

Trails and Hike Descriptions

For each hike in the following list you will find the round-trip length (unless specified as one-way), map (see right side of page) on which the trailhead is located, graded difficulty (with A = difficult, B = moderately difficult, C = moderate, D = moderately easy, E = easy), cumulative elevation gain (CEG), and a brief description. The hikes are in alphabetic order starting with map A. Trailheads on each map are denoted by a filled circle. Note that south is up on the trailhead and parking maps, and on the trail map.

Baldy Saddle

Length: 9.0 miles **Map:** A **Grade:** B **CEG:** 3500'

From the SE trailhead go south 0.3 mile to a signed trail intersection. Turn left and follow rocky Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Continue on Old Baldy Trail past Bellows Spring to Baldy Saddle. There are 32 switchbacks between the Spring and Saddle. Return by the same route.

Carrie Nation Mine

Length: 3.0 miles **Map:** A **Grade:** C **CEG:** 1200'

From the SE trailhead go south 0.3 mile to a signed trail intersection. Turn right and follow Vault Mine Trail about 0.5 mile to a second trail junction. Follow Carrie Nation Trail to the left and up to an abandoned mine. Return by the same route.

Crest Trail Crossover

One-way Length: 11.5 miles **Map:** A **Grade:** A **CEG:** 4000'

Proceed to Baldy Saddle (see above), turn left and follow Crest Trail to Florida Saddle. A side trip to Armour Spring adds 0.8 mile. Follow Florida Canyon Trail to a parking area at the USDA Experimental Station. A shuttle car is needed for the return to the starting point.

Josephine Canyon

Length: 10 miles **Map:** A **Grade:** B **CEG:** 3200'

From the SE trailhead go south 0.3 mile to a signed trail intersection. Turn left and follow rocky Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Cross the saddle and follow trail south down into Josephine Canyon for about 2.5 miles to the remains of an old stone building. Return by same route.

Josephine Saddle Loop

Length: 6.2 miles **Map:** A **Grade:** C **CEG:** 1700'

From the NE trailhead follow Super Trail 3.7 miles to Josephine Saddle. Return to Mt Wrightson Picnic Area by following Old Baldy Trail 2.2 miles to a signed trail intersection. Turn right.

Mt Wrightson

Length: 10.8, 12.2 miles **Map:** A **Grade:** A **CEG:** 4200'

From the SE trailhead go south 0.3 mi to a signed trail intersection. Turn left and follow rocky Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Continue on Old Baldy Trail past Bellows Spring to Baldy Saddle. Follow signed trail to right and up to summit. A return by the same route is a 10.8 mi hike. A return via the upper part of Super Trail to Josephine Saddle is a picturesque route adding 1.4 mi.

Vault Mine - Old Baldy Loop

Length: 6.5 miles **Map:** A **Grade:** B **CEG:** 2100'

From the SE trailhead go south 0.3 mi to a signed trail intersection. Turn right and follow Vault Mine Trail about 0.5 mile to a second trail junction. A steep, rocky climb up Vault Mine Trail ends at Agua Caliente Trail. Turn left and follow trail to Josephine Saddle. Return via Old Baldy Trail.

Nature Trail

One-way Length: 1.8 miles **Map:** A or B **Grade:** E **CEG:** 100' or 600'

Starting at the NW parking area on Map A, follow trail down Madera Canyon to the Amphitheater. Cross bridge to parking area and main road. Doing hike in reverse direction (up canyon) gives larger CEG. Round-trip length with loop closed by hiking road is 2.7 miles.

Bog Springs

Length: 3.8 (B), 3.4 (C) miles **Map:** B or C **Grade:** D **CEG:** 1000' (B), 1200' (C)

This hike can be started at either of two trailheads on the east side of the main road, as shown on Maps B and C. From the trailhead on B follow trail 0.6 mile to sign on a former jeep road, turn right and proceed to trail intersection with Kent Spring Trail. Turn left and go to Bog Springs.

From the trailhead on C follow trail 0.4 mile to sign at intersection with trail coming from B. Proceed straight ahead to trail intersection with Kent Spring Trail. Turn left and go to Bog Springs.

Dutch John Spring

Length: 3.0 (B), 2.6 (C) miles **Map:** B or C **Grade:** D **CEG:** 1000' (B), 1200' (C)

This hike can be started at either of the same two trailheads used for the Bog Springs hike. From the trailhead on B follow trail 0.6 mile to sign on a former jeep road. Turn left and go about 0.1 mile. Turn right on a former jeep road descending into a wash and up to the Bog Springs Campground. At the paved campground road turn right and follow about 0.1 mile to a sign at the trailhead for Dutch John Spring. This sign is across from a toilet. Follow trail to spring.

From the trailhead on C follow trail 0.3 mile to former jeep road on the left descending into a wash. Follow this road through wash and into campground. Follow directions in preceding paragraph.

Kent Spring

Length: 6.2 (B), 5.8 (C) miles **Map:** B or C **Grade:** C **CEG:** 1700' (B), 1900' (C)

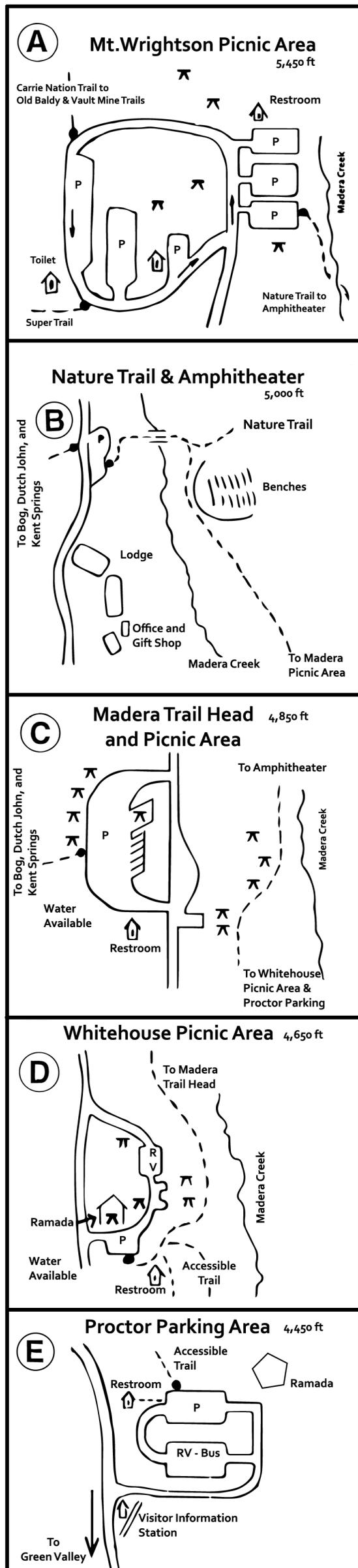
This hike can be started at either of the two trailheads used for the Bog Springs hike. Follow the directions for the Bog Springs hikes until the fork for the Bog Springs - Kent Spring trail is reached. Proceed straight ahead at this juncture to Kent Spring. Return by same route.

Accessible Trails

Two paved trails are accessible to those who are physically handicapped. The longer one (0.8 mile) starts at the Proctor Parking Area (Map E). The shorter one (0.5 mile) begins at the Whitehouse Picnic Area (Map D). CEG is approximately 100' on each trail.

Madera Creek Trail

This trail is accessed from points on Maps B, C, and D. It joins the Nature Trail at the Amphitheater and Accessible Trails at Whitehouse Picnic Area.



ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF MADERA CANYON AND THE SANTA RITA MOUNTAINS!

REMEMBER!!! TWO QUARTS OF WATER OR MORE ON LONG DAY HIKES