

# Sandstone Peak



**Region:** Ventura County near Malibu

**Length:** 6.25 miles round trip

**Difficulty Rating:** Moderate

**Elevation Gain:** 1,312 feet

**Girls bring:** Backpack, 2 liters of water, snack, lunch, hat, jacket, sunscreen, face mask. Adults add: Map/Info sheet, Required paperwork, first aid kit, phone, TP & ziploc (pack it out). If hiking after ~3pm add: headlamp, space blanket

**When to go:** Year round, but there is no shade on the trail, so on warm days, hike in the early morning or evening only.

**Getting There and Parking:** trailhead is 5 miles from Pacific Coast Highway on Yerba Buena Rd in Malibu. Alternately, from Westlake Village, exit on Westlake Blvd from the 101 Freeway, and follow it south for several miles as it merges with Mulholland highway. Turn right onto Little Sycamore Canyon and it will become Yerba Buena Rd. as you cross the county line. Proceed on Yerba Buena Rd for about 4 miles to the trailhead (about 1 mile before the Circle X Ranch Ranger Station.

**Bathrooms:** vault toilet at the parking lot

**Safety Considerations:** Use good judgement scrambling on high rocks near the peak. Recommend hiking shoes due to uneven terrain.

**Helpful Links:**

<https://www.alltrails.com>

<https://www.hikespeak.com>

(search Backbone Trail to Sandstone Peak)

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## Route Description (from alltrails):

This is one of the most beautiful hikes in the Santa Monica Mountains. Highlights include the spectacular Echo Cliffs where rock climbers ascend the cliffs. There are stunning sandstone formations and breathtaking views from the top of Sandstone Peak.

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## How to Get Your Charm:

Take a photo of yourself with the Sandstone Peak Marker. Email the photo and the names of the registered Girl Scouts in the photo to [programs@girlscoutscoc.org](mailto:programs@girlscoutscoc.org) with the subject line "Sandstone Peak." You'll get an embroidered charm to hang on your patch loop.

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