

# Hillcrest Open Space - White Sage & Hillcrest Ridge Loop



## Highlights

- Hike of 6.6 Miles, extendable to 8 miles
- Hillcrest Ridge Trail is a ridgeline trail and is very steep in sections - you'll get a great workout!
- You can get great views of the neighborhoods and distant mountains in all directions from Hillcrest Ridge.
- The **White Sage Trail** is a segment of the 2025 Conejo Open Space Challenge (<https://cosf.org/challenge>; colored pink on the map below)

## Description

This is moderately strenuous route with lots of steep hills. Hillcrest Ridge is great for getting a workout! The Hillcrest Open Space is surrounded by neighborhoods, so this ridgeline route gives you great views into them. You'll probably see lots of people later in the day getting a quick workout after work.

To get a longer hike with 400' more of climbing, go past the Hillcrest Ridge Cutoff and follow Hillcrest Ridge all the way south until it loops around and joins up with White Sage.

There are several trails on the west side that can be used to access the loop and make it shorter. The shortest would be from the north end of Grissom Street.

## Key Statistics

**Distance:** 6.6 miles, with an option for 8 miles if you'd like something longer

**Cumulative Climbing and Descent:** About 1600'; or 2000' with the south extension (green on the map below)

**Popularity:** These trails all see a lot of use.

**Parking:** Free at Sapwi Trails Neighborhood Park at the east end of Avenida De Las Flores

**Tread Surface:** White Sage is an Edison Road; the rest is a mix of Edison Road, singletrack and doubletrack trails.

**Hazards:** No shade and this area gets hot in the summertime. The very south end of Hillcrest Ridge Trail is very steep, loose and rutted where it connects to Hillcrest Drive.

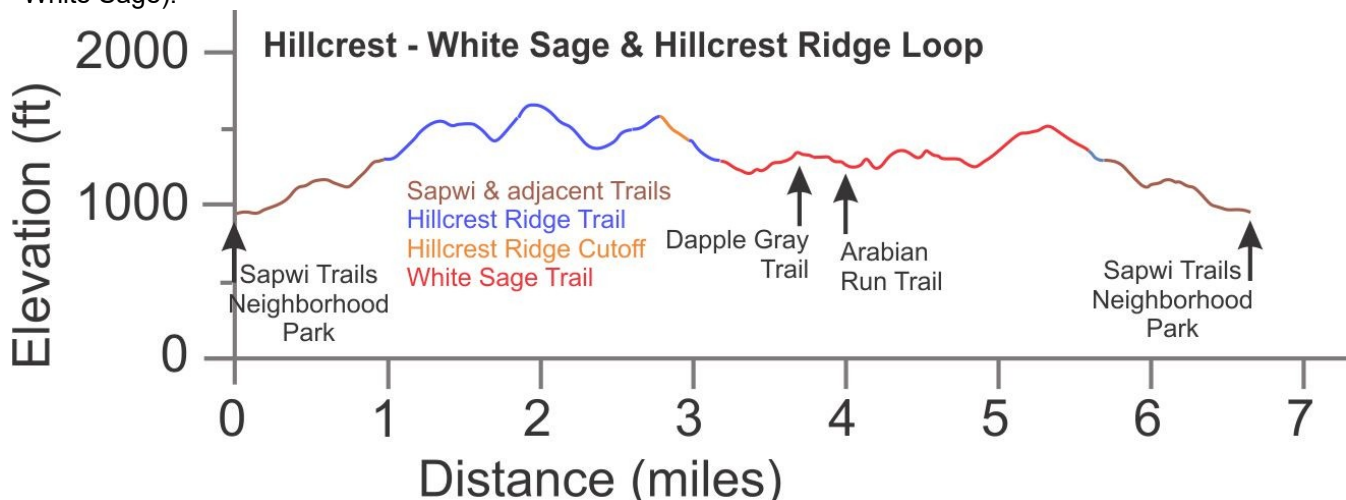
**Facilities:** There is a bathroom and other facilities at Sapwi Trails Neighborhood Park.

**Connections:** To Glider Hill and Beargrass Trails.

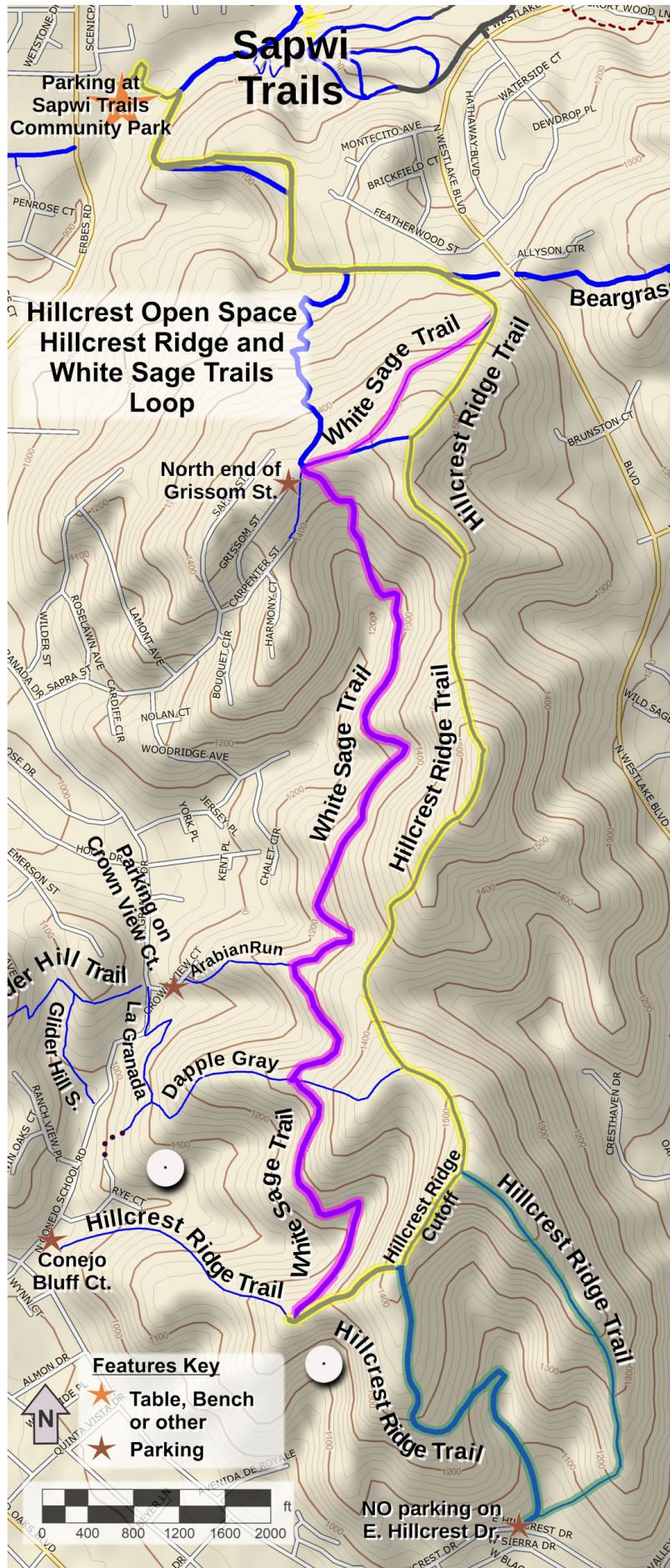
**Directions:** From the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, take the ramp to the 23 Freeway, heading north. Travel 2.1 miles then exit at Avenida De Los Arboles, turning right at the end of the offramp to head east. Continue 0.4 miles before turning right onto Erbes Road. After 0.3 miles, turn left onto Scenicpark Street, then immediately turn right into the parking lot.

**Map:** <https://tinyurl.com/2s3ku2sy>

**Elevation Profile** (traveling clockwise around the Loop, going south on Hillcrest Ridge and returning north on White Sage):



# Route Map



Map courtesy of

<https://www.venturacountytrails.org>

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## Photos

### White Sage Trail



### Hillcrest Ridge Trail





