

Pogonip Spring Box Trail



Region: Santa Cruz County

Length: 2 .6 miles round trip (or more depending on how much you explore!)

Difficulty Rating: Easy to Moderate

Girls bring: Backpack, water, snack, hat, jacket, sunscreen, face mask. Adults add: Map/Info sheet, Required paperwork, first aid kit, phone, TP & ziploc (pack it out).

When to go: Year round views, nice spring wildflowers. Meadow portion likely to be warm in summer and fall.

Getting There and Parking: Highway 1 No. to Mission, Turn right up hill on Highland. Left on High St. Right on Spring St to end. Park on Spring St. 2 hour limit weekdays during school year.

Bathrooms: none

Safety Considerations: Most of the way is on very wide paths which makes tick contact less likely, but check for ticks after the hike. Poison Oak is also easily avoidable if you stay on the

trail. Larger carnivores have apparently been spotted at some time, but are highly unlikely to appear.

Route Description (from alltrails):

Spring St. dead ends into the park. There is a board with a map and some paper brochures with maps. Cross the meadow on Spring Trail and take Spring Box Trail off into the woods. You'll want to pause to walk the spiral created with rock markers. Who doesn't enjoy a bit of a spiral walk! You can think about something for you on the way in and something for others on the way out or any other meditation you can come up with. At the Spring Box, look for some big goldfish. If you don't spot them look around for the fish food that the forest sprite leaves nearby. Note: as the sign says, the water is not drinkable. It was used by loggers 100 years ago or so.

How to Get Your charm:

Take a photo of you with the spring box in the background. Email the photo and the names of the registered Girl Scouts in the photo to programs@girlscoutscoc.org with the subject line "Pogonip". You'll get an embroidered charm to hang on your patch loop.

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