

### Copper Creek Trail

The gentle grade of this soft-surfaced trail provides a relaxing stroll along scenic Copper Creek for just under 1 mile. Note the reestablished plants such as sycamores, willows and cottonwoods. These riparian plants help establish shelter and food sources for many types of animals.



### Sunset Trail

A moderate-to-difficult climb is provided by this nearly half-mile long, hard and soft-surfaced trail. Sixty feet of vertical climb accesses a viewpoint where panoramic views toward the coastline are provided. Taking this trail north, you will access the Cerro de las Posas/Double Peak ridgeline.

### Quarry Trail

A gentle to moderately difficult soft-surfaced trail that follows the alignment of SDG&E's service road for just over 3/4 mile. Note the two bypass locations along the main route. There are also direct connections into the Cedar Crossing and Sagewood neighborhoods. Please respect the privacy of residents who live along this trail.



### Canyon Trail

This gentle to moderate soft-surfaced trail, almost a half-mile long, skirts the flow line of Canyon Creek. Stop for a rest or picnic in the glen or look for the hidden water cascades when the water is flowing. Note the abundant plant and animal life, and check out the outdoor classroom.

### Double Peak Trail

If you want to see it all, you will have to climb to the top of Double Peak (elevation 1640 feet). This difficult soft-surfaced trail has a vertical gain for 350 feet in just 2400 feet (14%). The views are tremendous and well worth the effort.

### Lake View Trail

This trail is a soft-surfaced, moderate to difficult climb. It skirts the northeasterly edge of San Elijo Hills for a little over 1 mile. There are expansive views to South Lake and beyond. This trail connects the Discovery Lake area with San Elijo Road.



### Lake San Marcos Trail

The initial climb of this soft and hard-surfaced trail is very difficult out of San Elijo Hills. Take a rest at the halfway stop that provides expansive views of San Marcos Creek, the quarry, a portion of Lake San Marcos and its dam. Take the low road to La Plaza Drive and you will be in the community of Lake San Marcos. Take the high road and with an additional 280 feet of vertical climb, you will be on top of the ridgeline near the microwave tower. Total length of this trail is just under 3/4 of a mile.



### Ocean View Trail

Leaving School House Way, this soft-surfaced trail is difficult as it traverses a series of switchbacks that climb over 120 feet and continues on for over a half-mile. Rest on the bench or take in a ballgame from the eagle's nest rest stop. The grade becomes moderate to gentle as you continue along the trail. Look back at the Towncenter. Listen, you may be surprised what you can hear. This trail is just under 1 mile total length.

### Ridgeline Trail

Once on top of the Cerro de las Posas/Double Peak ridgeline, the trail grades are moderate to gentle. Experience the expansive views in all directions as the trail meanders for a little over 2 1/4 miles. Can you pick out the San Marcos City Hall, Cal State San Marcos, or the Encina Power Plant in Carlsbad? Looking south, can you find your house? How about UTC or downtown San Diego? On an exceptionally clear day, you can see from Palos Verdes to the Mexican border and beyond.

### Discovery Trail

This moderately steep hard-surfaced trail has approximately 55 feet of vertical rise in a quarter mile. This trail provides access through the Community Park and is the primary gateway to the trail network along the Cerro de las Posas/Double Peak ridgeline. Water and restroom facilities are available in the park. A soft-surfaced trail adjoins at the School House Way trail link.

Notes

### San Elijo Road Trail

Both hard and soft-surfaced trails run parallel to San Elijo Road east of the Towncenter. About 2 miles long, these trails have moderate grades and provide easy access and convenient connections throughout the community.

### Garden Trail

The Garden Trail connects the Calistoga neighborhood to the neighborhoods and park along Questhaven Road. The trail is gently sloping and runs for approximately 2/3 mile.



Notes

## Trail Guidelines and Rules

- Stay on designated trails.
- Trail hours are from dawn to dusk.
- Bicyclists and skaters yield to pedestrians and equestrians; pedestrians yield to equestrians.
- Keep to the right of the trail. Allow room for others to pass.
- No smoking or fires allowed.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited (except for patrol and maintenance vehicles).
- Keep dogs on 6 foot maximum leash at all times; clean up after your pet.
- Take out what you carry in; do not litter.
- Rattlesnakes are found in this area. They will defend themselves if cornered or threatened. Ticks, poison oak, loose rock, steep ravines and other dangers exist in parks and/or trails. Mountain lions have been sighted in this area. Please use caution.
- If you have an emergency, dial 911.
- Trail use is at your own risk.

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