

Black Mountain #5 01D

Lat/lon 35.7416178,-118.5236984
UTM 11S 362221E 3956361N

Elevation: 7438'+

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Location: Kern County, about 5 miles north of Wofford Heights, 175 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Split Mountain, Bohna Peak, Sunday Peak

Land Manager: Sequoia National Forest, Kern River Ranger District (760) 376-3781

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About the peak

Black can be climbed directly or by various routes in combination with nearby Split Mountain. Route 1 makes a relatively short but steep ascent through a magnificent forest verdant with lush ferns and beautiful trees, following an abandoned road and use trail. It can be hiked out and back with Split or in a loop.

Alternative Route: Black Mountain #5 can be combined with Split Mountain as a loop trip. Use the route given here for Black Mountain #5 and Route 2 for Split Mountain. Return via Route 1 for Split Mountain.

Many groups climb all of the peaks in the area in a two or three day trip. They usually do Bohna and Sunday the first day, Split and Black the second and Cannel Point (delisted in 2008 but still in the HPS archives) the third day. There are good car-camping spots (for example Black Mountain Saddle) and motels in Wofford Heights and Kernville. The drive from Sylmar is about 2.5 hours.

Black Mountain #5 has 1 official HPS route:

Black Mountain #5 Route 1

Distance: 3 miles round trip cross-country

Gain: 1200

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Time: 2-2.5 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Intermediate

Road type: Dirt

Driving directions:

- From Sylmar rideshare point go north on I-5 to SR 99.
- Go north 24.5 miles on SR 99 to SR 58.
- Go east 7.1 miles on SR 58 to Weedpatch Highway (SR 184).
- Go 4.3 miles north on SR 184 to SR 178. Please note: SR 184 goes right (east) at a stop sign 1.7 miles from SR 58.
- Go 33.5 miles east on SR 178 to the intersection of SR 178 and SR 155. This road is scenic as it follows the Kern River, but is very winding.
- Alternatively, you can reach the intersection of SR 178 and SR 155 from Walker Pass (please refer to your AAA map). This route is about 20 miles longer from Sylmar, but the road is not as winding and those traveling from the east might find it shorter.
- From the intersection of SR 178 and SR 155 in the town of Lake Isabella, go north on SR 155 for 7.0 miles to where SR 155 turns left in the town of Wofford Heights. Turn left.
- Go uphill on SR 155 for 7.7 miles to Greenhorn Summit. This is the turnoff for Bohna Peak. Turn right onto 24S15 (dirt). Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 1.2 miles, a fork to the right. Turn right on 25S16.
- At 2.8 miles, a fork at a saddle. This is Black mountain Saddle. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From Black Mountain Saddle (6234'), hike east up a track until it soon disappears.
- Continue directly east uphill until you get to the ridge that descends the north side of the peak.
- Turn right (south) and continue up the ridge to several rock piles near the summit. The peak is the southernmost rock pile.

Additional Route 1 notes:

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