San Clemente Trails

Forster Ridgeline Trail
- Camino Del Rio
- Costero Risco
Trail Description: Wide to narrow dirt trails, easy to difficult terrain, light to moderate brush.
Highlights: Catalina Viewpoint with Compass Point (A), Rock Garden (B), Ridgeline Terrace (A), Stongevens (C).
Panoramic Ocean views.
Notes: The Northwest end of this trail connects to the San Juan Capistrano Trails. (Parking: Access: End of Los Mares street parking on Portico del Norte). No Parking is available at Vista Hermosa entrance.

Cristianitos North & Talega Trails
- End of Avenida Talega. Short walk to Cristianitos North (left) and Cristianitos South (right)
Trail Description: Wide to narrow dirt trails, moderate to difficult terrain, light brush, suburban to wilderness.
Highlights: Olive trees and cool breezes, highest point on San Clemente trail systems.
Notes: Western half of trail under development: lose dirt, rocks and steep grades. Use caution while enjoying the views. Stay on trail, landfill property to the north and land conservancy to the east.

Prima Deshecha South
Trail Description: Wide to moderate dirt trails, easy terrain, light brush, windy behind industrial park. Trail continues north at Pico and Vista Hermosa intersection.
Highlights: Northern section has a tropical feel, with multiple palm trees.
Notes: Follow signs to stay on trail on southern section behind Industrial park.

San Clemente Beach Trail
- Metered parking at North Beach parking lot.
- Metered parking at Linda Lane Park.
- Metered parking at San Clemente Pier in Parque Del Mar parking lot or on street.
- Metered and non-metered parking on Paseo de Cristobal at T-Street Beach.
- Metered parking at Calafia State Beach, end of Ave. Calafia.
Trail Description: Flat easy trail. Firm decomposed granite surface and elevated walkways. Some sections narrow.
Highlights: Hiking along the beach, beautiful sunsets, breezes and the sound of crashing waves. Best in early morning.
Notes: Very popular trail. Several railroad track crossings, please beware of trains. Bike riders: Several sections require walking your bike, speed limits apply. Numerous other access points. Detailed beach trail map available from San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department.

Prima Deshecha North
- Limited street parking on El Brazo
Trail Description: Wide to narrow dirt trails, easy to moderate terrain, flowers in the spring, moderate brush, suburban to rural.
Highlights: Wilderness feel at northern end of trail.

State Park Trails
- Talega Park parking lot or Ave. Cristianitos, street parking. Prima Deshecha trailhead begins south side of Ave. Pico. 1/4 mile to State Park Trails.
- Dog Park at end of La Pata.
Trail Description: Wide to moderate dirt trails, easy to moderate terrain, light to heavy brush.
Highlights: Wilderness feel. Main trail is easy; many single-track trails intersect main trail.
Notes: Be aware of your surroundings and location. Bring plenty of water; air tends to be hot and dry in canyon, especially during late spring through fall.
State parks map available through state parks administration.

Rancho San Clemente & San Pablo Trails
- End of Ave. San Pablo, San Pablo Trail entrance, street parking.
- 721 Ave. Salvador, Rancho San Clemente Ridgeline Trail entrance, street parking.
- Steed Park parking lot. Follow steep asphalt path located on hill behind Skate Park. 4 Cordillera, street parking.
Trail Description: From Ave. San Pablo to Ave. Salvador, wide dirt trail, easy terrain. Short stretch of sidewalk to Rancho San Clemente trail entrance.
Wide asphalt trail, light brush, easy to moderate with a few short difficult inclines. At mile-2, cross Cafe Del Cerro to continue trail. Last 100 yards steep dirt incline, panoramic viewpoint at top of Knob Hill. All weather trail.
Highlights: Beautiful panoramic views from the mountains to the sea. Cool breezes, easily accessible. Picnic tables and benches along trail.

Cristianitos South
- End of Avenida Talega. Short walk to Cristianitos North (left) and Cristianitos South (right).
Trail Description: Wide dirt trails, moderate terrain, light brush, suburban to wilderness.
Highlights: Beautiful views, rolling hills and open space, look eastward for wildlife.
Notes: A favorite because of the views, wilderness feel, easy access points and good trail conditions.

Trestles Trail
- Trestles parking lot, next to Carl's Jr. (cross Cristianitos to trail entrance west of the freeway).
- Corner of Avenida San Luis Rey and Avenida Dolores.
- San Mateo Campground
Trail Description: Easy terrain.
Wide trail, dirt to freeway underpass, asphalt west of freeway.

No Parking is available at Vista Hermosa entrance.