

**Nicholas Flat from Leo Carrillo State Beach**

Date: 10/17/12

Leader: Roland Bassett

Distance: 8 miles RT

Elevation gain: 2000 ft.

Directions to Trailhead: The trailhead is at Leo Carrillo State Beach which is about 10 miles west of Malibu Canyon Road on the PCH. There is a charge for parking and there are restrooms nearby.

The Hike: The trail takes us up a steep path gaining the 2000 ft. in the first 2 miles. Once achieving the 2000 ft., there is a nice stroll the rest of the way with the possible exception of a short distance of a tunnel like passage through heavy growth. The trail is well defined with some off-shoots for any peak baggers. Once you reach a rutted road-like trail you will come to a fork, take the right tine to go to the lunch spot which is a rocky outcropping along side the lake with an excellent view of the Pacific Ocean. Return the way you came.