

Oakbrook – Sandstone Hills Trail



Highlights

- The rocky scenery is beautiful as the trail cuts across the towering and rugged south flank of Simi Peak and the Simi Hills
- View deposits from the Middle Miocene period (14 million years ago) and Upper Cretaceous period (100 million to 66 million years ago when the dinosaurs went extinct) in the cliffs above the trail
- Experience a sea of wildflowers when conditions are right after a wet winter
- Sandstone Hills Trail is included in the 2024 Conejo Open Space Challenge

Description

This trail is mostly an Edison Road that cuts across the very rugged south flank of the Simi Hills, and Simi Peak a little to the east. However, the eastern 0.7 miles is a sometimes uneven singletrack trail that leads down to Pathfinder Avenue. The best view of the rocks is while heading north from Pathfinder – you will be heading directly towards the cliffs. It's amazing to think that some of the rocks you see date back to the age of the dinosaurs.

There is free parking on the street at both ends of the trail so you can do this as an out-and-back route, or car shuttle between the ends.

Although most of the trail is an Edison Road, there are short sections that are pretty steep so inexperienced mountain bikers will have a tough time.

Key Statistics

Distance: 6.3 miles, out and back

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: 1600', out and back

Popularity: You are most likely to see other outdoor enthusiasts in the short stretch between Hidden Meadow and Oakbrook Vista Trails.

Parking: Free on both Pathfinder Avenue (east end) and Rayburn Street (west end)

Tread Surface: Expect the Edison Road to be mostly firm with a few ruts and rockier sections. The eastern singletrack will be more rugged.

Hazards: This area gets very hot in the summertime and there is no shade

Facilities: None

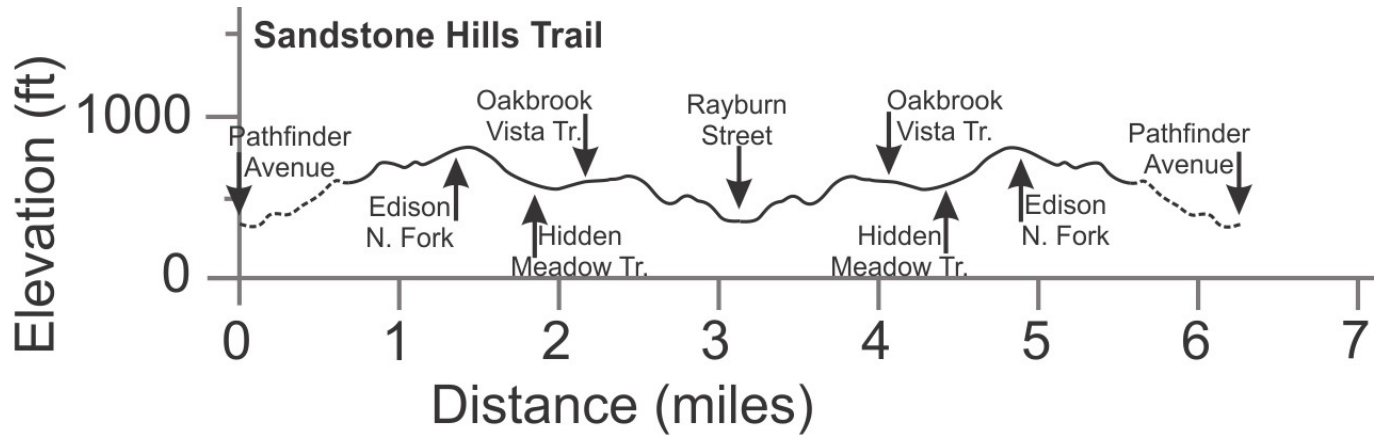
Connections: You can connect to North Ranch trails to the west by way of Oakbrook Vista and Beargrass Trails, and to the south by following the power line trail south from Pathfinder Avenue

Map to Pathfinder Trailhead Parking: <https://bit.ly/41Jc2SX>

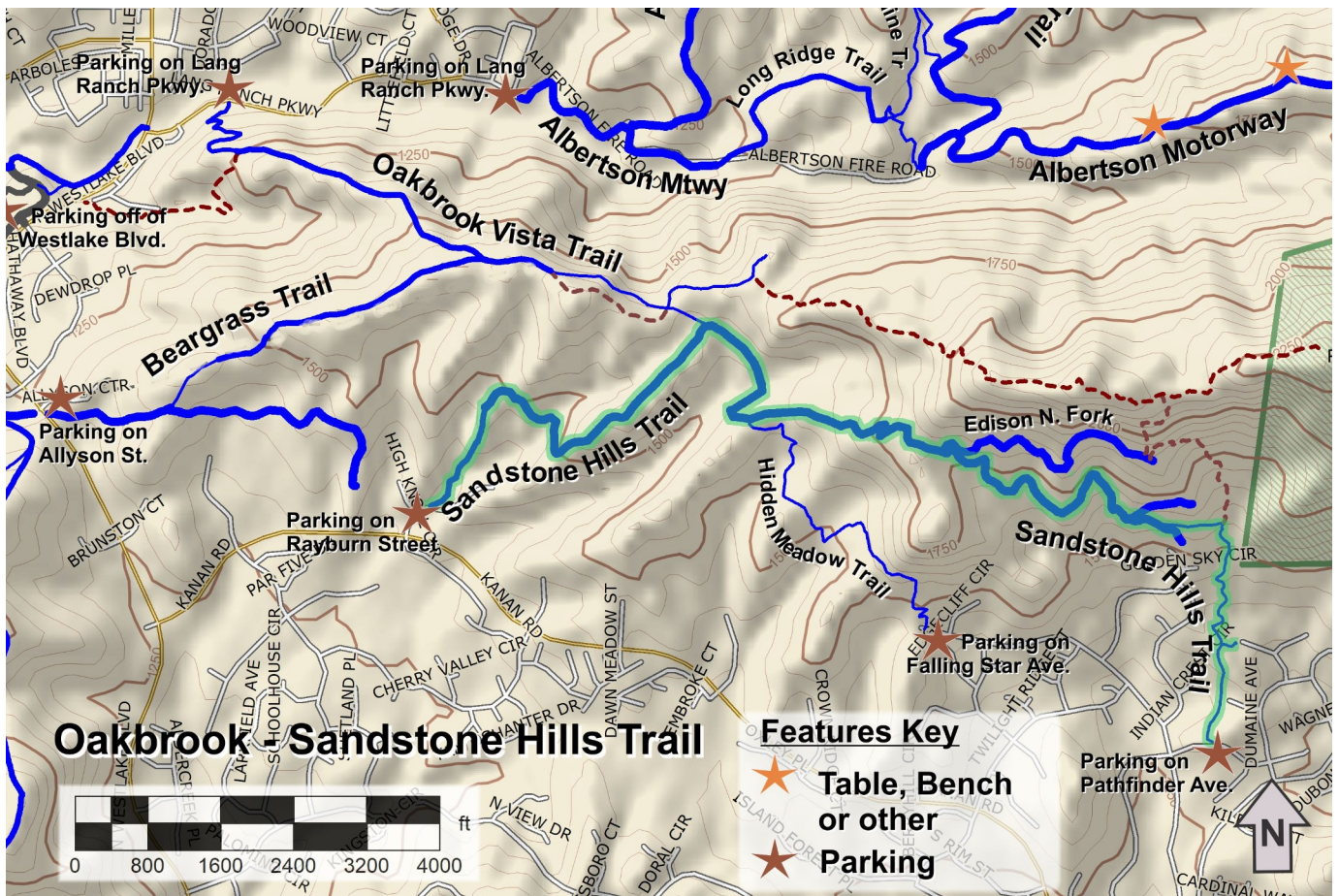
Map to Rayburn Street: <https://bit.ly/4aJ2iMs>

The **Conejo Open Space Foundation** – A nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing Open Space preserves in the Conejo Valley. Learn more at cosf.org.

Elevation Profile This is shown as an out-and-back route, starting at Pathfinder Avenue. The eastern singletrack section is shown as a dashed line while the Edison Road is solid.



Route Map



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

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Photos



The singletrack trail at the eastern end is pretty rugged in some places