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# QUICK GUIDE TO WILLOW CREEK TRAIL

**DESCRIPTION:** This trail forms the east portion of the Leo Carrillo Scenic Loop. Connect with Nicholas Flat Trail to complete the 2-mile loop. From the Leo Carrillo State Park staging area, the trail heads east along the hillside above the Malibu Coast, the Pacific Ocean and the Willow Creek watershed. The trail follows the creek north and then up the hillside with multiple switchbacks. At the intersection with Nicholas Flat Trail, hike out to Leo Carrillo Scenic Overlook Trail for great views.

**DIRECTIONS:** The southern trailhead can be accessed from the Leo Carrillo State Park staging area, located on the PCH, approximately 10 miles north of Malibu. From the parking lot, head northwest on the Nicholas Flat Trail approximately 250 feet to the trailhead on the right.

## SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



### LEO CARRILLO STATE PARK

Length: 0.94 miles

Elevation Gain: 558 feet



Off-trail use is prohibited in all State Parks.

Overview



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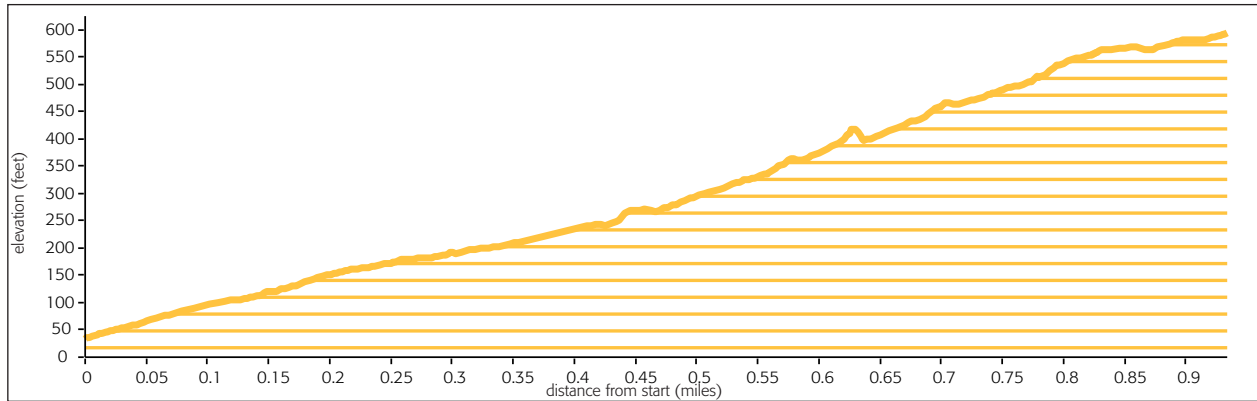


**Access & Features**

- Trail Access Point
- Overlook

**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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