

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Tri Peaks

3,010'

Location: Santa Monica Mountains, Ventura County, adjoining Mugu State Park
Maps: Harrison - Trail Map of the Santa Monica Mountains Western Section
Topo: Trifuno Pass 7.5 and Newbury Park 7.5

Primary Route: 3.5 miles o/w, 1,300' gain

Driving Instruction:

From Pacific Coast Highway, just past the Ventura County Line, take the Yerba Buena Road to your right and drive 6 miles to Circle X Ranch Ranger Station. Continue 1 mile further to the signed 'Backbone Parking' lot (2,030' elev.) on your left. No fee.

Hiking Instructions:

See hiking instructions to Sandstone Peak, then Boney Peak, Inspiration Point and Exchange Peak. Continue on the Boney Mountain Road in a northerly direction to a signed junction. This junction at the end of the road is sometimes called Backcountry on maps. Here a trail sign points to Tri Peaks to your left (NW), the trail to the right (North-East) is the Misha Mowka Trail, leading back to the highway. From here, it is 0.5 mile with 325' gain to the summit. The trail crosses an intermittent stream and at a junction the Backbone Trail turns left (SW), do not take it. Continue NW for a short distance to the second trail on the left (W). The eroded trail goes uphill for 0.3 mi to a saddle at elev. 2900', turns North for 0.2 mi to the rocky ridge. Near the summit the trail turns East to an obvious route to the summit blocks on the south slope. Ropes are not necessary, but caution is. It is not necessary to climb the rocks, the register is below them. Return the same way to the signed intersection

Either return the same way to the parking lot, or, from the Backcountry junction, take the Misha Mokwa Trail back, past Split Rock and Balanced Rock View to shortly before the Misha Mokwa Trailhead, where a connector trail takes you back to the original Backbone Trail trailhead.

Notes:

For information, call National Park Service at (818) 597-9192 x 201

Near-by Peaks: Sandstone Peak, Boney Peak, Inspiration Point, Exchange Peak, Big Dome

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