

Thunder Mountain 16F

Lat/Lon 34.2652829,-117.6061651
UTM 11S 444196E 3791737N

Elevation: 8587'

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 12 miles north of Cucamonga, 48 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Telegraph Peak, Timber Mountain

Land Manager: Angeles National Forest, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (626) 335-1251 and USFS Front Country Ranger District (909) 382-2851

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About the peak

Thunder Mountain, along with Timber Mountain and Telegraph Peak, is one of the famous Three T's, a wonderful car shuttle hike that every hiking aficionado wants to complete. Thunder is the lowest of the three peaks and is typically done first or third depending on the direction. This peak is also the top of one of the Mount Baldy Ski Area ski lifts, around which you will find yourself hiking.

Route 1 describes the most common clockwise approach to the Three T's or the most direct route to hike just Thunder Mountain. This hike alone will encourage you to explore to the next T on your next hike. The alternate mentioned in the note describes the clockwise version of the Three T's hike. You will pass over Thunder Mountain and down a trail on the south side of Thunder to then climb back up the west side of Telegraph. Doing the full Three T's hike requires leaving one car at the Icehouse Canyon Trailhead and then driving a second car to the ski area parking lot to hike the clockwise Three T's. Please read the directions under Telegraph and Timber for more information and for additional options going from Icehouse Canyon to the ski area parking lot.

Special conditions: Do not hike up the slope beneath the ski lift. This is not legal.

Note: The ski lift at the end of Baldy Road operates in the summer months on weekends and some holidays. It is possible to take this (for a fee) to Baldy Notch. This significantly reduces the gain and distance. A popular trip is to take the lift to the notch, then climb Thunder Mountain, Telegraph Peak, and Timber Mountain, returning via Icehouse Canyon to the site of the old Ice House Resort. This requires a car shuttle.

Thunder Mountain has 1 official HPS route:

Thunder Mountain Route 1

Distance: 11 miles round trip on road and trail

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 2400

Time: 4-5 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty:

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take the 210 freeway east to Baseline Road exit in the City of Claremont. Turn left (west) at the bottom of the off-ramp onto Baseline Road.
- Almost immediately, take the first right (north) onto Padua Ave.
- Go 1.8 miles north on Padua to the intersection with Mount Baldy Rd. Turn right (northeast).
- Take this road northeast and then north about seven miles to Mt. Baldy Village.
- Continue another four miles to the intersection with San Antonio Falls Road on the left (gated). Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6160'), pass the gate and hike up the road to Baldy Notch at the top of the ski lift.
- Turn right (southeast) and follow a road up to the summit.

Additional Route 1 notes:

