

Bald Eagle Peak 02B

Lat/Lon 35.5449542,-118.4789741
UTM 11S 365937E 3934485N

Elevation: 6181'

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Location: Kern County, 4 miles south of Bodfish/Lake Isabella, 155 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Lightner Peak, Piute Lookout

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

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About the peak

The profile of this wonderful granite summit reminds some of its namesake raptor, which were once frequently sighted here.

Route 1 follows an open yucca-dotted ridgeline to the summit and sidehills on a use trail around an intermediate bump before scrambling up some easy Class 2 rock to the summit. Route 2 ascends a gully to a ridge thence to the summit. The Class 2 rock may be easier on Route 2.

Special conditions: Saddle Spring Road (27S02) is seasonal. Call Greenhorn Ranger District at (760) 379-5646 for road condition information.

Notes: The peak is in the Bodfish Piute Cypress Botanical Area. The endangered species Piute cypress, distinguishable from juniper by the soccer-ball seams on the berries, is found on north and east slopes within the Botanical Area.

Bald Eagle Peak has 2 official HPS routes:

Bald Eagle Peak Route 1

Distance: 1.5 miles round trip on use trail and cross-country; easy brush and moderate rock scrambling Gain: 600
Time: 1.5 hours round trip
Difficulty rating: Class 2, easy Navigation difficulty: Easy
Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#) Road type: Dirt

Driving directions:

- Bakersfield approach:
- Exit SR 178 at Borel Road 3 miles before reaching the town of Lake Isabella.
- Turn east, then turn left toward Bodfish at 1/4 mile, and then turn right at Lake Isabella Road.
- Walker Pass approach:
- Drive west on SR 178 to SR 155 at Lake Isabella.
- Turn left a short distance to Lake Isabella Road, then turn right (south) and drive about 3 miles to Bodfish.
- Drive through the town of Bodfish on Lake Isabella Road (which becomes Caliente-Bodfish Road) for about 3.2 miles to dirt Saddle Spring Road (27S02) on the left at the very top of a grade. Note your odometer and turn left.
- Drive in about 5.5 miles, where 27S02 meets the main ridge before crossing over to the south side. Park on the west side of this shallow saddle.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6060'), walk a few yards west along the ridge, find a downhill use trail to the left, follow the use trail as it descends about 10-15' onto the south slope of the ridge, reverses direction and heads northwest contouring on the south slope of the ridge.
- Hike the use trail northwest around the first bump into the saddle before the peak.
- Scramble up to the summit, climbing over two main rock layers.

Additional Route notes:

Bald Eagle Peak Route 2

Distance: 1.2 miles round trip cross-country
with moderate rock scrambling

Difficulty rating: Class 2, easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 825

Time: 2 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Dirt

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- Drive in about 3.5 miles to start of a gully leading to a ridge. Park here. Room for about 3 cars. Additional parking about 100 yards further at a curve in the road.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking spot (5271'), hike southwest up the gully to a saddle on the ridge.
- Turn left and hike southeast up the ridge to the summit.

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