

Ross Mountain 14J

Lat/Lon 34.3250019,-117.7567255
UTM 11S 430385E 3798452N

Elevation: 7402'

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

Nearby peaks: Mount Baden-Powell

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

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About the peak

Ross Mountain is a challenging peak that requires a summit of Mount Baden Powell before and after reaching the peak. Along the way, you will be rewarded with spectacular views of stout summits that rise from stalwart ridges extending in all directions, the steep wild canyons that split them, and the rivers and streams that cut those canyons -- Mine Gulch southeast of Baden-Powell; Prairie Fork southwest of Blue Ridge; Copter Ridge descending eastward accompanying Iron Fork to the San Gabriel River; and San Antonio Ridge, traveling from Baldy to Big Iron and ushering Fish Fork towards the Narrows.

Route 1 is the approach to Baden Powell from Vincent Gap and Route 2 begins at Dawson Saddle. In either case, your hike down to Ross Mountain begins at the top of Mount Baden Powell. Follow the southeastern ridge and use trail down and along the ups and downs until reaching Ross Mountain. Remember, you have another 2,000' climb to get back up to Mount Baden Powell, so plan your fitness levels and packs accordingly.

Special conditions: The peak is in the Sheep Mountain Wilderness. At this time, no permit is required.

Historical note: The first scheduled climb was June 20, 1964.

Ross Mountain has 2 official HPS routes:

Ross Mountain Route 1- From Vincent Gap/PCT

Distance: 15 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, very strenuous

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 5500

Time: 8-10 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- From the intersection of I-210 and Angeles Crest Highway, drive north on Angeles Crest Highway for about 51 miles to a large parking area on the right side of the road at Vincent Gap. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) starts at the west end of the parking lot.
- From the parking lot (6593'), hike up the trail 3.75 miles through many switchbacks to a junction where the PCT goes to the right.
- Keep left and follow the trail ¼ mile up to the summit of Baden-Powell.
- Hike south down the ridge 1 mile from here through a level area at about 8300'.
- Continue south 1.5 miles down over elevation 7407'.
- Go over another bump and out 1 mile to elevation 7402' which is the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Ross Mountain Route 2- From Dawson Saddle

Distance: 14 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, very strenuous

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 4000

Time: 8-10 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- From the intersection of I-210 and Angeles Crest Highway, drive north on Angeles Crest Highway for about 46 miles to a parking area just past Dawson Saddle. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (7920'), cross to the south side of the road to where trail begins.
- Hike up this trail to where it meets the PCT just east of Throop Peak.
- Turn left and follow it east past Mount Burnham about 2 miles to a junction just below the summit of Baden-Powell.
- Continue from here as in Route 1.

Additional Route notes: