

Cajon Mountain 19B

Lat/Lon 34.2711166,-117.4239375
UTM 11S 460975E 3792299N

Elevation: 5360'+

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 13 miles north-northwest of San Bernardino, 86 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Sugarpine Mountain, Bailey Peak, Monument Peak #2

Land Manager: San Bernardino National Forest, Mountaintop Ranger District (909) 382-2790

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

About the peak

Cajon Mountain overlooks its namesake pass that is central to California history. The pass was and is a critical artery for entry into southern California and the Los Angeles basin. Through this pass came the original 1775 Anza expedition, and became the "Old Spanish Trail", the first trade route extending through Colorado, New Mexico and California. Later it was the site of battles between competing railroad companies, historic Route 66, then the modern-day rail artery and highway to Las Vegas. This unassuming brushy summit has views of the Cajon Pass area where the constantly passing trains far below look like a model railroad, the Cucamonga Wilderness, and Mount Baldy in the distance. It is usually hiked in combination with nearby Sugarpine, Bailey, and Monument #2.

Route 1 is a short walk on brushy use trail to the peak following a long drive on rough high clearance road. The roads are closed seasonally.

Special conditions: The dirt roads are seasonal.

Cajon Mountain has 1 official HPS route:

Cajon Mountain Route 1

Distance: 3 miles round trip on road and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)
Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 500

Time: 2 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Leader Rating: "O", normal conditions

Road type: High-clearance

Driving directions:

- Western approach:
- Drive east on I-10 to I-15, then north on I-15 about 20.5 miles to Cleghorn Road (2N47, dirt). Exit I-15 and turn right (east). Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 0.8 mile, fork. Go right.
- At 2.3 miles, stay to the right at a junction.
- At 3.8 miles, go straight on 2N47 at a four way junction.
- At 8.0 miles, a jeep road descends from the summit. Park here.
- Eastern approach:
- Drive east on I-10 to I-15, then north on I-15 to SR 138. Turn right (east).
- Go 8.0 miles to the junction with SR 173 on the left near Lake Silverwood. Keep straight on SR 138.
- Go 1.1 miles farther to 2N47. Turn right. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 2.2 miles, fork. Go right.
- At 6.8 miles, a parking area where a jeep road descends from the summit. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5000'), hike west down the road past the saddle at 4645' and continue about 1/2 mile before reaching a shallow saddle 1/4 mile east of the former lookout (west of the peak).
- Just before reaching the saddle and the summit ridge, go up a use trail that ascends to the ridge (going up the ridge directly from the saddle is too brushy). Follow this trail as it winds its way through brush west to the summit. The "lookout" has been removed and the remaining radio facility location is not the summit. The brush can be very dense if not groomed.

Additional Route 1 notes:

