it to be near the famous "Hollywood" sign (which, by the way, originally said Hollywoodland). So Dave used his Google Skillset to find locations where people took pictures of the sign. Plop it into my trusty GPS, and off we go.

Even on Saturday Afternoon, we hit bumper-to-bumper stop and go traffic, but eventually we made it. The road up the hill was a narrow twisty-turny path that required cooperation between everyone driving it in order to get by each other. I mention that because it was the only time since I've been here that I witnessed courteous driving (except for my own driving, of course). When we got as far as we could go, we knew we must be in the right place because there were signs along the road indicating that it was not permissible to hike up to the Hollywood sign. We could see the sign (using his golfing experience, Dave estimated we were 200 yards from the Hollywood sign) and some of the city through the trees. In the satellite image, you can see our GPS track in red, and the sign at the top.

After asking people who were walking their dogs in the area, we followed a path around and viola, there it was. The sun had just set and the city was spread out in front of us. It was impressive.

Today I'm off to the next destination on this multi-city trip. Where will the next Postcard come from?

Cheers,
G.



HOLLYWOOD



