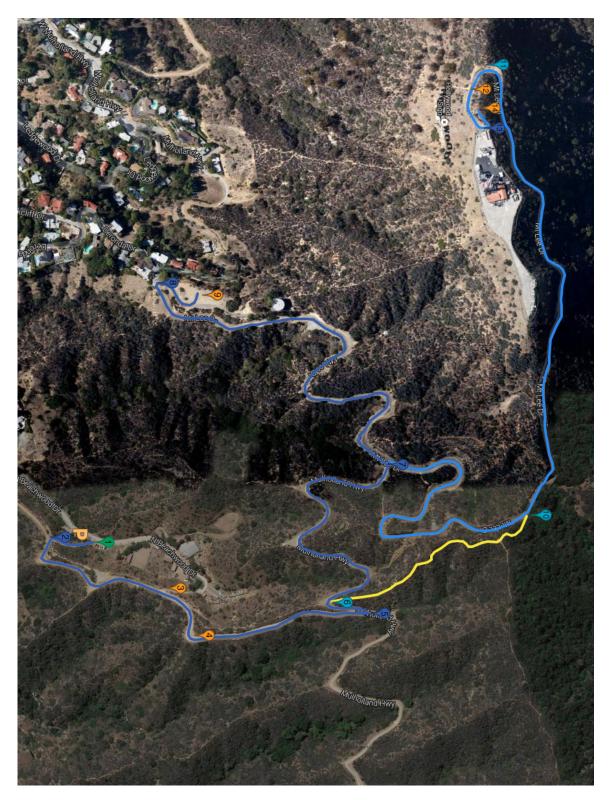# Hollywood Sign Trail Guide

DISTANCE: 4.45
ELEVATION: 1708'
ELEVATION GAIN: 708'
TYPE: Out-and-Back
HIKING TIME: 2.5 Hours
RATING: Moderate

Directions to Trailhead

Exit the 101 N at Beachwood Drive and head north on N. Beachwood Dr. for 1.75 miles to Sunset Ranch Stables. Park in the dirt lot on your right.

From the 101 S, exit at Gower and turn left. Drive one block to the light and turn right onto Franklin. Drive one block and turn left onto N. Beachwood Dr. Proceed for 1.75 miles to Sunset Ranch Stables. Park in the dirt lot on your right.

There is no water at the trailhead or on the trail; bring plenty with you. This is a sunshine trail; sunscreen is mandatory.

Parking

Park in the dirt parking areas just before Sunset Ranch stables. There are no rest rooms or water available at the trailhead.

Trailhead

Trail begins in the dirt parking area on N Beachwood Dr. Head south on the trail, climbing about 70 yards toward a pass-through notch cut in the rock to access the Hollyridge Trail.

Trail Junction 1

As you pass-through the notch cut in the rock, turn left to access the Hollyridge Trail. Be sure to turn around and look behind you for your first glimpse of the sign.

Sunset Ranch Junction

About .2 mile into your hike you will pass a junction for Sunset Ranch Stables. Watch for

equestrians entering the trail at this point.

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Scenic View 1

The trail rises to a small plateau rising up on your left. As you come around the curve, the Hollywood Sign will come into view at this first of two great viewing areas.   Continue for about .2 mile on the trail to reach the next trail junction.

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Trail Junction 2

The Hollyridge Trail intersects with the Mullholland Highway (dirt fire road). Make the hairpin turn to your left onto the Mullholland Highway and continue uphill about 60 yards to the junction with the Alternate Use Path Trail.

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Alternate Use Path Lower Junction

About 60 yards after turning onto the Mullholland Highway, you will find a single-track use path climbing the ridge on your right. This .25 mile path is a short cut to the top of Mt. Lee, but it is rather steep. Utilizing the use path at this point will also by-pass the second viewing area. You may want to consider using this path as a short cut on your return and continue .25 mile on the Mullholland Highway for now.

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Trail Junction 3

The Mullholland Highway intersects with the paved Mt. Lee Drive at this point. Turning right will take you to the Hollywood Sign and the summit of Mt. Lee in .9 mile. Turning left will take you to the second viewing area in .5 mile for some great picture taking opportunities.

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Trail Junction 4

As you reach the gate at the bottom of Mt. Lee Drive, turn right onto a gated dirt road and climb the short hill to the Viewing Area.

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Scenic View 2

Probably the best of the 2 viewing areas, this access point will give you your closest view of the sign from the front and a great place to snap some pictures. When you've taken all your pictures, retrace your steps along Mt. Lee Drive to Trail Junction 3 at Mullholland Highway. Continue past the intersection moving uphill along Mt. Lee Drive to the summit. The distance to the summit from this point is 1.4 miles.

10 Alternate Use Path Upper Junction

The Alternate Use Path intersects with Mt. Lee Drive on the San Fernando Valley side of the ridge. Consider using the Use Path as an alternate on your return trip for a different view and a shortcut back to the parking area. The Use Path is .25 mile in distance and descends rather steeply at points.

11 Cahuenga Peak Trail Junction

The tallest peak in Griffith Park is only a short distance away should you want to bag the peak. Pick up the trail just beyond the bronze marker. Otherwise, continue around the bend to the Hollywood Sign.

12 The Hollywood Sign

Catch your first view of the sign from the backside as the "H" comes into view.

13 Trail Junction 5

Leave the paved road at the gated facility and make a hairpin turn to the left on the short single-track trail to the summit of Mt. Lee.

14 Summit of Mt. Lee, 1708'

Your best view from the backside of the sign comes from the summit of Mt. Lee above the security fence protecting the sign. You also have great views of Downtown Los Angeles, the Hollywood Reservoir and the Pacific Ocean.