

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

San Juan Hill

1,781'

Location: Chino Hills State Park
Maps: AAA Orange County, LA County,
Topo: Prado Dam Yorba Linda 7.5

Primary Route: 3 miles o/w, 1,000' gain

Driving Instructions:

Exit the 91 freeway on Imperial Highway, drive Imperial Highway North to Yorba Linda Blvd. Turn right on Yorba Linda Blvd., continue for 2 miles to Fairmont Blvd and turn left. After 1.8 miles turn left on Rim Crest Drive for 0.3 miles and park. Observe parking signs! Park entrance and sign, no fee.

Coming from Fwy. 57 exit Imperial Highway and drive South to Yorba Linda Blvd. Turn left on Yorba Linda Blvd. Continue for 2 miles to Fairmont Blvd and turn left. See above.

Hiking Instructions:

Start at the Trail Board and take the road to the right (East) uphill. Stay on this road for 2.7 m. There are several side roads and trails leading down to Telegraph Canyon. At the base of San Juan Hill a trail starts to the summit, which is marked with a stone marker. Return the way you came.

Alternate Route : 10 miles round trip, 1800' gain

Gilman Peak and San Juan Hill are often hiked together, also see Gilman Peak Guide.

There are many other approaches as well as other entrances to the park. See Chino Hills State Park map.

This is for hiking San Juan Hill first, followed by Gilman Peak.

Driving Instructions:

Same as above.

Hiking Instructions:

Start at the gate and take the road to the right, the South Ridge Road, uphill. At 2.7 miles a marked trail starts at the right, leading to the top of San Juan Hill in a short distance. Return the same way for about 2.4 miles to the Little Canyon trail on your right, ignoring several utility trails. Descend 350 feet and 0.3 miles to the Telegraph Canyon trail. Turn left a very short distance, and take the Gilman trail on the right, crossing a creek bed and going uphill for about a mile and 850 feet of gain to reach the bare and flat top of Gilman Peak. Return down to Telegraph Canyon, and either climb the Little Canyon trail back to the South Ridge Road, where you turn right to get back to the trail head. The other, easier option is to take the Gilman trail from the top back to the Telegraph Canyon trail, turn right and hike 0.5 miles to Easy Street trail, turn left and 0.4 miles later the trail head is reached.

Notes: No water except at Ranger Residence in the center of the park. Maps can be obtained at the Park Entrance. This whole area is most attractive during moderate or cool spring and fall seasons. On weekends there are multitudes of bikers to watch for. Birds are plentiful. Deer, coyotes, and mountain lions have been observed in the park. Park is closed to all users during rains and two days after rain.

Near-by Peaks: Gilman Peak

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