

Timber Mountain 17D

Lat/Lon 34.245006,-117.5931091
UTM 11S 445385E 3789481N

Elevation: 8303'

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 12 miles north of Upland, 45 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Thunder Mountain, Telegraph 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

Timber Mountain is aptly named for its tree covered slopes as opposed to its barren neighbor to the north, Mount Baldy. Timber Mountain, along with Thunder Mountain and Telegraph Peak, is one of the famous Three T's, a car shuttle hike that every hiking aficionado wants to complete. Timber is the second highest of the three peaks and is typically done first or third depending on the direction. This peak delivers some beautiful views if you walk north a bit from the primary area chosen as the top. Timber can also be an add-on peak to any hike that takes you past Icehouse Saddle.

Route 1 describes the most common counter-clockwise approach to the Three T's or the most direct route to hike just Timber Mountain. This hike alone will encourage you to explore to the next T on your next hike. Route 2 describes the clockwise version of the Three T's hike. You will pass from Baldy Notch over Thunder Mountain and down a trail on the south side of Thunder to then climb back up the west side of Telegraph. Then you continue on to Timber and down the Icehouse Canyon Trail to your second car. 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 Thunder and Timber for more information.

Special conditions: Timber Mountain 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

Timber Mountain has 2 official HPS routes:

Timber Mountain Route 1- From Icehouse Canyon

Distance: 10 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 3300

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Time: 5-6 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Adventure Pass may be required

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 two and a half miles (through Baldy Village) 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 an old building 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 the hike to Icehouse Saddle. There are a number of trails at the saddle.
- Take the first one to the left and follow it about a mile to where it crosses a ridge on the west side of Timber Mountain.
- Leave the trail (there may be a duck) and hike east up the ridge to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Timber Mountain Route 2- From Telegraph Peak

Distance: 3 miles round trip from Telegraph Peak

Gain: 1500

Difficulty rating: Class 1, strenuous with Telegraph Peak

Time: 1.5-2 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Dirt

Adventure Pass may be required

Driving directions:

- See the Telegraph Peak guide.

Hiking directions:

- See the Telegraph Peak guide.
- From the summit of Telegraph Peak, follow the trail back to the trail junction.
- Turn left and follow this trail into a saddle north-northwest of Timber Mountain. Continue along the trail to the top of the ridge west of the summit.
- Leave the trail, there may be a duck, and hike east up the ridge to the summit.

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