

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Santa Paula Peak

4,957'

Location: 6 miles NNE of Santa Paula, Ventura County
Maps: Los Padres National Forest
Topo: Santa Paula

Primary Route: 5.5 miles o/w, 3,600' gain

Driving Instruction:

The peak is located North of Hwy 126 between Fillmore and Santa Paula. It can be reached by driving

1. I-5, then Hwy 126 West at Castaic Junction
2. Fwy. 101, taking again Hwy 126 East from Ventura
3. Fwy 101, then taking Hwy 23 in Thousand Oaks through Moorpark to Fillmore, then turning West on Hwy.126.

5 miles West of Fillmore or 3 mi East of Santa Paula turn North on Timber Canyon Road. Use the number provided to open the locked gate. In 2 miles park between the residence and the barn or at a place Mr. Diamond asked you to park. (see Special Notes below).

Hiking Instructions:

Follow the dirt road North past the residence for 0.5 miles. Walk through the locked gate on the right and proceed North 1.0 mile arriving at a cattle-feeding area where the road turns West. At this point pick up a trail continuing North for about 0.3 miles where the trail, now a road again, turns East and then back South up to the first shoulder on the ridge. Just before the road starts downhill (North) again, look for a sharp switchback to the left, along the West side of the big ridge up to the peak, generally in a northerly direction. The trail is very unclear in the beginning, but later it is more distinct, with no choices until you get almost to the top. There, at a signed post, take a steep rough trail to the West over rocks to the summit.

Notes:

No water on trail, carry at least 2 quarts

Mr. Diamond at (805) 525-1219 would appreciate advance notification of intent to pass through his property. Please respect his property (avocado groves and plenty of cattle).

To quote How Bailey: The view is terrific! We could see all eight of the Channel Islands, the Topatopa Ridge, and many HPS peaks in all directions.

Information provided by Alan Coles and How Bailey

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