

Middle Hawkins 14E

Lat/lon 34.334864,-117.814161
UTM 11S 425109E 3799586N

Elevation: 8505'

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 14 miles north of Glendora, 65 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Mount Hawkins, South Mount Hawkins (LO), Mount Islip

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

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About the peak

Middle Hawkins is a remote peak that has a great view west to Mount Islip, Mount Wilson and other area peaks. This hike can easily be combined with South Mount Hawkins and Mount Islip for a multi-peak day. It is yet another one of the peaks named for Nellie Hawkins, a popular waitress at the now long-gone Squirrel Inn on the San Gabriel River.

Route 1 is the most straight forward hike to the top from Islip Saddle. This beautiful tree covered trail passes Little Jimmy Campground and the year-round spring if you need water. Route 2 follows a use trail to Windy Gap and then follows the same path as Route 1. Route 3 comes from Crystal Lake and also goes straight up to Windy Gap before continuing along the PCT like Route 1. Route 4 is the same route as the South Mount Hawkins route and it will allow you to hike both peaks in an out and back or combine it with one of these other routes to make it into a loop.

Middle Hawkins has 4 official HPS routes:

Middle Hawkins Route 1- From Islip Saddle

Distance: 10 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 2000

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Time: 5 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 39.5 miles (mile marker 64.1) on the Angeles Crest Highway to Islip Saddle. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6600'), hike across the Angeles Crest Highway to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).
- Hike up the PCT, past Little Jimmy Campground to Windy Gap.
- Continue east on the PCT for 1.4 miles farther to saddle 8400', where a trail forks to the south. This is the turnoff for Mount Hawkins.
- Take the south fork, keeping left at what looks like an immediate fork, until the trail goes around the east side of elevation 8440'+ to the saddle south of it.
- Here a use trail goes off to the right and up the ridge to the summit, about 1/3 mile from the trail fork.

Additional Route notes:

Middle Hawkins Route 2

Distance: 4 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 1400

Time: 2.5 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

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 41.6 miles on the Angeles Crest Highway to a parking area on the right at mile marker 66.37. Park here (UTM 240006).

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (7260'), note the large center gully on the south side of the highway with a vertical culvert pipe at the bottom. On the left side of the gully there is an obvious use trail that ascends steeply up the slope.
- Hike up this use trail, bearing about 210°, 1/4 mile to Windy Gap (7588').
- Continue east on the PCT for 1.4 miles farther to saddle 8400', where a trail forks to the south. This is the turnoff for Mount Hawkins.
- Take the south fork, keeping left at what looks like an immediate fork, until the trail goes around the east side of elevation 8440'+ to the saddle south of it.
- Here a use trail goes off to the right and up the ridge to the summit about 1/3 mile from the trail fork.

Additional Route notes:

Middle Hawkins Route 3- Windy Gap Trail

Distance: 12 miles round trip on trail and road

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 2750

Time: 5-6 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- From I-210 and San Gabriel Canyon Road (SR 39), go north on SR 39 to Crystal Lake Campground. Park in the day-use parking area in the campground near the trailhead to the Windy Gap Trail.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5800'+), hike up the Windy Gap Trail to Windy Gap.
- Turn left (east) on the PCT for 1 1/2 miles farther to saddle 8400', where a trail forks to the south. This is the turn-off point for Mount Hawkins.
- Take the south fork, keeping left at what looks like an immediate fork, until the trail goes around the east side of elevation 8440'+ to the saddle south of it.
- Here a use trail goes off to the right up the ridge about 1/3 mile to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Note: Entrance fee may be required for Crystal Lake area.

Middle Hawkins Route 4- Via South Hawkins Road

Distance: 10 miles round trip on trail and road

Difficulty rating: Class 1, strenuous

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 3100

Time: 5-6 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- From I-210 and San Gabriel Canyon Road (SR 39), go north on SR 39 to Crystal Lake Campground. Park in the day-use parking area in the campground near the trailhead to the Windy Gap Trail.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5800'+), hike up the Windy Gap Trail to where it crosses dirt road 3N07 the second time. There may be a sign "S Hawkins Road 3N07, Hawkins Lookout 5". (This mileage is incorrect.)
- Turn right and follow the road up to a saddle (7440'+) just north of South Mount Hawkins (LO). This is the turnoff for South Mount Hawkins (LO).
- Hike north up the ridge on a road which goes a short distance to a heliport.
- A trail leaves on the right side. Follow this trail up Hawkins ridge to a point just north of Middle Hawkins.
- From here follow a use trail south up the ridge about 1/3 mile to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Note: Entrance fee for Crystal Lake area.