

Mount Harwood 16J

Lat/lon 34.2863929,-117.6331103
UTM 11S 441730E 3794093N

Elevation: 9552'

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Location: Los Angeles County, about 13 miles north of Upland, 48 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Mount San Antonio

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

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK. CONDITIONS MAY CHANGE, AND UNEXPECTED HAZARDS MAY BE PRESENT.

About the peak

Mount Harwood is named for Ontario resident Aurelia Harwood, who was a mountaineer, conservationist, educator and first female President of the Sierra Club in 1927, and after whom our own Harwood Lodge is named. Harwood is a subtle peak in the shadow of Mount Baldy that is typically added on to a Baldy summit. It offers views to the north, the distant high desert; steep rugged canyons shouldering marvelous forested mountains (Baden-Powell, Ross, Iron, Pine, Dawson, Telegraph, Thunder, Cucamonga, Ontario, and more). It is possible to do this hike from the top of the Baldy Ski Lift, from the Ski Lift Parking Lot or from the Manker Flats parking area. This hike should not be attempted in winter conditions.

Route 1 is the easiest long way up, following the San Antonio Falls fire-road up to Baldy Notch and then up along the Devil's Backbone. It is also possible to take the ski lift up to the Notch to save that climb time. Route 2 is the famous "Register Ridge" and it is the hardest way up to Baldy or Harwood. It is steep, unrelenting and somewhat loose most of the way and it is also quite beautiful. It is a great challenge for those who have already achieved excellent conditioning.

Mount Harwood has 2 official HPS routes:

Mount Harwood Route 1- From Baldy Notch

Distance: 13 miles round trip on road, trail,
and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 3400

Time: 5-6 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

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 about 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 left (northwest) and follow a road up a ridge to where it becomes a trail.
- Follow this trail up the Devils Backbone to about 9200' where the trail begins to pass Mount Harwood on the left (south) side.
- Leave the trail here on the right and go cross-country up the slope to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Special conditions: Do not hike up the slope beneath the ski lift. This is not legal. The Devils Backbone trail can be dangerous in winter months.

Mount Harwood Route 2- Register Ridge

Distance: 5 miles round trip on road, trail,
and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, strenuous

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 3400

Time: 5-6 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

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 about 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 about ½ mile to where a trail goes up the left bank.
- Hike up the trail about 0.1 mile just past the register box.
- Start up a use trail that goes up the ridge to the point where it crosses the Devil's Backbone trail.
- From this point, head northwest about ¼ mile to the peak.

Additional Route notes: