

Round Top 10H

Lat/lon 34.352687,-118.067894
UTM 11S 401790E 3801779N

Elevation: 6316'

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 15 miles south of Palmdale, 48 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Granite Mountain #1, Iron Mountain #3, Rabbit Peak #1

Land Manager: Angeles National Forest, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (626) 335-1251

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About the peak

Round Top (6316') is fire road hike from Mill Creek Summit, but it is often combined with Granite Mountain #1 (6596') Rabbit Pk #1 (5307') and Iron Mountain #3 (5040') for a not so easy hike of the "Little Four" via the Monte Cristo Campground (10 mile loop) or Mill Creek Summit (16.4 mile lollipop). Generous views of the many peaks and canyons of the western San Gabriels, and of the Antelope Valley, accompany this 10-mile 4500' gain hike. Route 1 describes the fire road from Mill Creek Summit to the summit at the end of the fire road.. The loop from Monte Cristo Campground is a challenging cross country hike that includes a fire cut that may be one of the steepest "trails" in all the Angeles Forest. Prepare for route finding and bushwhacking if you embark on those loops.

Alternate routes: Round Top is often climbed as part of a loop trip with Granite Mountain #1, Iron Mountain #3, and Rabbit Peak #1, 9.5 miles and 4100' gain. This loop can be done in either a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction. This is a full day trip. If hiking counter-clockwise (typically from the Monte Cristo Campground), be advised that there is approximately 1600' gain in less than one mile approaching Round Top.

Round Top has 1 official HPS route:

Round Top Route 1

Distance: 12.6 miles round trip

Gain: 1700

Time: 6 hours

Difficulty rating: Easy

Navigation difficulty:

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Paved

Adventure Pass may be required

Driving directions:

- From the intersection of I-210 and Angeles Crest Highway (SR 2), drive north on Angeles Crest Highway 9.5 miles to Angeles Forest Highway. Turn left (north).
- Go 14.2 miles to Mill Creek Summit. Turn right (east) onto 3N17.
- Just above the Fire Station is a large parking lot. Park here

Hiking directions:

- Hike 3.4 miles to an intersection with 3N90 on the right. Turn right (south).
- Hike 0.9 mile on 3N90 to a saddle. This is the point to leave the road to hike to Granite Mountain #1.
- Continue 2.0 miles to the end of the road which is the summit.

Additional Route 1 notes:

