



# QUICK GUIDE TO BIG ROCK MOTORWAY TRAIL

## SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

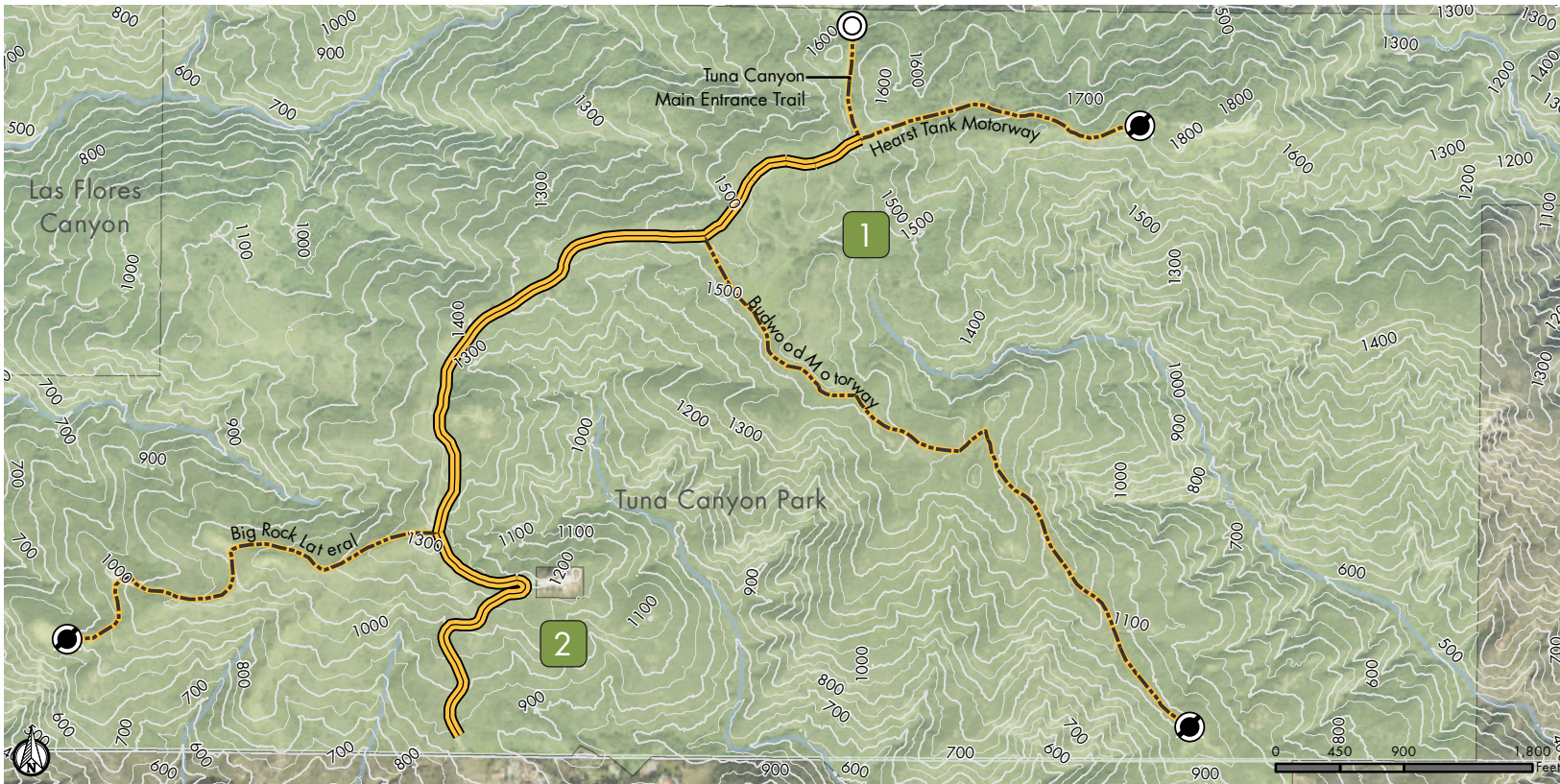
Quick Guide  
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**DESCRIPTION:** This trail follows Big Rock Motorway, a dirt fire road offering grand ocean views from the fire roads that branch off from the motorway, Big Rock Lateral and Budwood Motorway. The fire roads are out and back trails/trips but the ocean views and cool breezes offer a worthy destination at the end of each route.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the PCH, head north on Topanga Canyon Blvd. approx. 4 miles. Turn left (south) onto Fernwood-Pacific, and travel several winding miles up through the community to the ridgeline. Turn left onto Tuna Canyon Road. Travel approx. 1.2 mi. to the dirt pullout that constitutes the trailhead entrance for this lovely park. Note that just south of the park Tuna Canyon Road becomes one-way southbound out to the PCH and can be used to exit the area, but not to travel up to the area from the coast.



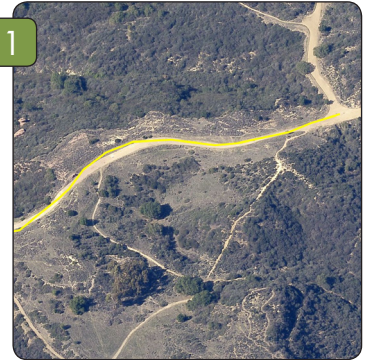
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Elevation Gain: 623 feet



Overview



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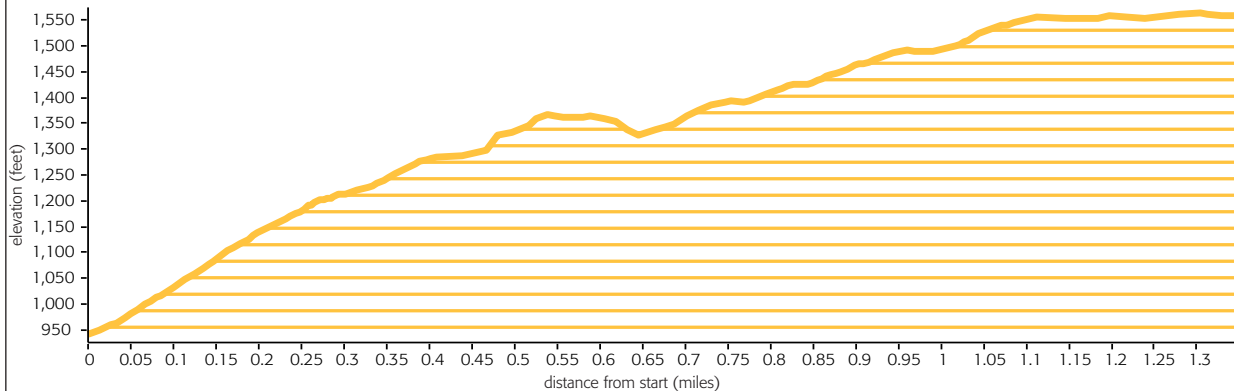
### Access & Features

- Trailhead
- End of Public Trail

### Trail Type

Trail Road (unpaved)

Public Parkland and Other Protected Open Space



# QUICKGUIDE INFORMATION

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## SAFETY FIRST



In case of **EMERGENCY** dial 911.

For non-emergencies on County trails call the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Parks Bureau Dispatch at (800) 834-0064.

## HAZARDS ON THE TRAIL



Rattlesnakes occasionally sun themselves in the middle of the trail. If encountered, keep your distance and allow space for the snake to retreat.



Poison oak can be identified by groups of 3 leaves going up the branch. It's best avoided by staying on the trail and wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts to prevent contact with skin.



Ticks are most often found in shaded, grassy areas off the beaten path. Stick to established trails and wear long pants to avoid contact. Check for ticks frequently, especially the scalp, waist and other dark places where they can hide.

## SHARE THE TRAIL



When trail conditions require a right of way for safe passage, **equestrian users have the primary right of way, hikers next and then mountain bikers**. When trail conditions allow and when there is width to safely pass, common courtesy should prevail for all users. Stand to one side of the trail and allow them to pass. When in a group, avoid blocking the trail. **Mountain bikers yield to all trail users**. Anticipate other trail users as you ride around corners. Mountain bikers traveling downhill must yield to all users, including other mountain bikers, headed uphill. In general, make each pass a safe and courteous one.

## WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ Water for you and your animal(s)
- ✓ Trail map
- ✓ High energy snacks
- ✓ Waste bags for your dog
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Extra clothing
- ✓ Sunglasses/hat
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Insect repellent
- ✓ Trekking poles (optional)
- ✓ Flashlight (optional)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For information visit [trails.lacounty.gov](http://trails.lacounty.gov) or any of our partners' websites at [nps.gov](http://nps.gov), [parks.ca.gov](http://parks.ca.gov), [smmc.ca.gov](http://smmc.ca.gov), [lamountains.com](http://lamountains.com), or [rmc.ca.gov](http://rmc.ca.gov). Visitor Center for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, (805) 370-2300

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