

Upper Santa Ynez Canyon To The Waterfall From Dead Horse Trail

June 8th

Hike Coordinator: Shirley Feinblatt

Distance: 8 miles round trip

Total Elevation: 1500 ft. loss & gain

Trailhead: Dead Horse Trail

Start Time: 9:30

Trail Directions: From US 101 turn south on Topanga Canyon Blvd. 7.6 miles From PCH turn north on Topanga Canyon 4.6 miles. Turn east on Entrada Road, 200 yards to the parking lot on left.

Restrooms available at the parking lot

Hike:

After 10 minutes on the trail we cross Trippet Creek on a beautiful, rustic, wooden bridge & climb gradually for 1.1 miles to Trippet Ranch headquarters and the upper parking lot.

For those wanting a shorter hike, you can start at the upper parking lot. Have someone count, so we know how many hikers started from there.

From the east end of the upper parking lot take the trail past the right of the white brick building. Turn right on the Nature Trail and wind uphill through the woods. This trail goes across a grassy area that has a succession of attractive flowering plants every spring. At the top of the hill turn left on the fire road and continue uphill until the basalt knoll on the right is passed. Then turn right and start down into Santa Ynez Canyon. Down in the canyon you are instantly in a new environment of Oak, Sycamore and Walnut trees. Blackberries and Currants line the trail.

Vicki reminds me there may be a lot of poison oak. If anyone wants to, about half a mile down the trail, start looking for a side trail on the left. It isn't well marked and can be missed. Take this side trail and descend along a rocky ridge. About 500 yards down the trail are some caves. You may return at any point to make the hike what ever distance you want.

Refreshments will be served at the 2nd parking lot.