

## Hike: East Sullivan Ridge Road

Fireroad 25 from Westridge Road

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Maps:

Topanga,            topo  
Canoga Park,       topo  
Distance:          6.5 miles roundtrip  
Elevation:          1050' gain and loss  
Terrain:            Fireroad  
Time:                2-1/2 hours  
Trailhead:          Westridge Road

Exit the 405 Freeway on Sunset Boulevard west. In Brentwood from the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Mandeville Canyon Road go north on Mandeville 0.27 mile to Westridge Road. Turn left and follow Westridge to the end of the road at the locked gate (2.0 miles). This is a residential area and the only parking available is on the street.

Walk around the gate onto the dirt road that heads north along the ridge. This is Fireroad 25 and stays close to the ridge between Mandeville Canyon on the east and Sullivan Canyon on the west.

The altitude gain is moderate and the footing good. The view to the west into Sullivan Canyon is rugged and impressive. The floor of the canyon is 750' below the trail, making the trail down in the canyon look narrow. Sullivan Ridge is a favorite evening hike. Some spectacular sunsets are seen over the ridge to the west. In the summer, late afternoon is a lot cooler on this shadeless ridge.

Farther along the ridge the road follows the eastern edge of the crest giving a good view of Mandeville Canyon on the east. The floor of the canyon here is also 700-800 feet below the trail. A number of homes have been built in this narrow canyon.

The fireroad comes to an inactive military installation near San Vicente Mountain, now a city park. By taking the road turning left at the gate and climbing a short distance to the top of the knoll, a magnificent view of the San Fernando Valley and the Los Angeles Basin spreads before you.

Return the same way you came.

**Note:** This is a shorter hike than the one Vicky led in Sullivan Canyon on 5/8/02 - 6.5 miles with 1050' gain, vs. 9.0 miles with 1300' gain.