

Hiking Trails

The Los Padres National Forest flanks the Ojai Valley to the North and offers hundreds of miles of fine hiking from 1,000 to 6,700 feet elevation.

The U.S. Forest offers you free maps that show most of the trails. The Adventure Pass is needed in the Los Padres National Forest and the cost is \$5.00 per car per day or \$30.00 per year. The passes are available at the Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce.

- The U.S. Forest Service is located at:
1190 E Ojai Ave Ojai, CA 93023 805-646-4348
 - The Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce is located at:
201 S. Signal Street Ojai, CA 93023 805-646-8126
1. **Walk the Loop around Wheeler Gorge Campground-** Drive 8 miles North on Maricopa Hwy 33 (starting at the Y intersection near Von's). Park your car near Ranger's Stone House. Walk up the road on one side of the creek then reverse down the road on the other side of the creek. At the bottom of the campground you will see a pipe from a fresh mineral spring. Many locals get bottled water from there. This trail is just down from Sugar Mountain Cottages.
 2. **Shelf Road-** This is an easy walk with a beautiful view of Ojai Valley. Drive to the end of North Signal Street and park your car. Walk the trailhead, which is the dirt road to the right, follow for 1.5 miles to Gridley Road and follow the road back. The trip is 3 miles from round trip.
 3. **Cozy Dell-** Drive North on Maricopa Hwy 33. (starting at the Y intersection near Von's) to Friend's Packing House. The trail starts next to the bridge and quickly climbs to 1,000 feet. Great views of the Ojai Valley and Lake Casitas. Just a few minutes from Sugar Mountain Cottages.
 4. **Gridley Trail-** Drive to the end of Gridley Road to a parking area at the stone gateway. The sign for the Gridley Trail is on the left. After a gentle ascent, turn right on Gridley Fire Road. The trail ascends steeply to the old lookout tower on Nordhoff ridge. The route enters ridley canyon, climbing to the Northwest to Gridley Springs. Round Trip is 12 miles.
 5. **Punch Bowl-** starting at the Y intersection near Von's. Take Maricopa Hwy 33 to Lomita Street turn left at the end of Lomita Street at Lomita and Rice Road. You will see a small parking area. Park and walk down (short hike) to the natural water hole. This Trail is across the street from Rolling Thunder Ranch.