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Backbone East from Kanan Dume Road

Distance: 8 miles RT

Elevation Gain: 700 ft.

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Directions to Trailhead: From PCH, go north on Kanan Dume Road until you go through the tunnel, park in the parking area on the left side of the road.

From the 101, take Kanan Dume Road south. About 2 miles beyond the intersection with Mulholland you'll see the parking area on the right. If you go through the tunnel, you've gone too far. There are no restrooms at the trailhead.

The Hike: Take the trail that parallels Kanan Dume Road south up to the ridge on top of the tunnel, then turn east, 2.3 miles to Latigo Canyon Road. Cross Latigo Canyon Road to a large parking area. The trail continues across the area on the left. Proceed 1.4 miles from Latigo Canyon to a fire road leading to a saddle at which point turn left and hike up to a locked gate blocking further access to Castro Peak. Alternatively, continue across the saddle to a lesser peak opposite Castro (OTP name: Obert Peak), eat lunch, and return to the trailhead the way we came.

GPS Data: Distance (to Obert Peak) = 8.4 mi. Max Elevation change = 510 ft.