

Snowy Peak 07J

Lat/Lon 34.6494303,-118.888708
UTM 11S 326909E 3835790N

Elevation: 6532'

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Location: Ventura County, about 11 miles about south-southwest of Gorman, 83 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Alamo Mountain, McDonald Peak, Sewart Mountain, Black Mountain #2, Cobblestone Mountain, White Mountain #2

Land Manager: Los Padres National Forest, Mount Pinos and Ojai Ranger Districts (661) 245-3731 (805) 646-4348

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About the peak

Snowy Peak is named for the white gneiss found on its summit, although "brushy" is more accurate. It is on the same ridgeline as Black Mountain #2 and is another easily achievable pathfinder for that reason. Route 1 approaches via the southwest ridge, which is prime habitat for buckthorn (*Ceanothus cuneatus*). It becomes overgrown without frequent use and maintenance.

Snowy Peak and Sewart Mountain are climbed with Black Mountain #2. The trail to Black Mountain #2 goes over Sewart Mountain and Snowy Peak.

Twin Pines Campground has a toilet but no other facilities.

Contact the USFS at (661) 245-3731 for information about the status of the seasonal gate at the Piru Creek crossing.

Snowy Peak has 1 official HPS route:

Snowy Peak Route 1

Distance: 6 miles round trip on road and brushy use trail

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 2100

Time: 3-5 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Dirt

Driving directions:

- Go north on I-5 to the town of Gorman. Get off on the signed Gorman exit.
- Turn left at the bottom of the off-ramp and go under the freeway.
- Go 0.1 mile to Peace Valley Road. Turn right.
- Go 1 mile to the entrance to Hungry Valley Recreation Area on your left (paved). Turn left. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 0.2 miles, entrance station. If manned, you can avoid payment of the fee by telling the State Park employee that you are passing through to Alamo Mountain.
- At 5.2 miles, intersection. Turn right (west) toward "Piru Creek", signed.
- At 11.2 miles, improved car camping area on right, with toilets. Often used as a meeting point.
- At 11.4 miles, Piru Creek crossing. There is a seasonal gate just before this stream crossing.
- At 13.4 miles, the pavement ends.
- At 17.8 miles, fork to the left. Keep right.
- At 17.9 miles, junction with the Alamo Mountain Road. Go straight. Note your odometer again and go as follows:
- At 3.3 miles, fork immediately beyond a small road cut through the ridge. To the right leads to Alamo Mountain Route 1. Turn left.
- At 4.0 miles, the road forks at the Little Mutau trailhead. Turn left. Past this point the road can sometimes be poor but is usually passable.
- At 6.3 miles, the parking spot for McDonald Peak.
- At 7.2 miles, a dirt berm, a sign indicating no further motor vehicle traffic, and a large parking area, suitable for car camping. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6500'), pass the gate and hike east on the old road for 1 mile to the obvious high point of the road. This is the summit area of Sewart Mountain.
- Continue downhill on the old road for about 0.5 mile to a fork with an obscure road on the right, signed "Sespe Wilderness". This is the turnoff for Cobblestone Mountain and White Mountain #2.

- Keeping left, continue another 0.5 mile down the old road until just east of the saddle between Sewart Mountain and Snowy Peak, finding an obvious short side trail trending straight but on the left.
- Climb this steep trail, which meets the ridgeline and picks up an obvious brushed-out trail that follows the ridgeline northeast to the summit.

Additional Route 1 notes:

