



## ENSIGN PEAK - SALT LAKE CITY



**Rating:** Easy Hike

**Length:** 1-2 hours (1 mile)

**Gear:** Standard Hiking Gear

**Maps:** SALT LAKE CITY NORTH, UT

**Water:** None.

**Season:** Any, hot in the summer.

**Waypoints:**

Trailhead	12T 425064mE 4516023mN N40° 47' 30" W111° 53' 18"
Ensign The View	12T 424993mE 4516061mN N40° 47' 32" W111° 53' 21"
Saddle	12T 424856mE 4516447mN N40° 47' 44" W111° 53' 27"
Ensign Peak	12T 424860mE 4516315mN N40° 47' 40" W111° 53' 26"

## Hype

On July 24th, 1847, Brigham Young and a group of Mormons entered the Salt Lake Valley. Brigham Young said he had a vision before beginning the trek of where to place the flag when they reached their destination. Upon entering the valley, and first seeing Ensign Peak, Brigham Young declared the valley the place of his vision and where they would settle. Two days later Ensign peak was climbed and the valley surveyed from its top.

Steeped in history, today Ensign Peak is a short hike to some of the most amazing views of the city. Ensign Peak is a very approachable hike by most and a great way to take in the sites of the valley. Highly recommended! En route to the summit, there are excellent views both of the Salt Lake Valley and Wasatch Mountains, but also of the Great Salt Lake and Antelope Island to the west.

**Tags:** *hike, wildflowers, dog friendly, family friendly, access: paved*

## Trailhead

The trailhead starts in the neighborhood above the State Capitol. From downtown Salt Lake City, go north on State Street. When State Street ends at the State Capitol, go right on Capitol Blvd and follow it as it goes past the capitol. When it curves right, go left on Edgcombe Drive. Follow Edgcombe Drive, which becomes Ensign Vista Dr in a block. The Ensign Peak trailhead is on the left, well signed across from the park.

## Route

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From the trailhead, follow the well-signed concrete path. It soon turns to dirt and splits. Left goes to a great view of the city. Stay right.

The trail steepens and reaches a small pass overlooking the Great Salt Lake to the west. (Ensign The View)

Note: Interested in a longer hike? After visiting Ensign Peak proper, the Bonneville Shoreline trail continues north from this pass. It starts as the wide path heading north that narrows to a single track when it quickly starts climbing the ridge. Many other social trails crisscross the area as well. In warmer temps, beware of rattlesnakes that frequent the foothills.

From the pass, Ensign Peak is a short distance up the trail to the south. The large monument on top offers a great spot to take in the views and read the many informational signs around its base.

