

Bighorn Peak 17C

Lat/Lon 34.2336174,-117.5975537
UTM 11S 444968E 3788221N

Elevation: 8441'

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 10 miles north of Upland, 45 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Ontario 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

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

About the peak

Bighorn Peak is an often overlooked peak sandwiched between Cucamonga and Ontario Peaks and just above Icehouse Saddle. Named in honor of the rarely seen bighorn sheep, it is great add on to your Cucamonga and/or Ontario Peak hikes and it has a great view south through the valley between those two bigger peaks. Route 1 ascends the always beautiful Icehouse Canyon Trail to Icehouse Saddle, then continuing west on the trail to Ontario Peak. Shortly beyond the historic ruins of Kelly's Camp a sometimes difficult to spot use trail turns south then west to reach the ridge between Ontario and Bighorn, then roughly follows the ridge to the summit. There are two other more challenging ways to climb Bighorn. From the saddle one can head in the direction of Cucamonga Peak. After about 100 yards a use trail zig zags up the brushy slope to the east ridge and then to the peak. One can also continue further to Cucamonga Saddle, where the trail begins to go up the side of Cucamonga. At that saddle (before the one big tree there), turn right and follow the steep use trail up to the top. This area is VERY dangerous in winter conditions. The trails to both Cucamonga Peak and Ontario Peak are in the shade most of the day and they turn into sheets of ice. Do not underestimate this danger, your life depends on it.

Historical notes: Years ago, Bighorn sheep were numerous in the San Gabriels. A few survivors may occasionally be seen today. This peak is named in their honor.

Special conditions: Bighorn Peak is 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

Bighorn Peak has 1 official HPS route:

Bighorn Peak Route 1- From Icehouse Canyon

Distance: 10 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 3400

Time: 5-6 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

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 to a fork at Icehouse Canyon, turn 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 left, leave the trail and hike up the ridge to the summit. It is also possible to hike directly up the ridge from Icehouse Saddle to the summit.

Additional Route 1 notes:

