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# QUICK GUIDE TO CHAPARRAL TRAIL

**DESCRIPTION:** The trail climbs up from Malibu Creek through a low saddle between two ridgelines. Connect with Craggs Road and Mott Road to create a nice loop. If continuing on to High Road via Craggs Road, note this section may be impassable when wet. Chaparral Trail is generally open and exposed to direct sun. Closer to Craggs Road, the trail turns north and provides views to the creek valley below.

**DIRECTIONS:** Chaparral Trail can be accessed from the main entrance at Malibu Creek State Park via Craggs Road. From the 101, exit at Las Virgenes Rd in Calabasas and head south for 3.4 miles. The park entrance is just past Mulholland Hwy on the right. From the PCH, turn east onto Malibu Canyon Rd. Continue onto the Las Virgenes Rd. Park entrance on left after 1 mile.

## SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



### MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK

Length: 0.45 miles

Elevation Gain: 197 feet



Overview



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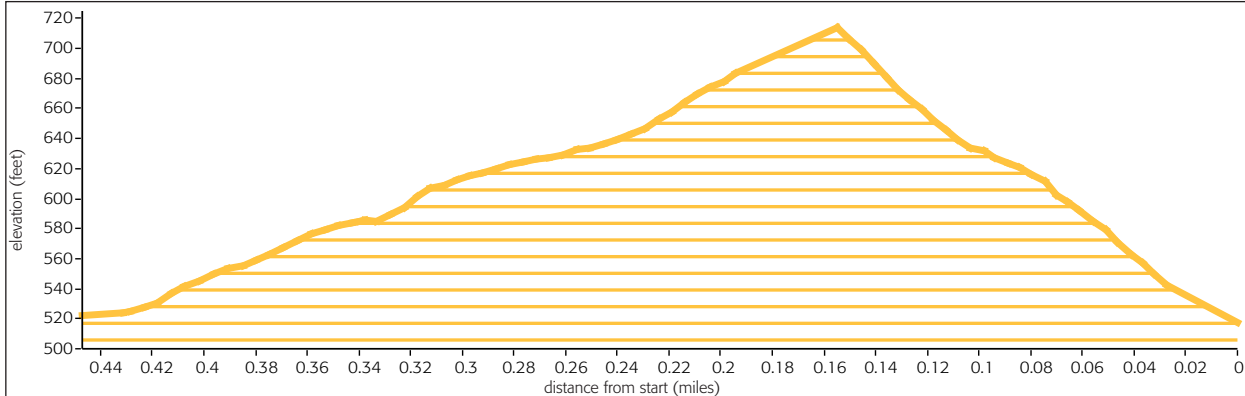
#### Access & Features

- End of Public Trail
- Restroom

#### Trail Type

Natural Trail

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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