

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Boney Peak

2,830'

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

Primary Route: 2 miles o/w, 800' gain

Driving Instruction:

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

Hiking Instructions:

See hiking instructions to Sandstone Peak. Hike 1.5 miles and 1060' gain to summit junction to Sandstone Peak. From the marked trail to Sandstone Peak, continue South-West on the road, losing 100' to the saddle with elevation 2725', where a trail used to come up from the left (South). Only a wooden post is left. Look for a duck and a use trail to your left (South-East), climb through some brush, and keep on the left side of a large square rock, continue to a huge summit block. The summit block is Class 3 climbing, the register is below on the north side. Do not attempt to climb this rock from the south or east face!

Either return the same way to the parking lot, or continue on the road to the west, past Inspiration Point and Exchange Peak to the trail Junction with the Misha Mokwa trail to the right. Take this trail and hike back (east) past Split Rock to shortly before the Misha Mokwa Trailhead, where a connecting trail brings you back to the original Backbone Trail and the trailhead. This is a 7 mile RT hike.

Notes:

See comments for Sandstone Peak.

The main trail was graded and the use trail to the peak was clipped 2004.

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

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