

Thorn Point (Lookout) 07E- Star Emblem Peak

Lat/lon 34.6060984,-119.1278848
UTM 11S 304885E 3831421N

Elevation: 6920'

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Location: Ventura County, about 20 miles southwest of Frazier Park, 90 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Lockwood Peak, San Guillermo Mountain, San Rafael Peak

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About the peak

Thorn Point is likely named for W. H. Thorn, a surveyor that helped map central Ventura County back in 1905. A trip to Thorn begins with a drive through Lockwood Valley with its interesting rock formations and grasslands into the scenic Sespe Wilderness. The summit has a still standing but abandoned tower that served as a fire lookout (and, more recently, a condor monitoring station), in which much of the original equipment can still be found. As expected for a fire lookout, the views of the Sespe Wilderness, Sespe Creek valley and Topatopa Mountains to the south are outstanding.

Route 1 begins after a drive on a high clearance road to a stream crossing at Piru Creek. When water is high you may wish to park here and hike an extra mile. The trail starts on road to Thorn Meadows where there is a campground, then up a stream to ridges and then to the peak. The trail is wooded and scenic.

Special conditions: The dirt roads are seasonal. The gate at Mutau Road is often closed in winter. The last mile of dirt road is very rough and the stream crossings can be deep, so high clearance may be required. The peak is in the Sespe Wilderness. No permit is required at this time.

Thorn Point (Lookout) has 1 official HPS route:

Thorn Point (Lookout) Route 1

Distance: 10.4 miles round trip on trail (see note below regarding trailhead access)

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 2200

Time: 4-5 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: High-clearance

Driving directions:

- Take I-5 north past Gorman to the Frazier Park turnoff.
- Go west on Frazier Park Mountain Road for 7 miles to the signed junction with the Lockwood Valley Road. Turn left.
- Go 10.5 miles on the Lockwood Valley Road to the Mutau Road (7N03) on the left with a sign "Pine Springs CG". Turn left. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 1.5 miles, pavement ends.
- At 2.1 miles, Piano Box Road on the left. This is the turnoff for Lockwood Peak. Keep straight on 7N03 (7N03.2 on some maps).
- At 2.5 miles, another junction with Piano Box Road on the left. (This turn also leads to the Lockwood Peak trailhead). Keep straight.
- At 2.7 miles, fork with 7N03A on the right. This is the turnoff for San Guillermo Mountain. Keep straight.
- At 7.4 miles, Piru Creek crossing. The creek is sometimes too deep for vehicles to cross. There are a few parking spots before the creek.
- At 7.5 miles, Junction with 7N03B. Park here. 7N03 continues to San Rafael Peak.

Hiking directions:

- 7N03B is now closed (early 2023), and not scheduled for repair, so hiking begins at the closure point.
- Hike road 7N03B (which forked right from 7N03) approximately 1½ miles to the Thorn Meadows (Snedden) campground.
- The trail starts at the fence on the west side of the parking area (5000') adjacent to the campsite with a lone Jeffery pine tree. Follow the trail across two small ravines to reach a second fence where the trail goes up to the left just before a canyon.
- Turn left and follow this trail up a shallow canyon for about a mile.
- It then ascends a ridge via switchbacks and goes west along the ridge to the lookout tower on the summit. The register is on a rock 30 yards east of the tower.

Additional Route 1 notes:

