

Fox Mountain #1 06C

Lat/lon 34.8138694,-119.6004058
UTM 11S 262144E 3855485N

Elevation: 5167'

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Location: Santa Barbara County, about 9 miles south of Cuyama, 140 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks:

Land Manager: Los Padres National Forest, Mount Pinos Ranger District (661) 245-3731

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

About the peak

Fox Mountain is named for named for Charles Fox, an early Angeles Chapter Chair and once owner of the nearby Santa Barbara Canyon Ranch, one of the central parcels that became part of the Los Padres National Forest. Route 1 follows a winding, and sometimes steep, tree-lined ridge route to the peak with lovely views of the surrounding Los Padres region. Note that the adobe clay soil on the road up to the trailhead becomes extremely slippery when wet and should be avoided for a week or so after a rain.

Fox Mountain #1 has 1 official HPS route:

Fox Mountain #1 Route 1

Distance: 5 miles round trip cross-country

Gain: 2300

Time: 4 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Dirt

Adventure Pass may be required

Driving directions:

- Drive north on I-5 past the Grapevine to the SR 166 off-ramp. Turn left (west).
- Head west 36.5 miles, passing through Maricopa, to the junction with SR 33 south. This junction may be reached by a slower route via SR 33 north from Ojai. (There is a junction with SR 33 north in Maricopa that you will pass in Maricopa.) Turn left (south).
- Go 2.7 miles to Foothill Road on the right. Turn right (west).
- Go 2.1 miles, crossing the Cuyama River, to the Santa Barbara Canyon Road (9N11) on the left. Turn left, note your odometer, and go as follows:
- At 3.1 miles, just past a ranch house, junction with a dirt road on the left and a paved road on the right with a sign "Santa Barbara Canyon Road". Turn right.
- At 7.5 miles, fork with Santa Barbara Ranch visible ahead. Go right and cross a creek. The pavement ends.
- At 9.5 miles, a cattle guard and gate. Gate may be closed. Check with Mt. Pinos Ranger district, Chuchupate station, for status.
- At 10.0 miles, an obscure dirt road appears on the right. Turn right (west) on this road a few yards to a turn-around, suitable for overnight car camps. Park here.
- If the Cuyama River is impassable, return to the junction of SR 166 and SR 33 and go as follows:
- Go west on SR 166 for 4.7 miles to a bridge over the Cuyama River, and an immediate junction past the bridge, on your left. This is Kirschenmann Road (paved). Turn left.
- Continue 2.4 miles to the end of Kirschenmann at Foothill Road. Turn left (east).
- Drive 3 miles to Santa Barbara Canyon Road on the right (south). Turn right and continue as above.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (3250'), hike across the streambed and head west-northwest directly up the ridge. An occasionally obscure use trail leads in a generally northwest direction up the ridge and over bump 5000'. The use trail is usually on the south side of the ridge.
- From this point the trail runs northwest past a shallow saddle, across elevation 5038', down into another saddle, and up another bump (5080'+).

- From here hike cross-country toward the left (west) summit, which is the peak.
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Additional Route 1 notes:

