

Butterbredt Peak 02J

Lat/Lon 35.3838479,-118.1534081
UTM 11S 395241E 3916222N

Elevation: 5997'

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Location: Kern County, about 22 miles north of Mojave, 140 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Cross Mountain

Land Manager: Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office (760) 384-5400

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About the peak

Butterbredt Peak enjoys great views of surrounding mountains and canyons, including Butterbredt Canyon and Spring, a prime location for migrating fowl. The area was also a favorite destination of 19th century miners, including Frederick Butterbredt, who found his wife and a small baby hiding in the willows below Whiskey Flat. Her Indian husband and father had just been killed by the soldiers in the Indian massacre of 1863.

Route 1 starts from Kelso Valley Road at Hoffman Summit, where Jawbone Canyon descends into Kelso Valley, and ascends the southwest ridge. Route 2 starts a short distance away and climbs the southeast ridge. It is typically hiked in combination with nearby Mayan Peak.

Butterbredt Peak has 2 official HPS routes:

Butterbredt Peak Route 1

Distance: 2 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 1200

Time: 1.5 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Dirt

Driving directions:

- From Mojave drive north on SR 14 for 19.5 miles to Jawbone Canyon Road on the left. Turn left. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 6.3 miles, pavement ends. Fork, go right.
- At 11.9 miles, fork to the right. Keep straight.
- At 13.8 miles, the road turns west and goes over a saddle.
- At 15.1 miles, the road goes over another saddle. This is Hoffman Summit. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4846'), ascend the ridge to the northeast, staying to the right (southeast) of rocky outcrops up to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Butterbredt Peak Route 2

Distance: 2.7 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 1400

Time: 3 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Dirt

Driving directions:

- From Mojave drive north on SR 14 for 19.5 miles to Jawbone Canyon Road on the left. Turn left. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 6.3 miles, pavement ends. Fork, go right.
- At 11.9 miles, fork to the right. Keep straight.
- At 13.8 miles, the road turns west and goes over a saddle. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4680'), ascend the ridge to the northwest and follow it up to the summit.

Additional Route notes: