

White Mountain #1 20D- Star Emblem Peak

Lat/lon 34.3511111,-117.0144444
UTM 11S 498672E 3801088N

Elevation: 7727'

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 7 miles northwest of Fawnskin, 106 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks:

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

White Mountain #1 is composed of light colored rock but was named for the snow that covers it in winter. It offers spectacular views of the San Bernardino Mountains and the desert below, dominating the transition zone between them.

All routes approach on technically challenging 4WD roads. Most people hike 2-3 miles to reach the summit, but those with the right kind of vehicle and skill can drive very close to the summit.

Special conditions: The dirt roads are seasonal.

Notes: South Peak is easy to climb and is very close to the road.

The white rock in the area is marble, a metamorphosed limestone, which is used for manufacturing Portland cement.

White Mountain #1 has 3 official HPS routes:

White Mountain #1 Route 1

Distance: 6 miles round trip on road and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 1000

Time: 2.5 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: High-clearance

Driving directions:

- Drive east on I-10 to SR 210.
- Drive north on SR 210 (signed "West") to SR 330.
- Drive north on SR 330 to SR 18 at the town of Running Springs.
- Drive east on SR 18 to the dam at Big Bear Lake. Turn left on SR 38.
- Drive on SR 38 to Fawnskin. Turn left (northwest) on 3N14 (Rim of the World Drive, becomes Coxey Road). Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 1.3 miles, fork with 2N13 to the left and 3N14 to the right. Keep right.
- At 1.8 miles, fork with Holcomb Valley Road to the right. Keep left.
- At 2.0 miles, Hanna Flat with 2N68 to the left. Go right.
- At 4.4 miles, stream crossing (Holcomb Creek) and junction with 3N93 to the left and 3N08 to the right. Go straight (Coxey Road).
- At 6.0 miles, fork with 3N97 to the left. Go right.
- At 6.9 miles, junction with 3N16 at Big Pine Flat. Big Pine Flat may also be reached from the southwest using the Green Valley Lake Road (3N16). This is the turnoff for Hawes Peak, Ingham Peak, Shay Mountain, Little Shay Mountain, and Deer Mountain.
- Turn right on 3N16 (before the Big Pine Flat Family Campground). The road to this point is normally accessible to low clearance vehicles.
- Drive 50 yards to gate for 3N11 and turn left.
- Drive 0.2 miles on 3N11 to fork with 3N92 on your left.
- Turn left and drive 0.2 mile to where road ends at a T-junction and ATV trail. Parking available for one or two vehicles.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area, go left (west) on the ATV trail (signed in 2020 "only ATV and motorcycle"), about 0.1 mile to a gully on your right.
- Follow gully up to the ridge. From time to time, you will see an old road bed going up this gully.
- On the ridge, turn right, following an old road bed towards South Peak (7736').
- Just before South Peak, a dirt road comes in from the right. Turn left on this road and follow it to the peak.

Additional Route notes:

White Mountain #1 Route 2

Distance: 4 miles round trip on road

Gain: 1700

Time: 1.5 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Dirt

Adventure Pass may be required

Driving directions:

- Drive east on I-10 and north on I-15 to the Hesperia turnoff.
- Go east on Main Street in Hesperia for 7.2 miles to the "Y" junction of Rock Springs Road (on the left) and Arrowhead Lake Road (the main road continuing on the right). Turn left (east) on Rock Springs Road. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 2.9 miles, Kiowa Way on the left. Continue straight as Rock Springs Road becomes Roundup Way.
- At 5.9 miles, pavement ends. Continue east.
- At 7.3 miles, intersection with the Bowen Ranch Road. Turn right (south).
- At 8.2 miles, fork. Keep left.
- At 9.4 miles, junction with Coxey Truck Trail (3N14), turn left. This is the turnoff for Round Mountain and one of the Luna Mountain routes. Note your odometer again and go as follows:
- Drive 4.4 miles, pass through a gate.
- At 7.3 miles turn left at 4N16.
- Drive 2.3 miles past the Horse Spring junction and turn right on 3N17.
- Continue for 1.1 miles veering right at each junction and park.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6050'), hike southeast up the jeep trail for 2 miles to a ridge.
- Go northeast from the ridge for a quarter mile to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

White Mountain #1 Route 3

Distance: 4.2 miles round trip on road

Gain: 900

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Time: 2 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: High-clearance

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- Drive 50 yards to gate for 3N11 and turn left.
- Drive 0.2 miles on 3N11 to fork with 3N92 on your left. This is the turnoff to Route 1.
- Stay right on 3N11 and continue 1.3 miles to a parking area on a saddle. The road requires high clearance and the last 0.2 mile requires 4WD.

Hiking directions:

- Follow the dirt road (3N17) west toward South Peak (1 mile) then north to White Mountain.
- Note: If conditions permit, you may be able to drive some or all of the way up this road to the summit.

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