

Beartrap Bluff 07T

Lat/Lon 34.658063,-119.265947
UTM 11S 292353E 3837460N

Elevation: 6160+'

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Location: Ventura County, about 20 miles north of Ojai, 125 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Reyes Peak, Haddock Mountain

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

Beartrap Bluff is the most recently added HPS peak, and it is a worthy one. Route 1 starts from the Reyes Creek trailhead and follows the very beautiful Gene Marshall Piedra Blanca National Recreation Trail to the Beartrap campsite. From here the route ascends a gully on massive sandstone rock slabs to the summit ridge, with views of its neighbors Reyes and Haddock. While steep, the slabs are suitable for most experienced hikers, but should be avoided when wet or snowy. Marine fossils can be found among the broken stones in the gully.

The east end of Beartrap Campsite is 0.1 mile to the east of where one crosses Beartrap Creek. On one's return, it is worth walking the additional 0.1 mile to visit this end of the campsite and its beautiful majestic trees.

Beartrap Bluff has 1 official HPS route:

Beartrap Bluff Route 1- Piedra Blanca Trail

Distance: 12 miles round trip on trail and cross country

Difficulty rating: Class 2, strenuous

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)
Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 3800

Time: 7-8 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Leader Rating: "I", normal conditions

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take I-5 north from Los Angeles.
- Exit at the Frazier Mountain Park Road.
- Reset your odometer at the stop sign at the end of the off ramp.
- At the stop sign, turn left and drive west for 7.1 miles to the Lockwood Valley Road (LVR).
- Turn left, reset odometer and drive on the LVR for another 23.6 miles to 7N11.
- Reset odometer, turn left and drive about 1.5 miles to Camp Scheideck.
- At about 1.6 miles is the Reyes Creek Bar & Grill.
- Drive through the Reyes Creek Campground to the Gene Marshall/Piedra Blanca trailhead, 2.1 miles from the LVR. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (3950'), the trail drops in elevation, it then regains and undulates while it continues to gain.
- The Upper Reyes Creek campground is 3.0 miles up the trail. As you exit the campsite, you will pass a unique and huge oak tree.
- About 4.0 miles from the trailhead, the trail will cross over a ridge (5400').
- About 4.6 miles from the trail head, the trail will cross Beartrap Creek (5000').
- Cross the creek, leave the trail on your left and walk along the right bank for about 0.1 miles to a major gully on your right.
- Leave the creek and climb up this steep, rocky gully to a plateau (5900').
- Once on the plateau, go left and proceed to a massive summit block.

Additional Route 1 notes:

