

Little Shay Mountain 20G

Lat/lon 34.297505,-117.0730941
UTM 11S 493274E 3795146N

Elevation: 6635'

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 7 miles northwest of Fawnskin, 110 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Shay Mountain, Ingham Peak, Deer Mountain

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

Little Shay and its neighbors Shay, Ingham and Hawes, all named for local pioneer families, lie in the area of Little Pine Flat area of the San Bernardino Forest northwest of Big Bear Lake, split by Cox Creek. These four peaks are often hiked in a picturesque loop route of country road, meadow, gully, and ridgelines. They enjoy lovely views of Lake Arrowhead and the San Gabriels to the west, and the impressive forested mountains of Big Bear to the south. The four peaks are typically hiked together in a loop, and there are several alternate variations as well.

Route 1 can be reached on Coxey Road 3N14 either from the north or the south on seasonal high clearance road; the route starting from Fawnskin in the south is shorter and better road. The trail heads south on old road, as does the route to Shay, before continuing south to a point between the peak and Hawes, then ascending the northeast ridge of Little Shay, with a side trip up the northwest ridge of Hawes. From the peak one can reach nearby Ingham or Shay on ridges.

Special conditions: Dirt roads are seasonal. Call Big Bear Ranger District at (909) 866-3437 for information.

The area is popular with deer hunters. The season begins the 2nd Saturday in October and runs for 30 days.

Peak combinations: Deer Mountain, Shay Mountain, Little Shay Mountain, and Ingham Peak are often combined into a single hike. The key is the saddle at 6240'+, the common point for each peak when climbed from 3N41.

Little Shay Mountain has 1 official HPS route:

Little Shay Mountain Route 1

Distance: 8 miles round trip on road and use trail through grasslands and pinyon-juniper woodland

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 1300

Time: 3-4 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Dirt

Driving directions:

- From the south:
- Drive to the town of Fawnskin (east on I-10 to I-215, then north to SR 210, then east to SR 330, then north to SR 18, then east to the dam at Big Bear Lake, then north on SR 38).
- Turn left (northwest) on Rim of the World Drive (3N14) in Fawnskin (paved for first 1/2 mile). 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 (3N12) to the right. Keep left.
- At 2.0 miles, Hanna Flat with 2N68 to the left. Go right.
- At 4.4 miles, stream crossing and junction with 3N93 to the left and 3N08 to the right. Go straight.
- At 6.0 miles, fork with 3N97 to the left. Go right.
- At 6.9 miles, junction with 3N16 at Big Pine Flat. Keep straight.
- At 7.0 miles, entrance to Big Pine Flat Campground. Keep straight.
- At 10.5 miles, junction with 3N41 on the left. Park here.
- From the north:
- 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 at the juncture with 4N16 continue south on 3N14 for another two miles to parking area.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5860'), hike south past the gate, following the old roadbed about 0.4 mile to another gate.
- Continue past the gate, following the old roadbed and trail segments about 1.2 miles to a wide flat area beyond the site of Hawes Ranch, signed "Muddy Springs - 3".
- Follow the Muddy Springs Trail west for 1 1/2 miles to saddle 6240+. Note that the trail has been re-routed from the track shown on the topo. It now swings north to the saddle west of bump 6212', then traverses gently south to the saddle.
- Turn left at the saddle and hike south up the ridge, following a cat track over the first bump to a junction with a hard-to-find triangular sign stamped "BA12".
- Continue straight ahead, following the cat track up the ridge to the summit.
- For a quick return to the Hawes Ranch area, follow the cat track steeply down the northeast ridge. This cat track can also be used for a steep ascent.

Additional Route 1 notes:

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