

Dos Vientos: Prickly Pear Trail

Highlights

- Very easy hike of only 1.1 miles
- Other trails are nearby if you want to take a longer route
- Prickly Pear Trail is one of the segments of the 2023 Conejo Open Space Challenge (<https://cosf.org/challenge>; colored green on the map)

Description

This is a very short hike – a lollipop hike. Park at Del Prado Playfields and walk about 0.2 miles to the trailhead. The ‘handle’ part of the lollipop is fairly level but it gets hilly when you get to the loop part of the lollipop. If this route is too short, you can take the decomposed granite (DG) pathways along the roadside to El Cerro and Las Brisas Trails to the south-west, or El Encanto Trail to the north-east.

Key Statistics

Distance: 1.1 miles

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: About 200’

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 at Del Prado Playfields

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: From the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, exit at Wendy Drive and head south for 1.0 miles, then turn right on Borchard Road. After 2.4 miles, turn left onto Via Las Brisas, then Left onto Calle Del Prado after another 0.6 miles. On Calle Del Prado, turn left into the playfields parking on the right after 0.2 miles.

Map: <https://bit.ly/3RIUiYt>

Elevation Profile (traveling clockwise around the Loop):



