

## Dos Vientos: El Encanto Trail



### Highlights

- Fairly easy 1.9 mile loop with 300' of climbing
- If you want a harder work out, travel out-and-back for 2.4 miles and 550' of climbing
- Other trails are nearby if you want to take a longer route
- **El Encanto Trail** is one of the segments of the 2024 Conejo Open Space Challenge (<https://cosf.org/challenge>; colored green on the map)

### Description

This is a very short route, starting at the east end of the trail on Kimber Drive, going up and down, ending on Via Laguna. Then head back on the neighborhood streets. There is a decomposed granite (DG) path along Via Rio that you can use.

If you're looking for something a little longer, you can combine this with the Prickly Pear loop immediately south of Del Prado Playfields, and the El Cerro trail is a little to the east. From that trail, there are connections to the rest of the Dos Vientos trails.

### Key Statistics

**Distance:** 1.9 miles, or 2.4 miles as an out-and-back route on the trail only

**Cumulative Climbing and Descent:** About 300', or 550' as an out-and-back route

**Popularity:** The Dos Vientos trails are popular, especially with people who live nearby, so you can expect to encounter others on your visit.

**Parking:** Free on the neighborhood streets at the two trailheads, and at Del Prado Playfields.

**Note that you cannot drive from the west end of Kimber Drive to the east end of Via Rio because of a gate.**

**Tread Surface:** Mostly firm dirt singletrack trail but there are some short steeper sections.

**Hazards:** No shade and this area gets hot in the summertime.

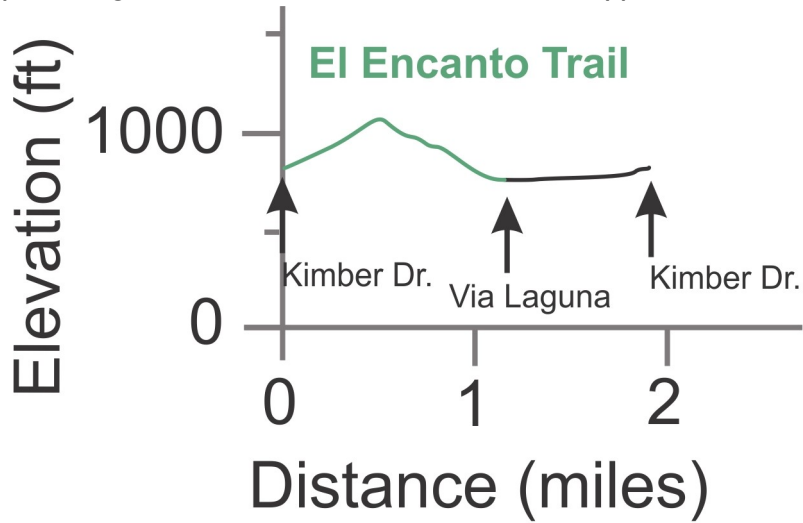
**Facilities:** Restrooms, picnic tables and BBQ grills at Del Prado Playfield

**Connections:** There are other nearby trails, noted in the Description above.

**Directions:** Exit the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks at Wendy Drive and head south. Drive 1.2 miles and then turn right onto Kimber Drive. Continue 1.3 miles to the end. The trailhead is on the north side of the street.

**Map:** <https://bit.ly/3tVnvCy>

### Elevation Profile (traveling counterclockwise around the Loop):



## Route Map



Map courtesy of <https://www.venturacountytrails.org>

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## Photos

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