

Circle Mountain 16A

Lat/Lon 34.343004,-117.585641
UTM 11S 446135E 3800344N

Elevation: 6875'

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 17 miles north of Cucamonga, 73 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

Circle, just outside of the charming town of Wrightwood, is perched over the San Andreas Rift that runs along the highway it flanks. It is encircled, in fact, by expansive views of the Mojave, San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains around it. It is usually hiked together with Gobblers Knob, just on the other side of the rift.

Route 1 is a short moderately steep hike up its west ridge.

Circle Mountain has 1 official HPS route:

Circle Mountain Route 1

Distance: 2 miles round trip on firebreak

Gain: 800

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Time: 1.5-2 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Adventure Pass may be required

Road type: Dirt

Driving directions:

- Northern approach:
- Go east on I-10 to I-15.
- Go north on I-15 to SR 138. Turn left (west).
- Go west on SR 138 to the junction with SR 2. Turn left.
- Go southwest on SR 2 to Lone Pine Canyon Road in Wrightwood. Turn left (south).
- Go 0.3 mile to Thrush. Turn left (east).
- Go right at the first opportunity.
- Turn left on Lone Pine Canyon Road.
- At about 2 miles from SR 2, the road crests and begins to go downhill. At this saddle is a dirt road on the left. Turn left.
- Go about 100 yards to a parking area. Park here. Ample parking.
- Southern approach:
- After exiting I-15, go west 1.2 miles on SR 138 to Lone Pine Canyon Road on the left. Turn left.
- Take this road about 7.7 miles to where it approaches its crest.
- Turn off on a dirt road on the right immediately east of the crest. This is the dirt road described in the Route 1 driving instructions.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6080'), hike east down into a saddle.
- Continue east up a firebreak to the top of the hill.
- Then turn right and hike up to the summit.

Additional Route 1 notes:

