

2023 Los Padres Wilderness Basics Course
WBC Car Camp Day Hikes
Sunday, March 5, 2023

Trip Grading System

The grade is a 3-part code describing the difficulty of the outing. The first part, a letter, refers to the overall difficulty of the trip. The second part, a number, states the number of miles that will be traveled on the longest day. The third part, another letter, refers to the total cumulative elevation gain, or loss, for the longest day.

Difficulty

E = Easy

M = Moderate

S = Strenuous

Mileage

This is the number of miles, rounded to the nearest mile, traveled on the longest day of the trip.

Elevation Gain/Loss

A = less than 500 ft.

B = 501 to 1000 ft.

C = 1001 to 2000 ft.

D = 2001 to 3000 ft.

E = over 3001 ft.

Example: M8C

"M8C" would be a moderately difficult trip with an 8-mile hike on the longest day and which could climb or descend up to 2000 feet in one day.

All hikers: Bring daypack, lunch, water, 10 essentials, boots or sturdy hiking shoes

1. Tapia Spur Trail E3A

Outing Leader: Marc

Grade: Easy

Assistant Leader: Scott/Heather

Enjoy a 2.5-3.0 mile out and back hike from the campground along the Tapia Spur Trail with 175' of gain. The recent rain should make everything green. We'll keep an eye out for wildflowers and wildlife. Wear hiking boots or shoes. Bring snack/lunch, water, 10 essentials, and rain gear if needed. A day pass will be needed for parking. For more information, contact Marc at 2mhertz@prodigy.net

2. Grasslands Loop M4A

Outing Leader: Maureen

Grade: Moderate

Assistant Leader: John Johnson

Join us for a nice, moderate 4.5 mile loop hike on the Grasslands Loop Trail. We'll drive our cars from the campground to the trailhead turnout. We'll hike on a mix of single track and fire road and keep an eye out for wildflowers and wildlife. The recent rain should make everything green. Wear hiking boots or shoes. Bring snack/lunch, water, 10 essentials, and rain gear if needed. For more information, contact Maureen at moenandez@gmail.com

3. Las Virgenes View M5B
Outing Leader: Pete

Grade: Moderate
Assistant Leader: Bill

Enjoy a 5 mile out and back hike to a viewpoint with 668' of gain. We'll climb steadily for 2.5 miles to the Inspiration viewpoint. We'll keep an eye out for wildflowers and wildlife. The recent rain should make everything green. After a snack and water break and plenty of pictures it's downhill all the way to our cars. Wear hiking boots or shoes. Bring snack/lunch, water, 10 essentials, and rain gear if needed. Parking is limited to about 5 cars. We'll drive our cars to the trailhead along Mulholland and Las Virgenes Rd. Additional parking .25 miles away at the grasslands trailhead allows for more car parking. Caution will be required when walking along Mulholland Drive. It will be best to carpool. For more information, contact Pete at pchavez33@yahoo.com

4. Phantom Trail M5B
Outing Leader: Alisse

Grade: Moderate
Assistant Leader: Gabe

Enjoy a 5 mile out and back hike along the Phantom Trail/Liberty Canyon to a viewpoint near 1300' with 875' gain. We'll drive our cars from the campground to the trailhead turnout. We'll hike on a mix of single track and fire road and keep an eye out for wildflowers and wildlife. The recent rain should make everything green. Wear hiking boots or shoes. Bring snack/lunch, water, 10 essentials, and rain gear if needed. For more information, contact Alisse at alissefisher@gmail.com

5. Mesa Peak S6C
Outing Leader: Victoria

Grade: Strenuous
Assistant Leader: Jim/Heather

Hike 6 miles on a moderately challenging uphill with 1410' gain on the Backbone trail. We'll keep an eye out for wildflowers and wildlife. Once near Mesa Peak we'll stop and enjoy the coastal views of Malibu with a snack and plenty of pictures. The recent rain should make everything green. After our break we'll turn around and head downhill back to our cars. Wear hiking boots or shoes. Bring snack/lunch, water, 10 essentials, and rain gear if needed. A separate \$8 fee is needed for parking. We'll drive 2.5 miles out from the campground and drive south on Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon to the Backbone trailhead parking lot (right side) just past Piuma Rd (left side). For more information, contact vic.vohland@gmail.com

All hikes will meet and group between 9:00 and 9:15 a.m. Sunday, March 5.
Please consider carpooling.

Directions to Malibu Creek State Park: Drive Hwy 101 south and take exit 33 Lost Hills Road in Calabasas. Turn right/drive south. Turn right/drive south on Las Virgenes Road. Turn right into the park entrance. The park entrance is 3.7 miles from exiting the freeway. Drive to the Group Campsite

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