

Directions: This place is way out about 80 miles inland from downtown San Diego. These directions are based on starting in Julian which is basically at the junction of Highway 78 and 79.

Lower Trailhead. From Julian, take Highway 78 east 34 miles out of mountains and down into the desert to the town of Ocotillo Wells. Turn right onto Split Mountain Road travel south 7 miles and park on the side of the road near where Fish Creek Wash crosses the road. FYI, at about 2.5 miles on Split Mountain Road it turns east for a bit before turning south again. There is a large brown sign marking Fish Creek Wash and Split Mountain so it should be hard to miss. Leave a vehicle here.

Upper Trailhead. From the lower trailhead, travel the 7 miles north on Split Mountain Road back to Highway 78. Turn left and head west for 22.8 miles. Turn left onto county road S2 (Great Southern Overland Stage Rd) and travel south for about 5 miles. Be on the lookout for the large stone Anza Borrego Desert State Park sign on your right as the trailhead (Pinyon Mountain Rd) is directly across from the sign on your left. Plenty of wide open parking.





