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## Mount Hollywood from Fern Dell

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Distance: 5 to 6 mile round trip.

### Directions:

From Interstate 5, take Los Feliz off ramp and take a left (towards Hollywood) and keep driving, pass Hillburst Avenue and Vermont Avenue till you get to Fern Dell Drive. Go right on Fern Dell and keep going till you reach the Fern Dell parking area/picnic area. There's a small coffee shop on the left hand side for those who want some coffee. There are restrooms there as well at the trailhead. If we park on the coffee shop side of the parking lot there are picnic tables close by. We'll have our refreshments here.

### The hike:

The ascent is constant from the parking area to the summit @ 1619 ft. The altitude gain will be about 1000 ft. The "fire road" is wide open for viewing the L.A. basin and we'll walk right by the "Hollywood" sign....whoopee. The Trailhead is about 50 yards from the parking lot area and winds lazily back and forth till we reach the paved section of the observatory area. From there, the trail continues (Mt. Hollywood trail) to the summit. Once at the top the trail simply loops around and returns back to the paved area. We go back the same way that we came from. Remember were the dirt trail met the paved area.