

Ontario Peak 17B

Lat/Lon 34.2277841,-117.6239432
UTM 11S 442534E 3787589N

Elevation: 8693'

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 9 miles north of Upland, 45 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Bighorn Peak, Sugarloaf Peak

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

Ontario Peak stands as the front peak in a row of superstar peaks and incredible hikes. This rugged ridge and peak was named in 1908 for the nearby city sitting far below its peak. Sometimes overshadowed by its bigger neighbors Baldy and Cucamonga, Ontario is a worthy destination on its own or a fantastic add on to a Cucamonga and Bighorn hike.

Route 1 is the primary trail to the top and it runs up the always gorgeous and almost always crowded Icehouse Canyon Trail, a tree-shaded and magical area. This trail is one of the few trails in Southern California that has a year-round creek running alongside it. With ample tree cover and a reasonable grade all the way to Icehouse Saddle, this is a great three season hike. From Icehouse Saddle, turn right towards the ruins of historic Kelly's Camp and then follow the trail up and over and around a few ridges to the top. Be sure to stop for a break at Columbine Spring on your way. As the name implies, the winter cold often makes for icy and dangerous trail conditions. It should be avoided under such conditions; there are many accidents here every year, and some deaths.

There are numerous alternative routes. One can hike to Ontario by first summiting Bighorn (you can refer to that peak guide), then following a use trail west to join Route 1. Bighorn itself can be climbed several ways, including from its east ridge, accessed from the saddle between Bighorn and Cucamonga, or a brushy use trail that starts from Icehouse Saddle about 100 yards toward Cucamonga. Ontario is also hiked as an add-on to a hike to Sugarloaf; the route continues on clear but challenging use trail to the summit of Ontario, from which people usually opt to descend Route 1 on trail rather than descending the dangerous trail back over Sugarloaf.

Special conditions: Ontario Peak and Sugarloaf Peak are in the Cucamonga Wilderness. A permit is required. Applications are available on the trail just past the Icehouse Canyon Trailhead. Fill it and drop in the box, or contact the USFS Mt. Baldy Schoolhouse Visitor Center in Mt. Baldy Village at (909) 982-2829 (8:00 am to 4:30 pm). A permit can be obtained in advance by writing to:

San Gabriel River Ranger District

Angeles National Forest

110 North Wabash Avenue

Glendora, CA 91741

(626) 335-1251

Historical notes: Ontario Peak is named for the Canadian province of the same name.

Ontario Peak has 1 official HPS route:

Ontario Peak Route 1- From Icehouse Canyon

Distance: 12 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 3700

Time: 6-7 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, strenuous

Navigation difficulty:

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Paved

Adventure Pass may be required

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 two and a half miles past Baldy Village to a fork at Icehouse Canyon, keep right.
- Go a short distance to a parking lot. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5000'), trail 7W07 starts just to the right of the old Icehouse Lodge foundation.
- Hike up this trail about 3/4 mile to a trail junction with the Chapman Trail.
- Continue straight up the canyon past Columbine Spring to another junction with the Chapman Trail.
- Turn right and follow the trail up to Icehouse Saddle. It is also possible to take the Chapman Trail. It adds about 1 1/2 miles to Icehouse Saddle.
- There are a number of trails at the saddle. Take the first one to the right and follow it about a mile to Kelly's Camp.
- Pass uphill through the camp and pick up the trail again which goes up to the top of the ridge.
- Turn right and follow the trail out to the summit.

Additional Route 1 notes:

