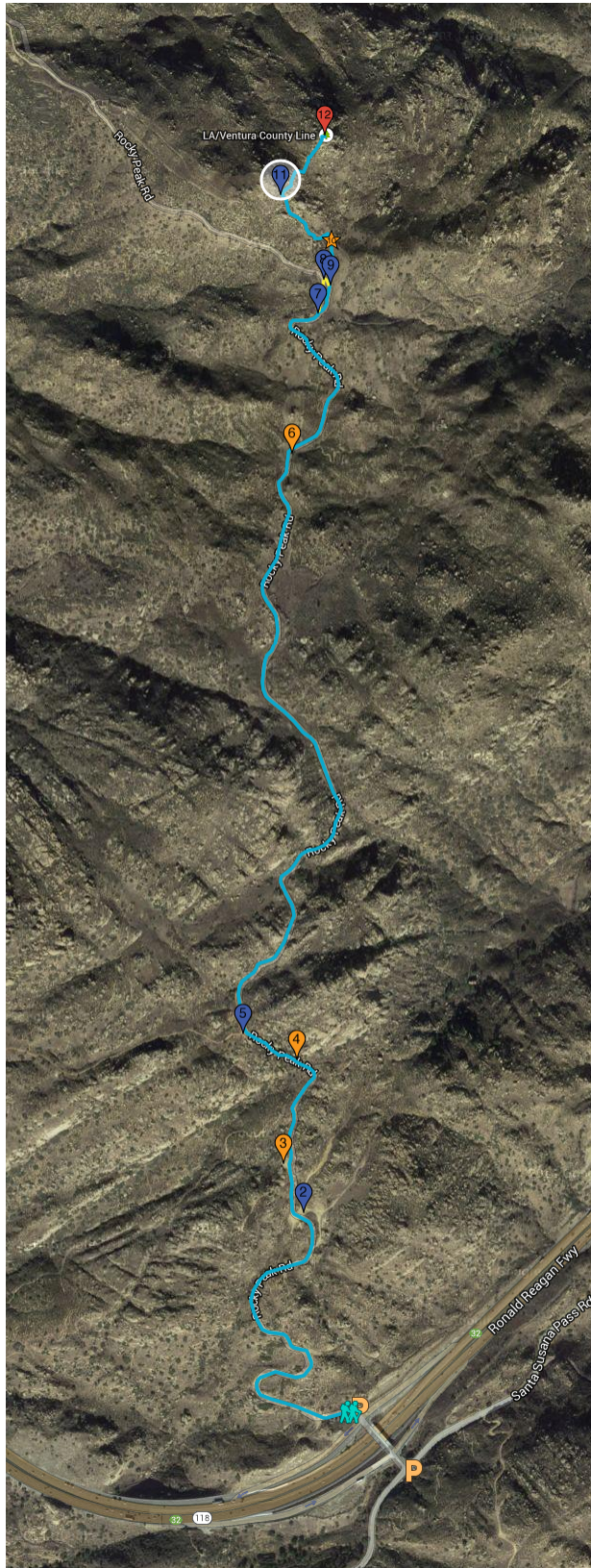


# ROCKY PEAK HIKE

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# Rocky Peak Trail Guide

DISTANCE: 4.5 Miles Roundtrip  
ELEVATION: 2715'  
ELEVATION GAIN: 1100'  
TYPE: Out-and-Back  
HIKING TIME: 2 - 3 hours  
RATING: Strenuous

## Directions to Trailhead

Rocky Peak Road  
Simi Valley, CA 93063  
Trailhead coordinates: 34.268362, -118.636155

From Los Angeles:

Take Route 118 west to exit 32 for Rocky Peak Road (ten miles west of the 405 Freeway). At the end of the offramp turn right into a small parking area where Rocky Peak Road crosses the freeway. If the spaces by the trailhead are full, there is additional parking at the south end of the bridge (Rocky Peak Road) on the opposite side of the 118.

From Oxnard/Ventura:

Take Route 118 east to exit 32 for Rocky Peak Road. At the end of the offramp to the left is overflow parking for the trail. To reach the main parking area, turn left at the top of the offramp onto Rocky Peak Road and cross the freeway to the opposite side.



The trail begins in the northern parking lot at the top of the on/off ramp for the 118. Cross around the gate and begin hiking uphill on a short section of paved road. The pavement will end at the top of the hill and become a dirt fire road.



At .5 mile, you will find a number of intersecting roads and trails. Cross the open flat space and continue on the main trail.



The first of two benches appears just off the left side of the trail at .6 miles.



At .75 mile, you will pass a small wind-formed cave on your right. Take a few minutes to crawl around and explore this geologic feature, then continue on the Rocky Peak Fire Road.



At .1 mile after the cave, The Hummingbird Trail veers off to the left at this junction marked with a sign post and a small bench. After taking in the views, continue straight on the Rocky Peak Fire Road.



The only shade along the entire hike is provided by this weathered old oak at approximately 1.7 miles.



.2 mile after the oak tree, bear right onto the single-track that rises above the fire road. If you miss this turn, you have one more chance at the next bend.



If you miss the first junction with the single-track, take the hairpin turn to your right where Rocky Peak Road makes a 90° turn to the left. Proceed up the steep embankment to the single-track trail.



At just under 2 miles, the alternate connection trail from Rocky Peak Road intersects the single-track trail. If you are coming up from the fire road, turn left at this point. If you are already on the single-track, continue straight.



At about 2.1 miles into your hike, you will want to take a moment to check your surroundings. Looking north you will see the summit of Rocky Peak to your right and a "V-shaped" rocky outcropping on your left. Follow the trail as it goes around the left side of the outcropping. The trail will become very steep as it ascends toward the outcropping. As you reach the outcropping, the trail will level out. Be prepared to make a right turn as you pass the outcropping on the left.



After the very steep ascent the trail will level out. As you pass the outcropping (2.25 miles), look to your right for a trail passing behind the outcropping toward Rocky Peak. This trail is not well defined and is easy to miss. If you find yourself walking away from Rocky Peak, you've gone to far. Remember, you want to cross behind the "V-shaped outcropping." The summit is only about .25 mile from this point.



Congratulations! You've reached the summit of Rocky Peak and its stunning 360° vistas. Directly beneath the high point is a small cave. There is also a marker on the summit marking the boundary between Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Just below the summit to the east is another great viewing point at the edge of the cliff. Here you will find a metal lockbox on a post with a journal inside. Be sure to add you name, date and a few comments.