

Trekking Catalina

27 Miles of New & Expanded Trails



Part of 165 Total Miles of Recreational Trails and Roads

THE FOLLOWING HIKES
CAN BE ACCESSED
FROM 17 TRAILHEADS
ACROSS THE ISLAND



Trans-Catalina Trail

38.5 mi 17,230 ft Strenuous Several Days



IMAGE: LAURA ROLL

Traverse the backbone of the Island on rugged single track trails and 4x4 jeep roads. Be prepared for spectacular views but minimal shade. This hike is most enjoyable during fall and spring seasons. Shorter hikes possible on sections of this long trail.







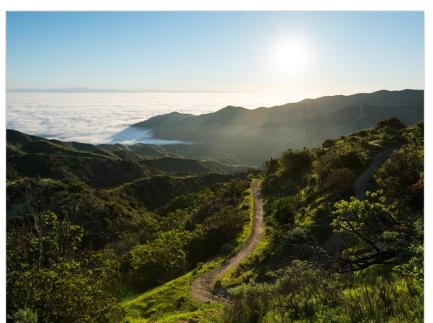
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Hike the Avalon Canyon watershed divide along jeep roads, finishing down the paved historic Banning Stagecoach Route (Stage Rd). Restroom and shade available at Hermit Gulch Summit. This hike has minimal shade and can be very hot.



#3 Hermit Gulch Trail 1.7 mi 1,240 ft Moderate 1 hr





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#3 Ascend the canyon bottom to canyon rim via this steep, rugged single track trail. Restroom and shade structure are available at the summit. Descend the same way you came.





IMAGE: JACK BALDELLI

Garden to Sky Hike

1.2 mi 679 ft Moderate 1 hr

This hike is an easier alternative along a dirt road to reach the summit/watershed divide of Avalon Canyon. Requires admission to the Wrigley Memorial and Botanic Garden.

Garden to Sky Loop 3.8 mi 2,326ft Moderate 1-2 hrs Enter the gardens and hike the Memorial Rd. Turn right at the Divide Rd, then descend Hermit Gulch Trail.

Add Lone Tree Spur 6.0 mi 3,854 ft Moderate 2-3 hrs Add the Lone Tree Trail spur to view the rugged cliffs on the backside of the Island called the Palisades.











Renton Pass to Quail Valley 8.5 mi 3,270 ft Strenuous 3-5 hrs



#6

Hike Renton Pass Road to Bulrush Canyon Road. Pass Middle Ranch Reservoir on Thompson Dam Rd, turn left at the access road to the stables. and finish out on Middle Ranch Rd. This trail has minimal shade and can be very hot.







Hike up the access ridge to the Trans-Catalina Trail. Turn left at the TCT and take your first right on the Skull Ridge Trail. At the road head down the hill to Middle Ranch Rd. Hike up canyon until you reach the TCT crossing. Head west up the canyon to link back to the start.

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Black Jack Area Hikes



IMAGE: JACK BALDELLI

Ironwood Groves

o.4 mi 262 ft Easy o.5 hrs

Explore one of Catalina's native and endemic trees in the Ironwood Groves above Whites Landing.

Echo Lake

o.7 mi 120 ft Easy o.5 hrs

Visit the Islands only natural lake. Clay from the area was also used to make Wrigley's famous Catalina tiles, which can be found throughout Avalon and the Island and are now considered collectors items.

Black Jack Campground

1.8 mi 663 ft Easy 1 hr

Hike or bike an access road to Black Jack Campground. Access Trans-Catalina Trail (hiking only) or Cape Canyon Road (hike or bike), or return to Airport Rd for an out and back.

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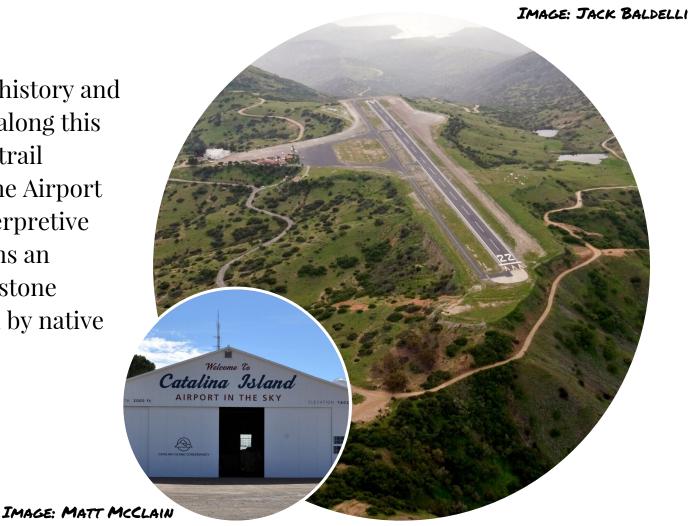




IMAGE: MATT MCCLAIN



Enjoy cultural history and summit views along this gently sloping trail surrounding the Airport in the Sky. Interpretive signage explains an extensive soapstone quarry utilized by native peoples.



#10 Skull Ridge Trail 3.6 mi 2,110 ft Moderate 1-2 hrs

#10 Climb a prominent ridge with stunning views of the largest watershed on the Island. Start from trailhead 7 to reverse the route and traverse mostly downhill instead.



IMAGE: LAURA ROLL





Start at Quail Valley and hike down Middle Ranch Rd. to Camp Cactus Rd. Pass through a locked gate, after 0.5 miles turn left onto Hack Tower Ridge Rd. At the end of the road turn left and descend to the Islands largest body of water, Middle Ranch Reservoir. Follow the road over the dam and turn left at the stable, at the main road head back down the canyon to the trailhead.







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#12 Ben Weston
Canyon Trail
1.3 mi 337 ft
Easy 1 hr

IMAGE: JES STACKHAUSEN





#13 Eagles Nest Loop Trail

3.5 mi 1,847 ft Moderate 1-2 hrs

Hike down Cottonwood Dam Rd and link Old Eagles Nest Rd to Eagles Nest Loop Trail. Briefly hike on Middle Ranch Road to link back up with Old Eagles Nest Rd and return up Cottonwood Dam Rd back to trailhead.



IMAGE: LAURA ROLL





Big Springs Ridge to Airport
6.1 mi 2,862 ft Moderate 2-3 hrs
Hike from Little Harbor to the
Airport via Big Springs Ridge Trail
to Empire Landing Road finishing
on the Trans-Catalina Trail. This
hike has sweeping ocean views on
both sides of the Island. This trail
has minimal shade and can be very

Harbor to Harbor 5.4 mi 3,525 Moderate 2-3 hrs Hike from Little Harbor to Two Harbors via the Trans-Catalina Trail. This trail has challenging singletrack with gorgeous views, a shade structure mid-way and often times an ocean breeze.

IMAGE: DENNIS MORAN

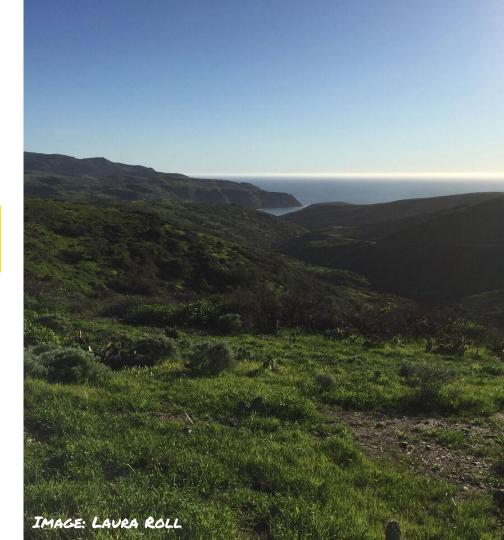


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Big Springs Area Hike

Big Springs to Empire Quarry

7.2 mi 3,725 ft Strenuous 3-4 hrs



Start up the hill past the buffalo corrals. Continue on Big Springs Connector to Big Springs Ridge. Turn left on Empire Quarry Trail. At the four way junction head southwest on Big Springs Rd. Take the connector back to the buffalo corrals to complete the loop. This hike has sweeping ocean views on both sides of the Island but has minimal shade and can be very hot.





Cat Harbor Overlook Trail
2.1 mi 1,279 ft Moderate 1 hr
The steep incline to this
ridgetop rewards hikers with
gorgeous views of the backside
of Catalina Island.

Ballast Point Road

1.1 mi 185 ft Easy 0.5 hrs

Explore Catalina Harbor along this flat access road.





IMAGE: LAURA ROLL

West End Hikes



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Parsons Landing Trail 1.6 mi 909 ft Easy 0.5 hrs

Explore a spring near Parsons Landing Campground along this short loop.

Starlight Trail

4.3 mi 2,279 ft Moderate 2-3 hrsFrom Parsons Landing Campground hike to the original Trans-Catalina
Trail terminus. Opt for the Old West End Rd section to avoid steep rolling

Silver Peak Loop 8.1 Miles 5,447 ft Strenuous 3-4 hrsFrom Parsons Landing Campground hike the West End Rd to Old West End Rd to Silver Peak Road to Fenceline Rd back to camp. Great views of the west







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