



# Crystal Cove State Park

Please protect your park.  
Enjoy only these designated trails.

Approximate distances.  
Map not to scale.  
Camping reservations required.  
Dogs are prohibited in the backcountry.

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**Crystal Cove State Park Backcountry Wilderness Area**

- Park hours - 6 am to sunset
- Please use designated trails only
- Multi-use trails, use caution. Speed limit 5 mph
- Fires, smoking prohibited
- All park features protected
- No littering - Please pack out trash

This is a wilderness habitat area. Rattlesnakes and mountain lions are important members of the natural community and may be found in this area. Please use caution.



Trail Suggestions	
<b>EASY</b>	
Distance:	3.0 miles
Elevation Gain/Loss:	287'
Altitude:	Min. 35'   Max. 178'   Avg. 109'
<b>MODERATE</b>	
Distance:	2.85 miles
Elevation Gain/Loss:	633'
Altitude:	Min. 35'   Max. 550'   Avg. 218'
<b>DIFFICULT</b>	
Distance:	4.89 miles
Elev. Gain/Loss:	1053'
Altitude:	Min. 35'   Max. 740'   Avg. 332'
<b>STRENUOUS</b>	
Distance:	8.97 miles
Elev. Gain/Loss:	1848'
Altitude:	Min. 35'   Max. 1000'   Avg. 650'



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## Suggested Trail Routes

*Times are approximate and are based on hiking.  
Your time may vary depending on your fitness level, weather  
conditions and time of year. Bring water and food as needed.*

### EASY OUT AND BACK- MORO CANYON

**Time: 1 hour (approximate) Elevation: 35'-178' Distance: 3.0 miles**

**DETAILS:** Starting at the Ranger Station, walk downhill and turn left onto the dirt trail before the campground. Continue on the dirt to the long bridge. Once you cross the bridge, you will be in beautiful Moro Canyon. Continue up the **MORO CANYON** Trail until you reach the junction with **POLES** and **WEST CUT ACROSS**. Turn around here and retrace your steps back to the Ranger Station.

### MODERATE LOOP TRAIL- NO DOGS, POLES, MORO CANYON

**Time: 1 hour (approximate) Elevation: 35'-550' Distance: 2.85 Miles**

**DETAILS:** Starting at the Ranger Station, walk uphill to the dirt road past a gate. This is the **NO DOGS** Trail which is a short, but moderately uphill hike. Follow the trail until you reach the intersection with **POLES** which is a steep descent (electric poles mark the way downhill.) At the end of **POLES** you will intersect **MORO CANYON** and **WEST CUT ACROSS** Trails. Turn right, downhill on **MORO CANYON** Trail, cross the long bridge, and bear right up a moderate uphill climb, past the campground and back to the parking lot.

### DIFFICULT LOOP TRAIL - MORO CANYON, EAST CUT ACROSS, MORO RIDGE, BFI

**Time: 2 hours (approximate) Elevation: 35'-740' Distance: About 5 miles**

**DETAILS:** Starting at the Ranger Station, walk downhill and turn left onto the dirt trail before the campground. Continue on the dirt to the long bridge. Once you cross the bridge, you will be in beautiful Moro Canyon. Continue up the **MORO CANYON** Trail (~ 1 mile) until you reach the **EAST CUT ACROSS** Trail. Turn right and climb the steep, winding uphill to **MORO RIDGE** (~ 1.1 mile). Turn right towards the ocean and as you near the Coast Highway (~1.6 mile) look for BFI. Turn right on this short-with-some-steep single track which connects with **MORO CANYON**. Turn left, cross the long bridge, and bear right up a moderate uphill climb, past the campground and back to the parking lot.

### STRENUOUS LOOP TRAIL - PARK PERIMETER

**Time: 4.5 hours (approximate) Elevation: 35'-1000' Distance: About 9 miles**

**DETAILS:** This route known as the "Perimeter of the Park" is the best way to experience the whole back-country. Take plenty of water and a snack and stop at one of the three environmental campsites for a view, a rest, or to use the portable toilets. Starting at the Ranger Station, walk uphill to the dirt road past a gate. This is the **NO DOGS** Trail which is a short, but moderately uphill hike. **NO DOGS** connects with **NO NAME RIDGE** (bear left) which has several ups and downs. Pass the junction with **WEST CUT ACROSS** staying on **NO NAME RIDGE** until you turn downhill (right) onto **TICKETRON** Trail. This single track leads to **DEER CANYON** and **CAMPGROUND**. Climb uphill from **DEER CANYON**, to **RED TAIL RIDGE**, bear left to near the park boundary gate. Turn right onto **FENCELINE** Trail (single track) eastbound which becomes **MISSING LINK** Trail (single track) and ends at **MORO RIDGE**. Turn right on **MORO RIDGE** which runs along the southeastern boundary of the Park. Stay on the ridge for 3+ miles, and turn right onto the single track- BFI. This trail leads to **MORO CANYON** where you turn left, go over the long bridge, bear right uphill, past the campground and back to the parking lot.