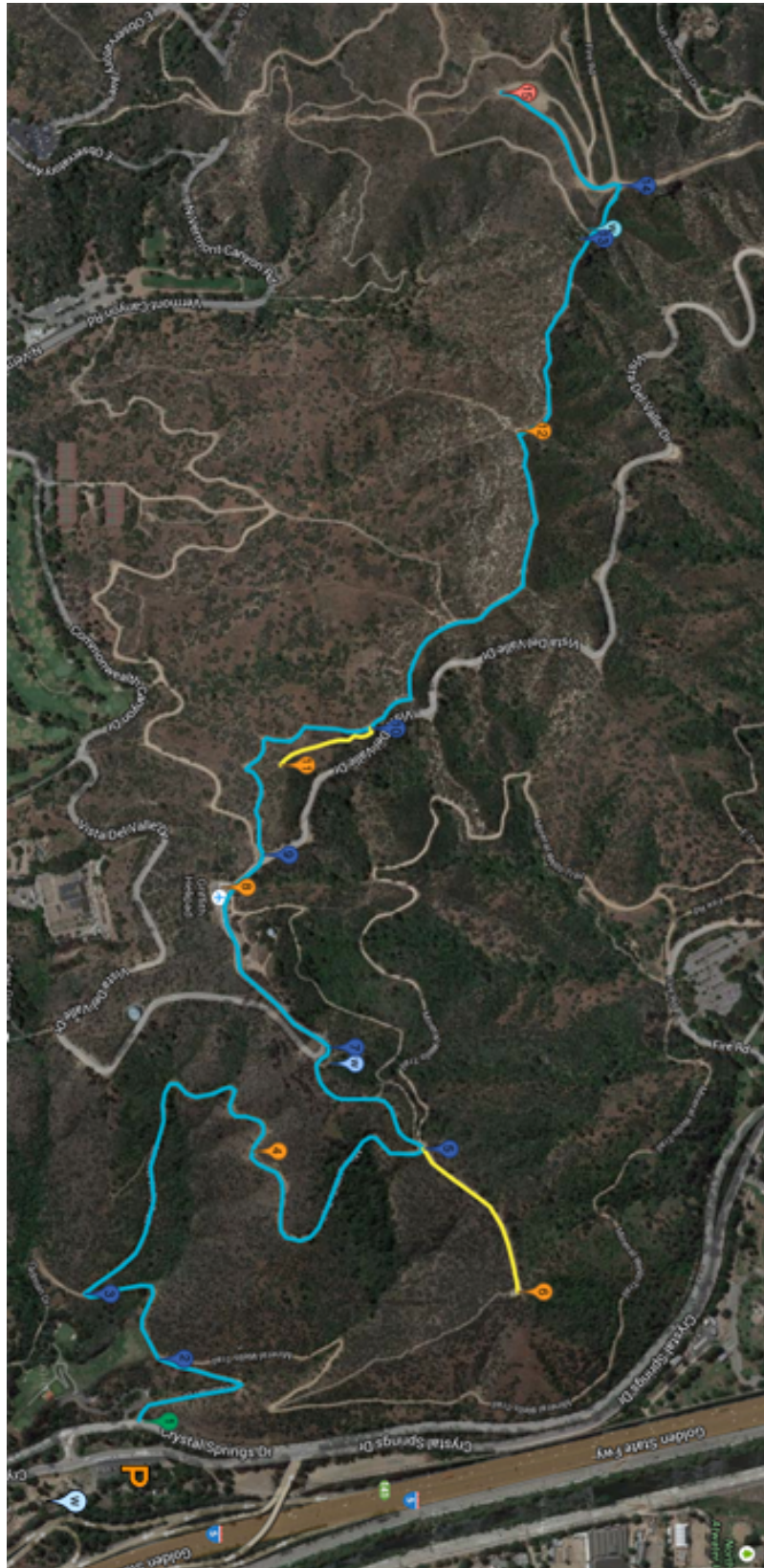


Mt. Hollywood Hike

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## Mt. Hollywood Trail Guide

### Parking

Griffith Park  
Crystal Springs Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Exit the 5 at Los Feliz Blvd and head west approximately .2 mile. Turn right onto Crystal Springs Drive at the entrance to the park and proceed .4 mile. Park along Crystal Springs Drive or in the Pony Ride Lot.

Trailhead is across Crystal Springs Drive on the dirt fire road next to the Marty Tregnan Golf Academy.

### Trailhead

The trail begins on the dirt fire road next to the Marty Tregnan Golf Academy. The trail curves to the right and climbs .1 mile to a hairpin turn to the left, continuing another .15 mile to the first trail junction.

### Trail Junction 1

As you reach the junction the trail will level out briefly. The trail forks with a hairpin turn to your right and a second trail almost directly in front of you, running parallel to a high chain link fence at the back of the golf academy driving range. Follow the trail along the fence.

Once you have cleared the fence you will descend briefly into the next canyon and then begin a long, steady uphill climb until you reach the Klass Water Stop in just over a mile.

### Trail Junction 2

The trail forks again, but this time you will take the hairpin turn up and to your right. The trail will become quite steep for the next .3 mile.

As you climb this section of the trail, you may notice a number of dead and burnt trees. This entire section of the park was devastated by fire in the spring of 2007 and the surrounding slopes were reduced to little more than ash.

### Hiker's Rock

At around .9 mile into your hike you will come upon a large rock that has fallen from the slopes above. This rock has been perched on the edge of the trail for years and has offered hikers a spot to rest and take in the view. Following the 2007 fire, as more dirt and rock eroded from the upper slopes, park crews bulldozed the debris to the edge to maintain an open fire road. In the process they completely covered the rock. Hikers have, over the intervening years, slowly scraped away the dirt to expose the rock once again.



## Trail Junction 3 - 5 Points

For the last .5 mile or so you've had a relatively easy climb. The trail will become moderately steeper at the 5 Points intersection, but it's only .2 mile to the Klass Water Stop.

5 Points is the intersection of 5 different trails. The trail immediately to your right is a short trail up to Beacon Hill (1001'). If you are a peak bagger, you may want to make the short side trip to the summit for a nice view of Glendale and Forest Lawn Cemetery. The trail directly opposite you will take you down to the Carousel and Shane's Inspiration section of the park. The trail angling off to your left skirts the Water Stop and comes out at the Heliport. To your immediate left is the trail to the Water Stop. Make the hairpin turn to your left and continue for .2 mile.



## Beacon Hill, 1001'

Access this summit with the eastern most trail at 5 Points.



## Trail Junction 4 - Joe Klass Water Stop

The Joe Klass Water Stop is a small picnic area with tables, water fountain and horse watering trough for equestrians. A stainless steel bowl has also been placed at the water fountain for your four-legged friends.

When you leave the Water Stop, continue uphill on Vista del Valle Drive (a paved road closed to vehicular traffic) for .3 mile past the heliport/scenic overlook on your left to the next trail junction at the green maintenance shack.



## Helipad

Officially designated as a helipad, this scenic vantage point has spectacular views of Los Feliz, Silverlake and Downtown Los Angeles. It is also a frequent filming spot for movies, television shows and commercials.



## Trail Junction 5

Turn left off the paved road onto the dirt fire road. Two different fire roads converge at this intersection. Take the one on the right, going uphill past the green maintenance shack and continue for approximately 1.0 mile. This is the Hogback Ridge Trail and will contain the steepest climbs of the hike and some of the best views.



## Trail Junction 6

Just under .4 mile from the last Trail Junction you will reach a footbridge. Cross the footbridge and continue on Hogback Ridge Trail to reach Mt. Hollywood. The footbridge marks the beginning of the steepest portions of the trail and once you clear the small knoll just past the bridge, the views open up dramatically on all sides

as you make your way along the ridge.

For peak baggers or those looking for an interesting side trail, Henry's Trail, named for the late Henry Shamma of the Sierra Club, starts on the nearside of the footbridge and leads to Glendale Peak, 1184'. This side trail is a more secluded and easier climb than the upcoming portion of Hogback Ridge and offers its own grand views with far fewer people.



### Glendale Peak, 1184'

Access this peak from Henry's Trail at the foot bridge.



### Hogback Peak, 1480'

This high promontory on Hogback Ridge is officially unnamed, but has been given the name Hogback Peak by hiking enthusiast Dan Simpson. You can check out some of Dan's hikes at [www.simpsoncity.com/hiking](http://www.simpsoncity.com/hiking).



### Trail Junction 7

Hogback Ridge officially ends at Dante's View and the intersecting Mt. Hollywood Trail (aka Charlie Turner Trail) fire road coming in on your left. At this intersection you will find another water fountain and a watering bowl for pets. If you have time, take a few minutes to explore the garden's of Dante's View. It offers some of the only shade on the entire hike and has picnic tables and walking trails.

Completely destroyed by the 2007 fire, Dante's View has made a remarkable comeback thanks to park staff and the many volunteers who care for the gardens. Dante's View was originally created and cared for by Dante Orgolini in 1964.

To make the final ascent to Mt. Hollywood, continue through this intersection to the next trail junction less than .1 mile ahead.



### Trail Junction 8

At this junction make the hairpin turn to your left and continue past the picnic area for a moderate .2 mile climb to the summit of Mt. Hollywood.



### Mt. Hollywood, 1625'

Congratulations! You've reached the summit of the third highest peak in Griffith Park. From here you can see Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, the San Gabriel Mountains, the Pacific Ocean and, on clear days, Catalina Island.