

Mount Lawlor 11C

Lat/Lon 34.2708353,-118.1039592
UTM 11S 398374E 3792738N

Elevation: 5957'

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 9 miles north of Pasadena, 28 miles from Los Angeles, 14 miles from La Cañada-Flintridge

Nearby peaks: Strawberry Peak, Barley Flats

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

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About the peak

Mount Lawlor was originally called Little Strawberry Peak, but when it was officially named Mount Lawler after a prominent citizen hiker at the time, it was misspelled and that error still lives on today. Mount Lawlor is a great add on peak on your way to or from Strawberry Peak. Its south ridge is probably the steepest trail in the Angeles Forest and should not be underestimated up or down.

Route 1 leaves Red Box and takes the Strawberry Peak trail up to a saddle where a hard right turn takes you up a reasonably steep trail to the peak. Route 2 uses the unreasonably steep fire cut that goes straight up to the peak. This is a hands-on climb to keep from slipping. Mount Lawlor can also be added on as a third peak after Josephine and Strawberry for an adventurous car shuttle hike.

Alternate routes: The peak can be climbed from Barley Flats, by following the firebreak west along the ridge. This route is overgrown and very brushy at several points.

Mount Lawlor has 2 official HPS routes:

Mount Lawlor Route 1- From Red Box

Distance: 6 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 1300

Time: 3 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

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. Keep straight.
- Continue about 4.5 miles to the junction with the Mount Wilson Road at the Red Box Ranger Station. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4600'), hike east along Angeles Crest Highway for 100', and go up the dirt road on the left (2N46) for about 3/4 mile to a trail junction on the left.
- Turn left and follow the trail about 1/4 mile to the top of a ridge coming up from Red Box Divide. Continue on the trail around the flanks of Lawlor to the saddle between Lawlor and Strawberry (5200'+).
- Turn right and climb east up the ridge on a use trail to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Mount Lawlor Route 2- Direct

Distance: 2.75 miles round trip on trail and very steep cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 2, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 1300

Time: 3 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- See Driving Route 1.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4600'), hike east along Angeles Crest Highway for 100', and go up the dirt road on the left (2N46) for about 3/4 mile to a trail junction on the left.
- Turn left and follow the trail about 1/4 mile to the top of a ridge coming up from Red Box Divide.
- Leave the trail here and climb the steep ridge up to the summit. This ridge is very steep and very loose. A high degree of care is required on this section.

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