

# USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

## Calabasas Peak

2,163'

Location: Santa Monica Mountains  
Maps: Tom Harrison: Trail Map of the Santa Monica Mountains Central  
Topo: Malibu Peak 7.5

**Primary Route:** 2.0 miles, 950' gain one way

### **Driving Instruction:**

Exit Fwy 101 at Topanga Canyon South (Rt. 27). Go about 1 mile to Mulholland Dr. Turn right. Go about 1 mile to Mulholland Highway. Turn left and continue for 6.2 miles to Stunt Road, turn left and continue one mile, park on the right of the road.

### **Hiking Instructions:**

Cross the street and hike up the Calabasas Peak Fire Road, first west and then north. The road is steep and rocky. When you reach a saddle after 1 mile, you are on 'Fossil Ridge'. Another road to the right (East) drops down through Red Rock Canyon and to the old Topanga Canyon Road, but stay to the left (North). Upon reaching a longer saddle climb a bank to the left (West), make another turn to the left going steeply uphill to the peak. Return the way you came.

**Alternate Route:** 2.5 miles, 950' gain one way

### **Driving Instruction Alternate Route:**

Exit Fwy. 101 at Mulholland Highway (South) in Woodland Hills. Continue south for ½ mile to Valmar Road and turn right. Valmar Road becomes Old Topanga Canyon Rd. Continue to Mulholland Hwy and turn right. In less than a quarter mile turn left onto Old Topanga Canyon Rd and drive 4 miles to Red Rock Canyon Road, turn right and continue one mile. Park at the Ranger Station.

### **Hiking Instructions**

Take the fire road uphill to the saddle ('Fossil Ridge') mentioned above and turn right (North). Continue past a rock formation on the right, where a use trail is visible on the left. Take it to the peak.

### **Notes:**

The area around the peak belongs to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Calabasas is a type of wild gourd in Spanish.

Natural History: To the west the peak overlooks Stokes canyon, southwest Cold Canyon, and southeast Red Rock Canyon. The ridge to the east of Calabasas Peak Fire Road above Red Rock Canyon is known as 'Fossil Ridge' as it contains marine fossils. A brushy trail on the peak's west side offers better contact with the flora of the area than does the fire road.

**Near-by Peaks:** Saddle Peak East

Original: Lee Christie, Santa Monica Mountains Peak Climbing Program, 1977

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