

Cole Point 10J

Lat/lon 34.421672,-118.072064
UTM 11S 401487E 3809433N

Elevation: 5604'

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 12 miles south-southeast of Palmdale, 47 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Mount Emma, Old Mount Emma

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

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About the peak

Cole Point resides in the transition where the San Gabriel Mountains give way to the high desert. You will enjoy expansive views of the desert to the north and the surrounding mountains, including those of the beautiful Angeles National Forest.

Route 1 traverses the northwest ridge cross country then on firebreak over a series of bumps. Route 3 starts on old road then takes the west ridge to the peak. Cole can also be hiked from Mill Creek Summit on trail and firebreak, or from Mount Emma on ridges.

Other routes: A former Route 2 that followed the ridgeline from the north/northeast has been withdrawn due to a private shooting range and permanent road closure.

Cole Point has 2 official HPS routes:

Cole Point Route 1- Northwest ridge

Distance: 4 miles round trip on steep use-trail along open ridges in scrub brush
Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy
Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)
Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 1700
Time: 3 hours round trip
Navigation difficulty: Moderate
Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- From I-210 in La Cañada drive north on Angeles Crest Highway 9.5 miles to Angeles Forest Highway. Turn left (north).
- Go 14.2 miles to Mill Creek Summit.
- Continue on Angeles Forest Highway about 4.3 miles to where the road crosses a low saddle and the highway begins to curve into a long, straight northwest run. Park at the large parking area on the right (east) side of the road.
- Alternate: The parking area can also be reached by exiting the 14 Freeway at Angeles Forest Highway, then heading south 5 miles to the curve at the end of the long straightaway.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4100'), cross the embankment to the east and follow tracks into the canyon, meeting and following a use-trail that heads upstream.
- At some convenient spot, leave the canyon and carefully ascend the steep slope on the north to gain the main ridgeline. Proceed along this ridge southeast and south as it goes steeply over bumps 4720' and 5000' to the summit.
- Follow the trail to the top of the ridge, then turn right (south) and follow the ridge up to a firebreak, down into a saddle (4640'+) and up a steep slope to 5000'+, then south along the ridge to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Cole Point Route 3- West Ridge Direct

Distance: 2.6 miles round trip, steep cross-country on open ridge in easy scrub brush

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 1500

Time: 2 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Paved

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 (N3). Turn left (north).
- Go 14.2 miles to Mill Creek Summit.
- Continue another 3 miles on Angeles Forest Highway, passing the junction with paved Aliso Canyon Road that comes in from the left (west). Continue straight.
- About 200 yards from the junction park near Mileage Marker 7.10.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4100'), follow the power line service road that wraps around the north side of the hill to a saddle on the east side at 4320'.
- From the saddle turn east and follow the steep ridgeline generally eastward directly to the summit.

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