

Mount Burnham 14H

Lat/lon 34.3591672,-117.7814491
UTM 11S 428139E 3802257N

Elevation: 8997'

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 16 miles north of Glendora, 66 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Mount Hawkins, Throop Peak, Mount Baden-Powell

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

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About the peak

Mount Burnham was named for Frederick Russell Burnham, who taught Robert Baden Powell woodcraft and inspired him to found the Boy Scouts. This is another one of the many hikes surrounding Mount Baden Powell that can be done as a single peak hike or added into a multi-peak hike. A short detour off the PCT, you will see through hikers on the PCT in April, May and June.

Route 1 is the most straight forward and shortest approach from Dawson Saddle. Route 2 follows the Mount Baden Powell guide which offers choices from Vincent Gap, Dawson Saddle and Islip Saddle. Route 3 takes a steep and poorly defined use trail straight up from the highway.

Mount Burnham has 3 official HPS routes:

Mount Burnham Route 1- From Dawson Saddle

Distance: 5.7 to 6 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 1870

Time: 4 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 north on Angeles Crest Highway 44.8 miles (mile marker 69.4) to Dawson Saddle. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (7903'), hike east down the highway to where a trail starts on the right (south) side. Go up this trail to a saddle and trail junction with the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) northeast of Throop Peak at 8789'. This is the turnoff for Throop Peak and Mount Hawkins.
- Turn left (northeast) on the PCT and follow it to where it starts to go around Mount Burnham.
- Leave the trail and go straight up to the summit or continue on the PCT to the east side of Mount Burnham, leave the trail and hike up to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Mount Burnham Route 2- From Mount Baden Powell

Distance: 1.2 miles one way on trail from
Baden Powell, 10.5 total round trip
Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy
Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)
Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 800
Time: 1/2 hour one way
Navigation difficulty: Easy
Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- See the Mount Baden-Powell guide.

Hiking directions:

- From the summit of Mount Baden-Powell (9399'), hike west along the PCT past bump 9086' to where the trail begins to go around the north side of Mount Burnham.
- Leave the trail and go west up the ridge to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Mount Burnham Route 3

Distance: 2 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

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Gain: 1500

Time: 2-3 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- From the intersection of I-210 and Angeles Crest Highway (SR 2), drive north on Angeles Crest Highway to mile marker 71.0. This is at a gully about 1.5 miles east of Dawson Saddle, near the "a" in "Lodgepole Picnic Area" title on the Crystal Lake USGS topo. Park on the east side of the highway in a paved turnout. The UTM coordinates for the parking area are 0427382E, 3802383N.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (7550'), hike east on an obvious use trail.
- Go east up this steep use trail to where it meets a prominent ridge, then follow the ridge to a trail junction with the PCT just north of the summit.
- Leave the trail and go straight up to the summit or continue on the PCT to the east side of Mount Burnham, leave the trail and hike up to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Special conditions: Take special care to note the route for return to the vehicles. Avoid continuing northwest down the main ridge as this ridge runs out into a steep highway cut.