

Pinyon Ridge 13H

Lat/Lon 34.394952,-117.753755
UTM 11S 430715E 3806206N

Elevation: 6535'

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 12 miles southeast of Pearblossom, 63 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

Pinyon Ridge, named for the pinyon pine that are found on its slopes, is a rolling ridge that is flanked on one side by Angeles Crest Highway with Baden-Powell rising magnificently to the south of Pinyon, and on the other side perched at the brink of the San Andreas Rift Zone with marvelous views as well. The HPS peak is the high point of that ridge.

The most common route is a pleasant drive (Route 2) or hike (Route 3) if the seasonal gate is closed, on a pretty windy road from Vincent Gap. Route 4 ascends the north ridge from the road below.

Pinyon Ridge has 3 official HPS routes:

Pinyon Ridge Route 2

Distance: 120' round trip

Gain: 0

Time: None

Difficulty rating: Drive-up

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Dirt

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 50 miles to Vincent Gap.
- Turn left on a dirt road that heads uphill. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- Go right at an immediate fork.
- At 0.9 mile, fork. Go left.
- At 2.8 miles, fork in a saddle. Keep left.
- At 3.2 miles, park about 75 yards past stake "AA10", at the top of a gentle rise.

Hiking directions:

- The summit cairn is 40 yards north of the road in the brush.

Additional Route notes:

Notes: The gate on the dirt road at Vincent Gap may be closed. Contact the USFS Big Pines Information Station, PO Box 1011, Wrightwood, CA 92397 (760) 249-3504 for information about the status of the gate at Vincent Gap.

Pinyon Ridge Route 3

Distance: 6.5 miles round trip on road

Gain: 1200

Time: 2.5-3.5 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Navigation difficulty: Easy

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 50 miles to Vincent Gap. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area at Vincent Gap (6593'), hike north on the dirt road that heads uphill. One mile up this road, a second road comes in from the left.
- Turn left (north and downhill) for 3/4 mile on this road which switchbacks southwest in the process of losing 350' of elevation to another road junction.
- Take the right fork (north) and follow the road to saddle 6360'+ just south of the summit.
- Head north beyond the saddle less than 1/2 mile to the top of the ridgeline.
- Continue about 75 yards past stake "AA10" at the top of a gentle rise.
- The summit cairn is 40 yards north of the road in the brush.

Additional Route notes:

Notes: This is the hiking route for Route 2 if the gate is closed.

Pinyon Ridge Route 4

Distance: 2 miles round trip on firebreak

Gain: 1120

Time: 1.5-2 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 2, moderate

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Paved

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Driving directions:

- From Pomona, drive east on I-10 for 14 miles to I-15.
- Drive north on I-15 for 22 miles to SR-138.
- Drive west on SR-138 for 8.6 miles to SR-2.
- Drive on SR-2 (through Wrightwood) for 8.9 miles to Big Pines Ranger Station.
- Just beyond the Ranger Station, turn right on N-4 and reset odometer.
- Drive on N-4 for 5.4 miles and park by mil marker 6.12 (5480').

Hiking directions:

- From the south side of N-4, walk 30 yards through a stand of trees, then follow a dirt road to the left (southeast). The dirt road goes up over a shoulder and descends 30'.
- At about 0.2 mile from the parking area, climb up a steep firebreak that follows the south bearing ridgeline.
- The ridge becomes less steep around 6200' and takes you to the summit plateau.

Additional Route notes: