

Peak Mountain 06A

Lat/Lon 34.9022019,-119.8584708
UTM 11S 238812E 3865927N

Elevation: 5843'

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Location: Santa Barbara County, about 11 miles west-southwest of New Cuyama, 170 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: McPherson Peak

Land Manager: Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia Ranger District (805) 925-9538

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK. CONDITIONS MAY CHANGE, AND UNEXPECTED HAZARDS MAY BE PRESENT.

About the peak

Prosaically named Peak Mountain, usually hiked in conjunction with nearby McPherson Peak, is a short hike up a firebreak after a long drive (Route 1) or an easy but long road walk after hiking McPherson Peak by one of its more enjoyable routes.

Peak Mountain has 2 official HPS routes:

Peak Mountain Route 1

Distance: 1 mile round trip on firebreak

Gain: 400

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Time: 1 hour round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Adventure Pass may be required

Road type: Dirt

Driving directions:

- Drive north on I-5 past the Grapevine, to the SR 166 off-ramp. Turn left (west).
- Follow SR 166 about 46 miles to the town of New Cuyama. New Cuyama may also be reached by a shorter but slower route by driving north from Ventura through Ojai on SR 33, then west on SR 166.
- From New Cuyama, go west 12.8 miles to the Cottonwood Canyon Road (11N01). Turn left, note your odometer, and go as follows:
- At 4.9 miles, fork. Go left. The road narrows here.
- At 6.5 miles, White Oak Ranger Station and Campground. Keep straight.
- At 6.8 miles, the pavement ends at a gate with a sign "Bates Canyon Road".
- At 12.7 miles, junction with Sierra Madre Road. Turn left (east).
- At 17.5 miles, a saddle with a wide parking area on left. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5440'), hike west up a firebreak less than 1/2 mile to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Peak Mountain Route 2

Distance: 6.5 miles round trip from
McPherson Peak

Gain: 1000

Time: 3 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy, strenuous with
McPherson Peak Route 2

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Dirt

Adventure Pass may be required

Driving directions:

- See the McPherson Peak guide. This route is normally only used when hiking McPherson Peak from Aliso Campground.

Hiking directions:

- From McPherson Peak, Peak Mountain is the third major hill along the ridge to the west, with a narrow firebreak going up its face.
- Go northwest down the ridge of McPherson Peak to the Sierra Madre Road.
- Hike 3 miles west on Sierra Madre Road to the saddle just east of Peak Mountain.
- Hike west up a firebreak less than 1/2 mile to the summit.

Additional Route notes: