

Hike June 3, 2009
Sycamore Canyon/Backbone Trail/ Overlook Road Trail Loop
Hike Leader: Wolfgang Jahn
Starting Time: 9:30 AM

Direction to Trailhead: You reach the Sycamore Canyon Parking lot by driving about 20 miles west of the Malibu Canyon Road on Pacific Coast Highway.

The hike: Walk through the campground and upstream on the Big Sycamore Canyon Trail. You stay on the trail, passing the Overlook Trail in about half a mile and the Fireline Trail in about one mile to the left and the Serrano Canyon Trail in about 1.3 miles to the right. A little less than 1.0 mile further there is a picnic table; a good stop for the cookie break.

Continue on the Big Sycamore Canyon Trail for another mile to the junction of the Backbone Trail where you turn left (the sign at the junction does not refer to the Backbone Trail, it just says that the trail leads to the Overlook Trail). At the Overlook Trail junction (in about two miles) you turn left again. You follow the Overlook Trail all the way (almost 4 miles) to the Scenic Trail. The Scenic Trail leads you back to the Big Sycamore Canyon Trail where you turn right and back to the trailhead.

Total distance: About 10 miles and about 1200 feet elevation gain.