

Mount Mooney 11G

Lat/lon 34.305834,-118.0084003
UTM 11S 407210E 3796527N

Elevation: 5840'+

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 11 miles north of Monrovia, 40 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks:

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

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About the peak

Mooney was named by a USFS surveyor in the 1920s, who in those days had a great deal of latitude in their choice of names for things, for a young forest ranger who was killed in France during WWI. Mooney can be climbed from its east ridge, Route 1, after a short drive up a high clearance road from the parking area for Vetter Mountain, or from the same parking area directly up a firebreak, Route 2.

Historical note: The peak was named for Joseph Mooney, a young Forest Service telephone lineman and ranger in the Angeles National Forest. He lost his life in World War I.

Mount Mooney has 2 official HPS routes:

Mount Mooney Route 1

Distance: 1 mile round trip on road

Gain: 250

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Time: 1 hour round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Adventure Pass may be required

Road type: Dirt

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.
- Continue on Angeles Crest Highway about 9 miles farther to the signed Charlton Flats Picnic Area on the left.
- Continue 100 yards farther on Angeles Crest Highway to a paved road on the right. Turn right (north).
- Keep right at an immediate fork. The road becomes dirt at 0.1 mile. Follow it 0.6 mile to a wide flat area at a saddle. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5600'+), hike west up a jeep road behind a dirt berm to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Mount Mooney Route 2

Distance: 2 miles round trip cross-country

Gain: 350

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Time: 2 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Adventure Pass may be required

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.
- Continue on Crest Highway about 9 miles farther to the signed Charlton Flats Picnic Area on the left. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5380'), cross to the north side of the highway and hike north up the brushy ridge to the summit.

Additional Route notes: