

## **CHALLENGING HIKES (HIKING MERIT BADGE TRACK)**

### **5-mile qualifier hikes (choose one for merit badge)**

#### **M\*A\*S\*H Trail, Malibu Creek State Park**

<https://socalhiker.net/mash-hike-in-malibu-creek-state-park/>

#### **Vasquez Rocks**

<https://socalhiker.net/hiking-the-pct-in-vasquez-rocks/>

#### **Eagle Rock from Trippet Ranch, Topanga State Park**

<https://socalhiker.net/hiking-to-eagle-rock-in-topanga-state-park/>

### **10-mile qualifier hikes**

#### **Park to Playa from Playa del Rey to Kenneth Hahn Recreation Park**

\*not an out and back - need someone to drop off & pick up at trailhead and exit

<https://trails.lacounty.gov/Trail/237/park-to-playa-trail>

#### **Bridge to Nowhere, San Gabriel River, Azusa**

<https://socalhiker.net/hike-the-bridge-to-nowhere/>

#### **Zuma Canyon Loop Trail**

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/zuma-canyon-loop-trail--2>

#### **Mishe Mokwa Trail to Sandstone Peak + Grotto Trail out & back**

<https://socalhiker.net/mishe-mokwa-trail-to-sandstone-peak/>

### **15-mile qualifier hikes**

#### **Gabrielino West Trail - Red Box to Jet Propulsion Laboratory**

\*not an out and back - need someone to drop off & pick up at trailhead and exit

<https://hikingguy.com/hiking-trails/best-la-hikes/gabrielino-trail-guide/>

#### **Vasquez Rocks via Pacific Crest Trail from Indian Canyon Trailhead**

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/pct-vasquez-to-indian-canyon>

### **20-mile qualifier hikes**

#### **Santa Monica to Hermosa Beach via Marvin Braude Trail**

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/marvin-braude-trail>

#### **Backbone Trail segment in Santa Monica Mountains (choose your own)**

\*Can be out and back or point to point

<https://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/backbonetrail.htm>

### **15 & 20-mile combo qualifier hikes**

#### **Trans-Catalina Trail**

\*Requires overnight in Little Harbor. Coordination & campground reservations needed.

Complete both the 15 & 20 mile hikes in one weekend. Can do as a backpack or have team member set camp at little harbor while you day hike to camp.

<https://www.catalinaconservancy.org/index.php?s=visit&p=hiking>

<https://www.reserveamerica.com/articles/hiking/itinerary-backpacking-the-trans-catalina-trail>