

Three Sisters 23H

Lat/Lon 34.1388978,-116.6372403
UTM 11S 533446E 3777616N

Elevation: 8100'

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 9 miles northwest of Morongo Valley, 102 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks:

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

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About the peak

Three Sisters is a beautiful system of three rolling peaks that are a joy to hike. From the middle Sister, the HPS peak, one can see San Gorgonio area peaks to the west, and the desert to the east, and there are good wildflowers in the spring.

Route 1 starts from Coon Creek Campground which has restrooms and water when open, and three log cabins of the historic lodge that operated here for nearly 50 years which are interesting to explore. The complex overlooks the dramatic Coon Creek Jumpoff which one should take a few minutes to enjoy. The trail starts on old road then meanders up and down across the ridge to the HPS summit.

Notes: In 1969, elevation 7632' was designated as the HPS summit, and the hiking route was via Big Morongo Canyon. Though not the high point of the ridge, that summit did have a fine view out over the desert to the east. Problems with private property owners in Big Morongo Canyon led the HPS in 1983 to designate elevation 8080'+, a high point along the ridge, as the official summit. Private property postings in 2001 caused the HPS summit to be moved about 0.8 mile to the west to elevation 8100'.

Three Sisters has 1 official HPS route:

Three Sisters Route 1

Distance: 7 miles round trip on road and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 1800

Time: 3-4 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take I-10 east past San Bernardino to the Orange Street exit (SR 38).
- Go one block east, then go north (left) 0.5 mile to Lugonia Avenue. Turn right on SR 38 (east).
- Continue east on SR 38 about 33 miles to 1N02, the road to Heart Bar Campground, on the right. Turn right. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 1.2 miles, fork. Go left (east) on 1N02 at sign "Coon Creek".
- At 1.5 miles, fork. Go left (east) on 1N02.
- At 5.4 miles, locked gate. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (8060'), go left around the gate through a break in the fence and hike east up the dirt road, past a cabin. After about 0.7 mile the road forks.
- Take the right fork (shown as a jeep road on the topo) and follow it around the north side of elevation 8369' into a saddle. Continue to the end of the road at about 8250'.
- Then continue cross-country to elevation 8350'. From here go east down the ridge, keeping generally on the north side to avoid brush, to the saddle at 7880'+, between elevation 8350' and elevation 8100'.
- Hike up to the HPS summit on elevation 8100'.

Additional Route 1 notes:

