

## Mount Markham 12D

Lat/lon 34.2369477,-118.0989587  
UTM 11S 398794E 3788975N

Elevation: 5742'

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 3 miles north of Altadena, 31 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Mount Lowe, San Gabriel Peak, Mount Disappointment

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

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### About the peak

Markham is named after the California governor and Pasadena resident who ironically was responsible for dissolving the Board of Forestry that created the reserve this peak was located in. Situated between San Gabriel Peak and Mount Lowe, it is typically hiked in conjunction with these and the other surrounding peaks and has nice views of its neighbors, the city of Pasadena and a unique view of Occidental Peak and Mount Wilson.

Route 1 starts from Eaton Saddle off of the Mount Wilson Road, then passes through Mueller Tunnel and toward Mount Lowe before backtracking up an interesting and rocky use trail to the summit.

Historical notes: This peak, between Mount Lowe and San Gabriel Peak, was formerly known as "Square Top" or "Table Mountain" which is how it appears along trail 12W16 above Idlehour Campground, or from Mount Wilson. In the 1890's, at the urging of Professor Lowe and other leading Pasadena citizens, it was named in honor of Henry H. Markham, a prominent citizen of Pasadena and Governor of California 1891-1895.

Mount Markham has 1 official HPS route:

## Mount Markham Route 1

Distance: 3 miles round trip on road and trail      Gain: 600  
Time: 1.5 hours round trip  
Difficulty rating: Class 1, 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. Keep straight.
- Continue about 3.5 miles to the junction with the Mount Wilson Road at the Red Box Ranger Station. Turn right.
- Drive 2.3 miles to Eaton Saddle. Park on the right. Do not block the gate.

### Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5100'), pass the gate and hike up the road, through a tunnel, about 1/2 mile to Markham Saddle. This is the turnoff for Mount Disappointment and San Gabriel Peak.
- The road continues west, but take a trail (12W14) on the left, which starts at this saddle.
- Follow it to a saddle between Mount Markham and Mount Lowe. This is the turnoff for Mount Lowe.
- At this saddle, turn left (northeast) and follow the ridge up to the summit.

### Additional Route 1 notes:

