

Mount Gleason 09A

Lat/lon 34.3766645,-118.177296
UTM 11S 391759E 3804549N

Elevation: 6502'

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 12 miles north of La Cañada-Flintridge, 52 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Iron Mountain #2, Condor Peak, Fox Mountain #2

Land Manager: Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles Gateway District (818) 899-1900

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About the peak

Mount Gleason is located north of Condor Peak on the northern edge of the San Gabriel Mountains. This peak is easily recognizable from many points in the San Gabriels for its large round top and the scattered trees at the top. The hike requires following either the PCT or the Mount Gleason Road (3N17) from Mill Creek Summit. The peak was once home to a Nike missile base, and a County Correctional Fire Camp that burned down in the Station Fire, after which the entire facility was razed. There is an interesting monument to the firefighters who lost their lives trying to escape that fire that is worth visiting.

For Route 1, the gate is now open year around except during rain, a welcome change after many years of closure, that has turned a tedious road walk into a near drive-up, and makes nearby Iron #2 more accessible from this direction. Route 2 takes the Pacific Crest Trail from Mill Creek Summit and roughly parallels the road. The summit of Mount Gleason is a large open area and the register is located .2 miles northeast of the USGS summit. It is also possible to reach the peak from Condor Peak or the PCT from Indian Canyon, but both of those routes would be backpacks instead of hikes.

Alternate routes: The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) crosses the north ridge of Mount Gleason. From this point it is possible to hike up the ridge less than 1/2 mile to the summit area. This makes it possible to hike Mount Gleason via the PCT from any convenient trailhead along the PCT depending on how long you want the hike to be.

Historical note: The Nike fire control radar system was located on the summit. The admin and launch facilities were at LA Co. correctional facility.

Mount Gleason has 1 official HPS route:

Mount Gleason Route 1

Distance: 1/2 mile round trip on road

Gain: 100

Time: 15 minutes round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Dirt

Adventure Pass may be required

Driving directions:

- Drive north on Angeles Crest Highway (SR 2) for 9.5 miles to its junction with Angeles Forest Highway (N3). Turn left.
- Drive north on Angeles Forest Highway 14.2 miles to Mill Creek Summit. Turn left on Mount Gleason Road (3N17). Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 6.2 miles, a fork, where the paved road goes into a Los Angeles County correctional facility. Take the left fork (dirt) around the detention center.
- At 8.8 miles, a gated paved road goes right (north) just past a microwave tower. Park at the gate or nearby (don't block the gate).

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6428'), pass the gate and hike up the road to the summit, a large open area. There is usually no register on this summit.
- To find the HPS register, travel north past the summit area about 0.3 miles on a dirt road to the summit of bump 6502. This is slightly south of and above where the PCT intersects the dirt road. The register is in a rocky patch just east of the road.

Additional Route 1 notes:

