

# USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

## Rocky Peak

2,714'

Location: Santa Susana Mountains, Simi Valley  
Maps: AAA Los Angeles & Orange Counties  
Topo: Simi Valley East 7.5

**Primary Route:** 3 miles o/w, 1,200' gain

### **Driving Instruction:**

Take I-5 north, then Fwy.118 West to Simi Valley. Exit on Rocky Road (Santa Susana Pass). The trailhead is on the right (north) immediately at the exit. Limited Parking at the Trailhead, but there is plenty of parking along Santa Susana Pass Road on the other side of the freeway

### **Hiking Instructions:**

Walk up the old road past the locked gate. The road climbs steadily. At about 1 mile the Hummingbird Trail turns left/East. Continue north on the road for about 1.5 more miles. Here take a trail leading sharply right/SE. This trail leads on the ridge, then around several bumps to the peak. There are many use-trails, all of them lead to the rocky peak. Some of these paths are Class 2. The summit, truly rocky, has an USGS Marker and is located on the border of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Return the way you came, or try a loop trip.

**Alternate Route:** 4.5 miles o/w, 1,400' gain

### **Driving Instruction:**

Take I-5 North, then Fwy. 118 West to Simi Valley. Exit on Yosemite Avenue. Head North for 0.5 miles, turn right on Flanagan Road and drive another 0.7 mile to the end. Park here.

### **Hiking Instructions:**

The Chumash Trail starts at the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Sign and leads north across an open meadow. Then it starts climbing and soon reaches chaparral. The good trail is marked with mileposts. At 2.6 miles you intercept the Rocky Peak Road. Turn right/South for another 1.5 miles and you reach the turn-off point for Rocky Peak, about 0.5 miles. See above.

### **Notes:**

No water on trail. No shade. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy bought this property from Bob Hope in 1991. Rocky Peak is the highest point accessible in the Santa Susana Mountains. The views from the peak include San Fernando Valley, Simi Valley, high peaks in the Los Padres National Forest and Anacapa Island. This trip is best hiked as a loop trip, a car shuttle is required.

The peak burnt 2003 in the Simi Fire.

**References:** John McKinney, LA Times

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