

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Inspiration Point

2,800'

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

Primary Route: 2.1 miles o/w, 1,150' 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. Elevation 2,030'. No fee.

Hiking Instructions:

See hiking instructions to Sandstone Peak. Continue another mile, past Boney Peak, on the road. To the left (south) there is a sign to Inspiration Point, walk the very short distance on a good trail to the peak. There is a plaque on the summit.

Either return the same way to the parking lot, or continue on the road to the west past 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 makes a 7 mile RT hike.

Notes:

Excellent views! See comments for Sandstone Peak

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

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