



# QUICK GUIDE TO ZUMA CANYON TRAIL

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**DESCRIPTION:** This 2.8-mile trail explores the open Zuma Canyon. The sandy trail stretches north along a stony creek bed and through brushy open space. As the mouth of the canyon closes, oaks and sycamores become more abundant, providing greenery and shade for trail users. This trail has amazing views of Zuma Canyon and is abundant with native wildlife and vegetation. Zuma Canyon Trail gently climbs 300 feet, making it ideal for a casual jog, hike or horse ride. Extend your outing by making a loop with Canyon View and Ocean View Trails.

**DIRECTIONS:** From PCH, turn inland at Busch Drive across from Zuma Beach. Travel north and turn right (east) onto Rainsford Place. Turn left (north) onto Bonsall Drive and travel until its end. The trail leaves from the northwest corner of the unpaved lot at the end of Bonsall Drive.

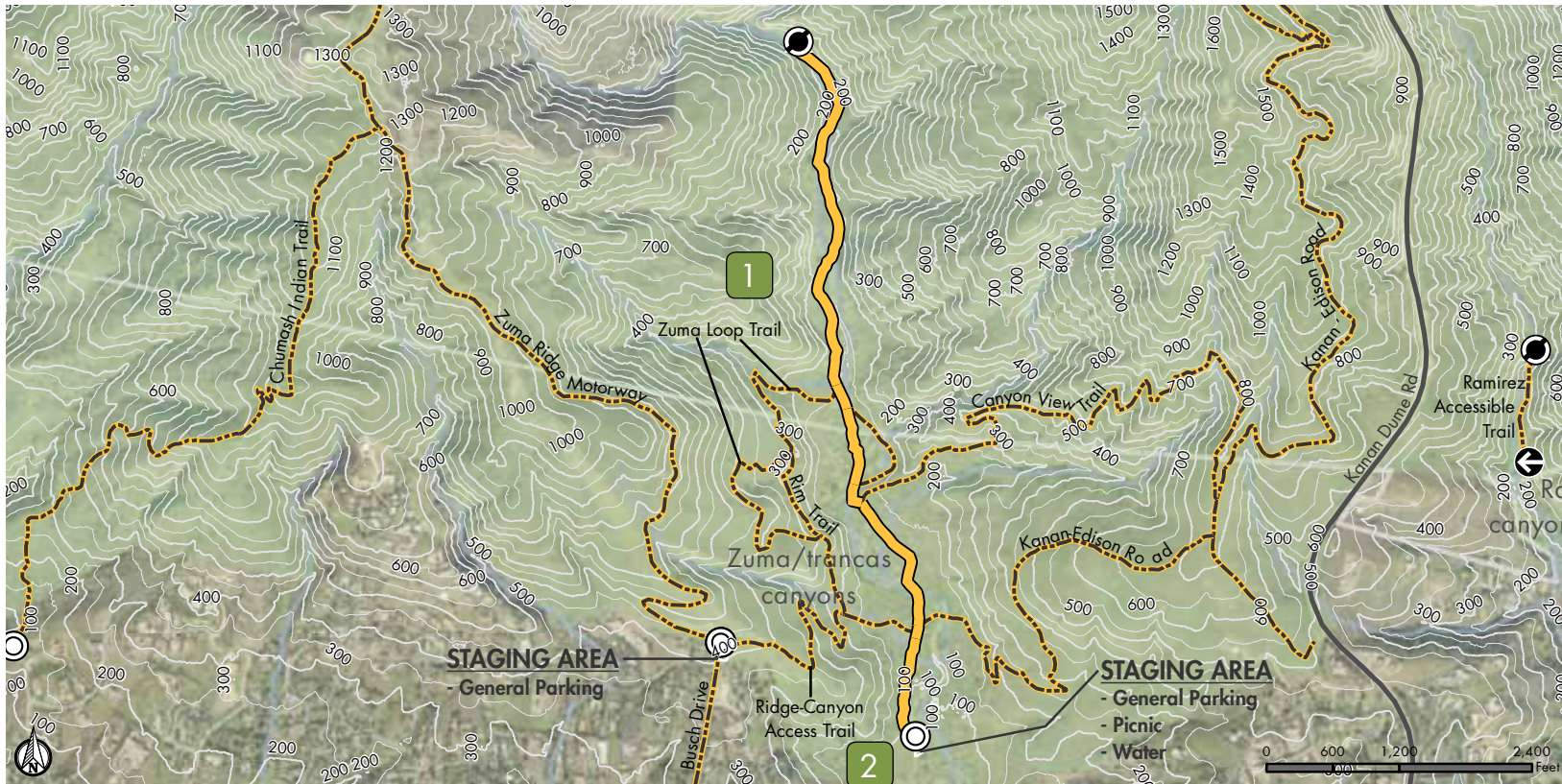
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### ZUMA/TRANCAS CANYONS

Length: 1.15 miles

Elevation Gain: 102 feet



Overview



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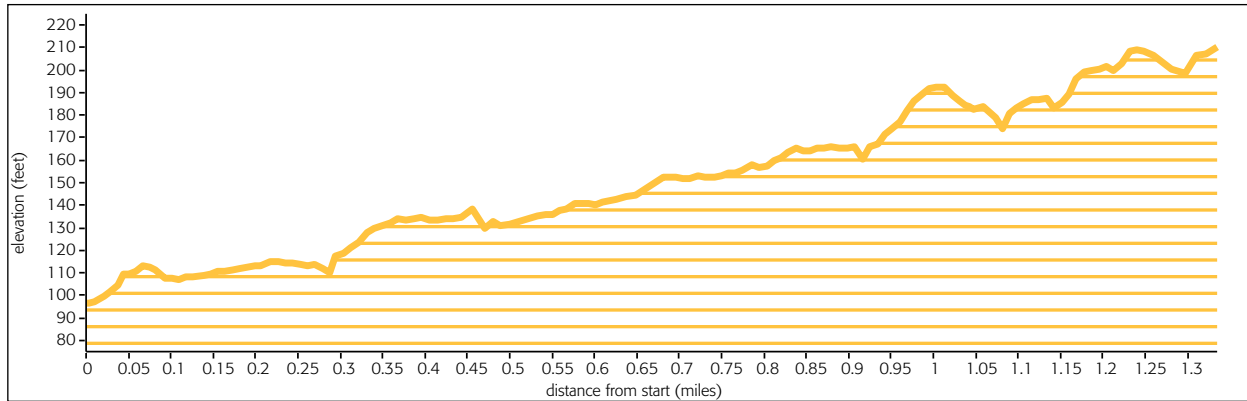


#### Access & Features

- Trailhead
- End of Public Trail

#### Trail Type

- Natural Trail





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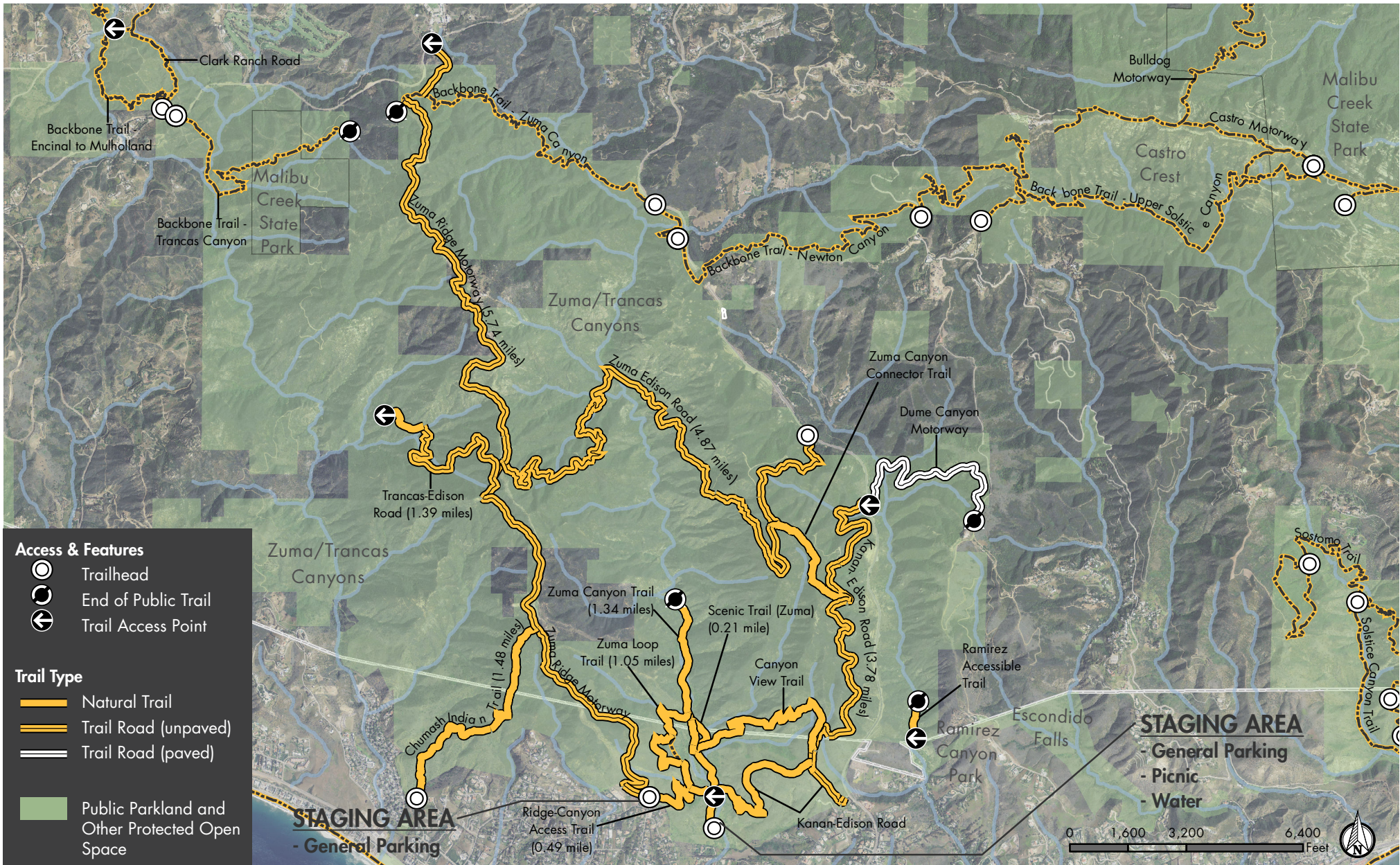


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**DESCRIPTION:** Zuma/Trancas Canyons comprise a large area of continuous native habitat. "Zuma" is the Chumash word for abundance, which is fitting given the amount of plant and animal life in the area. Trails dive into remote canyon bottoms and travel along ridgelines with broad horizons. The Backbone Trail System ties in with Zuma Ridge Motorway. Cyclists are not allowed on any trails in lower Zuma Canyon. Equestrians are allowed on all trails, except Ramirez Accessible Trail.

**DIRECTIONS:** From PCH, turn inland at Busch Dr, across from Zuma Beach. Travel 1.3 mi. to the Zuma Ridge Trailhead, or turn right (east) onto Rainsford Pl, then left (north) on Bonsall Dr to the Zuma Canyon Trailhead. The trails in can also be accessed from the Kanan Backbone Trailhead. From the 101, exit Kanan Rd. Head south 8 miles to trailhead.



# 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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