

Morris Peak 01F

Lat/Lon 35.69023,-117.9870172
UTM 11S 410694E 3950040N

Elevation: 7215'

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Location: Kern County, about 10 miles northwest of Inyokern, 150 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Mount Jenkins, Owens Peak, Five Fingers

Land Manager: Bureau of Land Management, Owens Peak Wilderness (760) 384-5400

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About the peak

Morris Peak and its sister Mount Jenkins are situated on the crown of Indian Wells Canyon in Kern County, with fabulous views of the canyon with its high jagged ridgewalls, and the views of its magnificent neighbors Five Fingers, Owens, Backus and Russell.

Route 1 follows the Pacific Crest Trail for an easy hike. You are likely to see excellent wildflowers along this route in good years. Route 2 and its variation rise from Indian Wells Canyon mostly cross country and more steeply.

Peak combinations: Morris Peak is commonly done with Mount Jenkins by a long trail walk along the PCT. It is also done with Mount Jenkins by a much shorter route using Route 2 of Morris Peak to access the PCT or by having a short car shuttle and combining Morris Peak's Route 2 with Mount Jenkins Route 3.

Camping: About a mile west of Walker Pass on the left is the entrance to Walker Pass Campground. There are restrooms and water during summer months. There are walk-in primitive sites. There are no fees or reservations at this time. Powers Well is on the driving route for Route 2. It has no water or facilities. It is very close to the starting point for Five Fingers.

Special conditions: Morris Peak, Mount Jenkins, Owens Peak, Five Fingers (Aquila) are all in the Owens Peak Wilderness. At the date of this revision, no permit is required.

Morris Peak has 2 official HPS routes:

Morris Peak Route 1- Pacific Crest Trail

Distance: 9 miles round trip on trail and some
easy cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 2000

Time: 4-5 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take SR 14 to Mojave.
- Continue north on SR 14 to the intersection with SR 178 (Freeman Junction).
- Go west on SR 178 to Walker Pass. Park here. Unlimited parking space.

Hiking directions:

- From Walker Pass (5246'), hike north on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) about 4 miles to a saddle (6600') southwest of the summit (UTM 100496).
- Leave the trail and follow a prominent use trail which goes diagonally up towards the ridge and hits the ridge just east of the peak.
- Turn left and go up to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Morris Peak Route 2- From Indian Wells Canyon

Distance: 4 miles round trip cross-country

Gain: 2400

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Time: 3-4 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Dirt

Driving directions:

- Take SR 14 to Mojave.
- Continue north on SR 14 to the intersection with SR 178 (Freeman Junction).
- Continue north on SR 14 for 5.3 miles to Indian Wells Canyon Road (dirt) on the left. This is 0.4 mile north of Indian Wells, with a lodge and brewery. Turn left. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 2.6 miles, Powers Well on the left. Keep straight.
- At 2.7 miles, fork. Go right.
- At 3.8 and 3.9 miles, forks. Keep left.
- At 5.2 miles, fork. Go right.
- At 5.8 miles, fork. Keep left. This is the turnoff for Owens Peak.
- Drive about 0.5 mile to an abandoned mine (gold and tungsten). Park here. Do not block the road.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4890'), hike up the road past the cable.
- Keep left at the first fork and right at the second fork.
- Continue past the end of the road into the canyon ahead.
- Continue up to the saddle at 6500'.
- Turn left, leave the trail, and go up the ridge (south) to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Alternate Hiking Route 2: From the parking area (4890'), hike up the road past the mining equipment.

Stay right at the intersection on the road down past some old structures to a sign labeled "Alternate Route to the PCT". Take this trail.

The trail follows a number of switchbacks to an abandoned dirt road. Continue on the dirt road to a saddle (1.8 miles).

From the saddle, go west on a ridge for 0.5 mile to the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail).

Go southwest (left) on the PCT for 1.2 miles to a use trail. (If you instead go right/north on the PCT for a mile, you'll find the use trail that goes west to the summit of Jenkins Peak.)

Turn left, leave the PCT, and follow the use trail up the ridge (south) to the summit.

